

Reg Brady, white Granada Estate, brown roof, 2-litre, AFN 670V, seen Stroud supermarket car park 8 November.

Ian Thomas, 8 Beaumont Rd, Totton, Southampton 809405.

Paul Mintrum, 66 Summit Way, Midanbury, Southampton 550172.

Scab coach firm: Amigo Coaches, 16 Obelisk Rd, Woolston, Southampton 0703-444929.

Salter Paper Group works with TNT.

Advertises in the Sun: Beneficial Trust & Savings Ltd, Freepost Birmingham B2 4BR. Littlewoods Pools, Freephone 0800-400400. Wholesale Glass, Freephone 0800-919555.

Scab newsagents working in the Standard. Gloucester Rd tube, K. Brown, 593-5700. Kiosk opposite Woolwich Ferry, D. O'Brien, 0322 57989. Brixton Road-White Horse pub, T. Fullbrook, 0322 68755. Beckenham Station, G. Hurley, J. Hurley, 462 6170. Goldhawk Road, J. Marshall, 399 1267. Charlton Church Lane, J. Newman, 303 1455. Clapham Junction Station Bookstall, H. Skevington, 540 9818. Westbourne Park Station, B. Wicks, 949 8894, E. Wicks, 330 1327. Brixton Tube, L. Morbin, 26 Woodvale Walk, Elder Road SE 27, 961 2773, V. Embleton, 94 Oldstead Road, Bromley, Kent.

● Still regular picket at TNT depot, Milton Trading Estate, Didcot, off A 34, Saturday nights, 10pm, Gloucester Green, Oxford for 10.20pm picket.

● Loved the rebel yell at Butchers Row on Saturday night as the Old Bill steamed in. Some wag at the back yelled: "Come the revolution, you will all be hanged." "Why wait for the revolution, there are plenty of lamp posts about. Hang them now!" The best one was on the other corner. Plod was starting to get heavy, pushing people along. "Right, move off, you have had your fun." "We haven't started yet," came the reply. "Wait until we turn nasty, then we will have fun." Plod looked a bit puzzled. He must have thought what he had just seen with the scab lorries was us being nice. God love him.

● What about the Transit van that was escorting six pickets on a walkabout in the Cable St area. The look of surprise, when the pickets turned up a side street to be met by a hundred pickets coming down towards them. Old Bill didn't know whether to have a shit or a shampoo. He was gone.

● **Letter:** How I sympathise with you and your colleagues who worked at R.M. plant. I can imagine what it must be like for you to have worked so long for a company, then have this happen, and as you say, there are many families who are suffering. I only wish something could be done to stop the Newspapers being done/delivered. Then surely sales would fall.

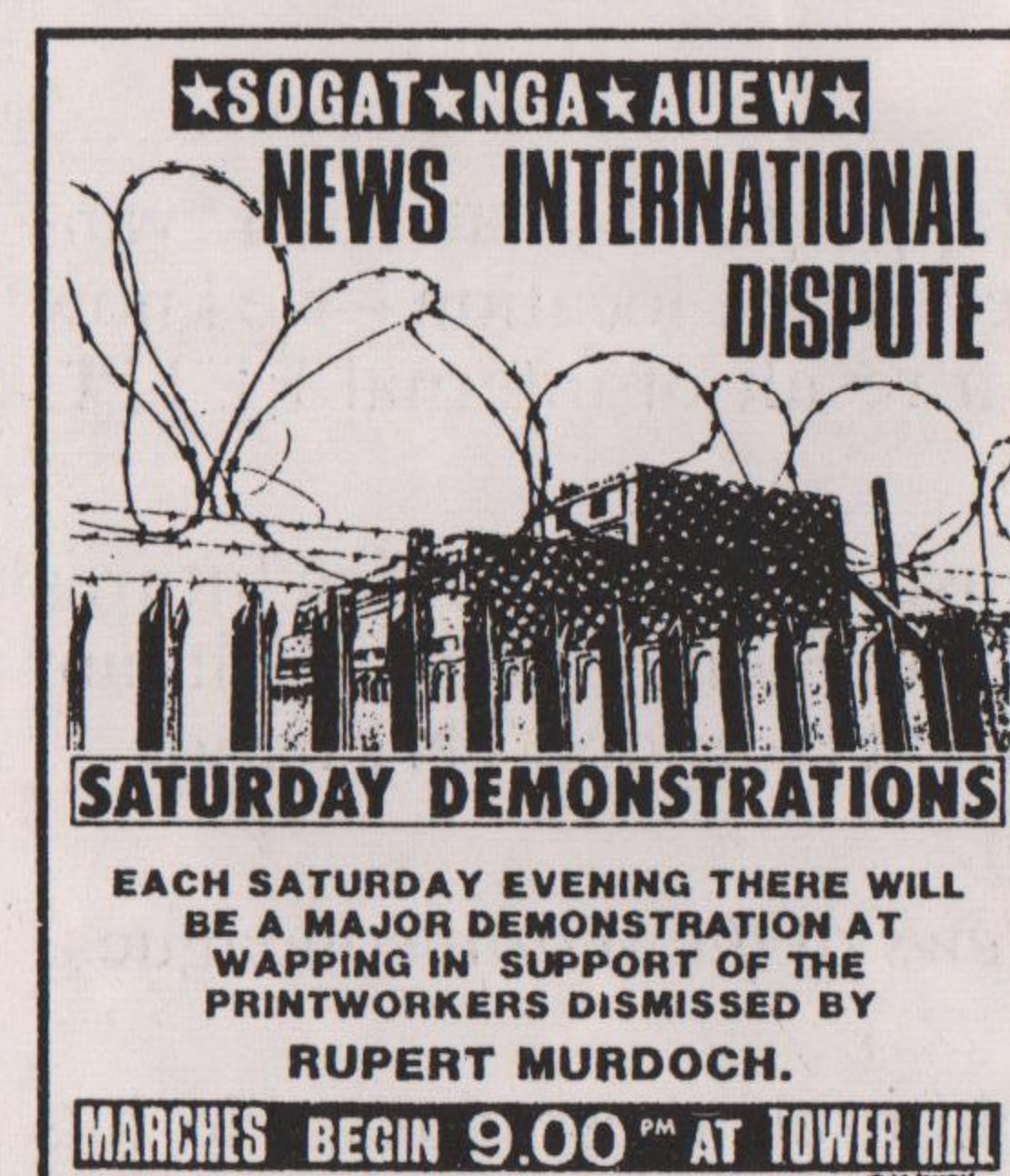
Please accept my apologies for being anonymous, but our next door neighbour is a TNT scab who goes to Wapping overnight, and it's a known fact he collects in the region of £400+ a week. Since doing this run, he has gone insane. I'm sure it affects his brain, doing this run, he does so many petty things, like parking an inch away from our bumper, shouting through letterboxes - he's built his own "Wapping Wall" in the garden, and many other ridiculous things. We live in a little terrace house, and you'd think he owned everything. If there was some way he and the other scabs could be made in the same position, maybe they'd think a bit more of other people.

We support your cause and have a car sticker saying "Don't Buy the Sun etc" and if there was anything else we could do, I'm sure it would be done by many.

● Pickets barred from area. Arrested for shouting "scab". reminds of miners' strike. What would have been the story if printers struck then. Officers and Socialist groups had levy to play safe for capital. Pickets know what to do whether heart of the strike, the mundane jobs, or the soul, the flyers. Will find reinforcements. 7-10,000 "outside agitators" in London (not even counting Labour clubs) are playing possum, they need to be agitated themselves.

● One of the scab artics got its windscreen smashed on the way through Leicester on Saturday.

● Incident at gate this week brought cheer to pickets when on a rainy bleak day a scab Convoy's reels lorry ran into a scab journalist's car.



Calendar

Monday 24th November, Law Courts, 10am

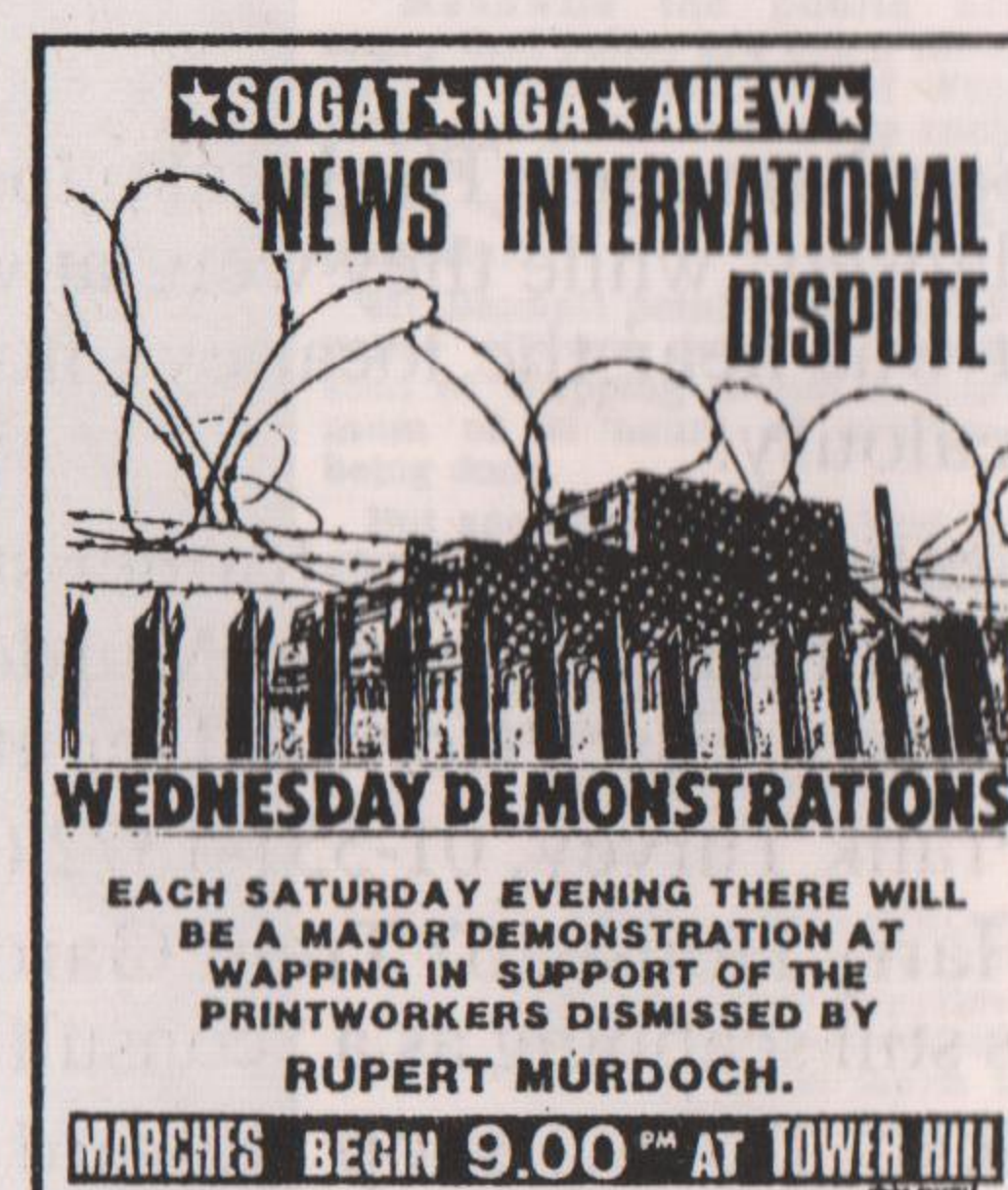
Free David Payne

Bob Tetaur

Steven Savage

Monday 24th November, TUC, 1pm

Wednesday 26th November, TUC, 9am



Income: £5 SOGAT driver; 20p resident; 20p Saturday night picket; £2 anon working member; 37p clerical striker; £5 NGA badge table; £2 Fleet St electrician; £8.60 sales; £4.55 NGA machine casual; £1 NUJ striker; £9.61 NGA strikers.

Individual back numbers available: send stamped self-addressed envelope.

Part 4 of the notes towards a book available; send £1 in stamps to address below.

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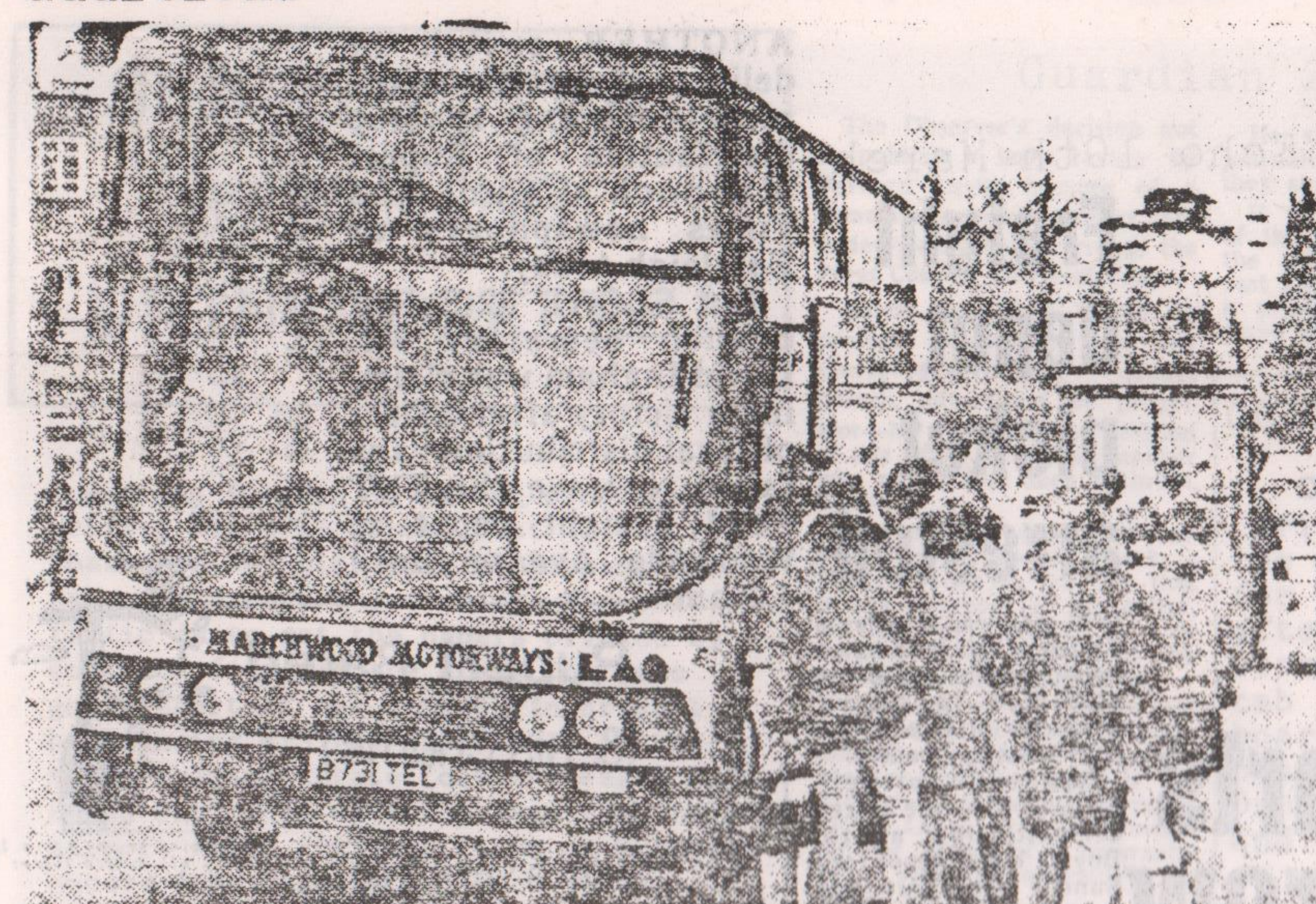
New additions, recollections, local newspaper cuttings welcomed.

Unfortunately alot goes unrecorded but here the history of the strike is recorded as best as possible.

The length of items does not imply importance necessarily. More involved is chance, recollection, cuttings kept or available, photos published etc.

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OPERATION WAPPING: Workers recruited in Southampton are bussed to London's dockland.

Don't blame us say electricians

THE Electricians' Union is not responsible for the action News International at it was done at local of its members inside the News International print plants the two plants and there. Following at Glasgow and Wapping, it claims in its defence to fore cannot be held approaches from a con- charges being heard today at the TUC. responsible for the suitany firm which did The EETPU, which is accused of breaching TUC action of workers there. not identify the potential policy, says that even if it were to issue an instruction The union admits that employer, and without to them to strike, legal advice suggests that it could up to 89 workers were the knowledge of the face a court action seeking an injunction to lift the recruited through its union's London head order and a claim for damages. Southampton branch office.

Six arrested in picket scuffles

VIOLENCE flared on a picket line as the dispute surrounding Rupert Murdoch's News International group flared in Eastleigh today.

About 50 pickets tried to block the entrance to TNT Roadfreight (U.K.) Ltd.'s Woodside Avenue depot to disrupt distribution of the Sun and Times.

There were six arrests and allegations of injuries to pickets in scuffles with police as articulated lorries from Wapping arrived at the depot and a fleet of vans left on local distribution runs.

Missiles were thrown at the vans which burst through a gap in the human barricade while others were pounded as they were driven towards pickets.

Shouts of "scab", jeers and obscenities were directed at van drivers who were accused by pickets of "dangerous" driving.

There were also complaints about rough police treatment including an allegation that one picket had been kicked in the face.

But chief inspector Terry Jacobson rejected both claims. He said van drivers had not driven fast and described the 22 police officers at the scene as "disciplined and not violent".

Sogat 82 Solent branch secretary Mr. David Ingham had said members from Portsmouth and Southampton supported by EETPU, AUEW and TGWU members intended to "peacefully" persuade TNT drivers not to distribute News International titles.

"We are trying to look after the interests of our 5,000 people who have been dismissed

two coach loads carrying 104 men five miles from Eastleigh.

A spokesman for former Sun and Times casual workers said: "As soon as we were stopped we got off and marched."

Chief Inspector Jacobson confirmed that two coaches had been turned back at Compton because police suspected there would be a breach of the peace.

Pickets left Woodside Avenue — after a stint lasting nearly three hours — vowing they would be back.

"After the reaction from the police tonight, we will be going all out

to stitch this place up," said SOGAT 82 assistant branch secretary Mr. Tony Golds.

Meanwhile, a London branch spokesman promised: "Don't worry, we are coming back in force."

Mr. Jacobson claimed the pickets had been unco-operative and violent. "Vans were damaged and they had one driver by the throat," he alleged.

The chief inspector said all six people arrested were later released, but prosecution would be considered for various public order and criminal damage offences.

Police had turned back

quite callously by Murdoch in Fleet Street".

But when the first vans tried to leave the Eastleigh depot, pickets — including women — staged a sit-down across the access to Woodside Avenue.

Despite repeated police appeals and warnings to clear the highway the pickets refused to budge and scuffles broke out as police moved in.

Later, the 35 local pickets were joined by about 15 SOGAT London Central branch members who said police had turned back

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Show of disgust in print row

PICKETS outside the Southampton headquarters of the electricians' union threatened today to occupy the building.

Branch president of the EETPU Mr. Arthur Pearce and other protesters were escorted from the building by police a few minutes after they had entered the offices in Henstead Road.

The electricians were protesting at the role union officials had taken in the situation which led to the News International print dispute at Wapping.

Many of the men manning newspaper tycoon Rupert Murdoch's strike-breaking plant were recruited in Southampton.

A spokesman for the protesters said the men were trying to show their disgust at the way officials — locally and nationally — have been involved in recruiting a strike-breaking labour force.

Many of the men who have replaced print-workers from the National Graphical Association and SOGAT '82 were not even EETPU members, he claimed.

Some had left well-paid jobs at Fawley refinery. And local officials had ignored a list of unemployed members.

Mr. Pearce said the Trades Union Congress would be right to expel his union for recruiting scab labour.

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Newsagents drawn into paper dispute

SOUTHAMPTON newsagents have been brought into the front line of the Wapping newspaper dispute after bundles of the Sun and Times have been stolen from their doorsteps.

Frank Gill, Secretary of the Southampton Newsagents Federation, today commented: "It does look suspicious, doesn't it?"

The pre-dawn raids are believed to be carried out by three people operating from a green Renault 4 car.

Target no. 1 was Marcs Newsagents in Spring Road, Bitterne, between 6am-7pm.

Target no. 2 was Glanville Newsagents in Victoria Road, Woolston, at about 6.30am.

Two people were seen leaving the car and removing just the Sun and Times from the bundles.

The other person, believed to be a girl, remained in the car.

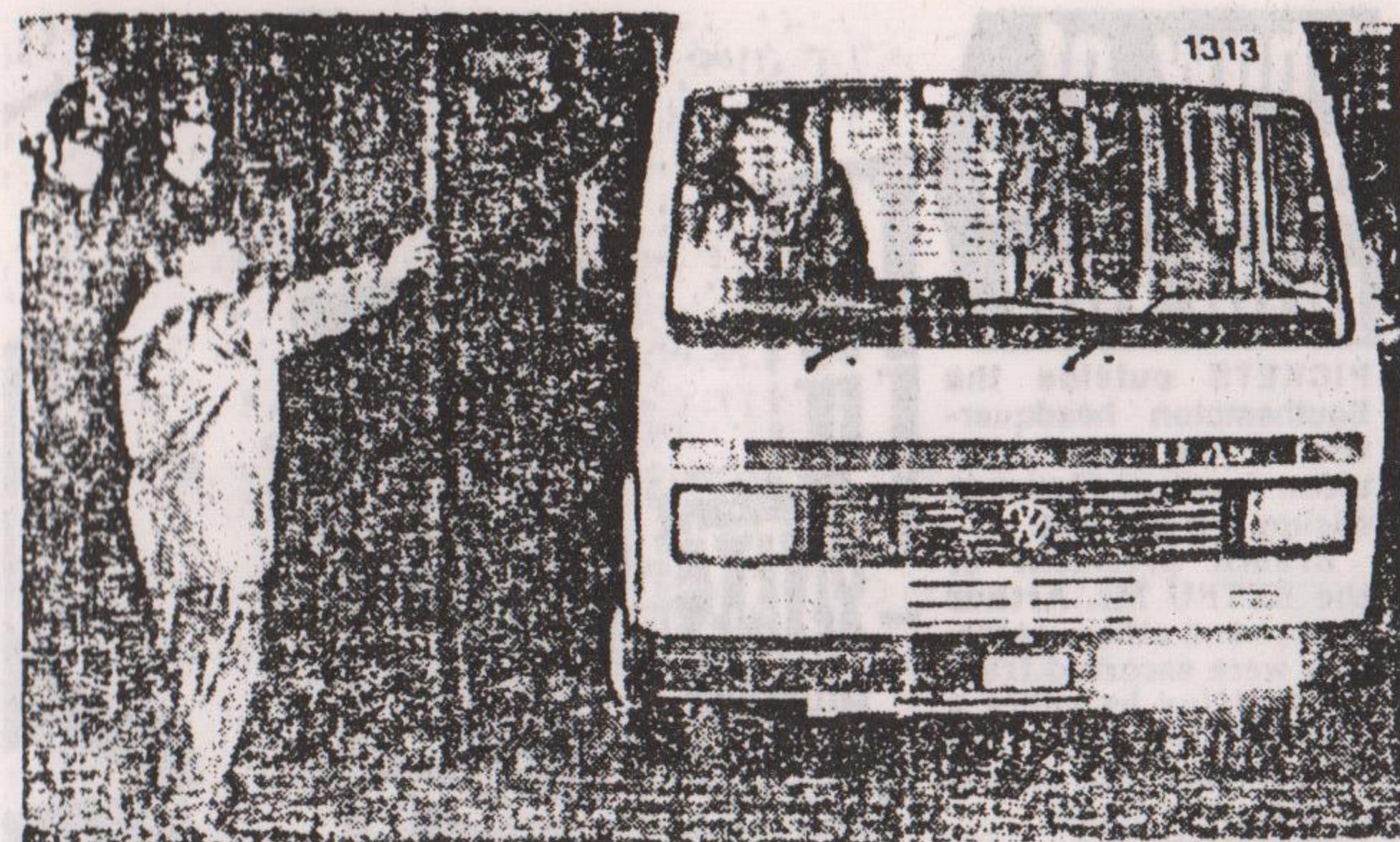
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CRIES OF 'SCAB': A van driver leaves the Millbrook wholesalers with a scarf over his face.

Echo 10th March

Freight depot picket arrested

ONE man was arrested at Eastleigh TNT road freight depot yesterday as pickets attempted to disrupt deliveries of Rupert Murdoch's Sunday papers.

About 30 pickets, believed to be the biggest demonstration at the Boyatt Wood depot for a Sunday paper run, protested outside the gates but deliveries of the News of the World and the Sunday Times still got through.

A 27-year-old varnisher from Poole was arrested and today, an Eastleigh police spokesman said he had been reported for breach of the peace and prosecution was being considered.

Apart from this incident the spokesman said it was a peaceful picket. Today all was reported quiet at the depot for deliveries of The Sun and The Times.

Southampton Echo 5th March

have had it fairly early. "We either have a mole or our phones have been tapped. Obviously, when you get a large group of people, whatever way you do it, there is always someone likely to pass on information."

But he said the exercise had not been a wasted effort because forcing the delivery switch had created disruption.

Mr. Ingham added the next priority was to find out where the alternative delivery point was and he warned: "We will picket that as well and

wherever they switch it we will keep on picketing."

After the Eastleigh disappointment, about 40 people went on to wholesale newsagents Surridge Dawson and Bishops in Southampton.

As the van left, a driver wearing a scarf over his face was met by cries of "scab".

Pickets left at 5.40am with Mr. Ingham claiming the consolation of making the papers nearly an hour late because of the forced switch of delivery point.

April/May 1986 from Brighton anarchist paper

19th March 1986
Southampton Echo

ANOTHER switch of delivery points thwarted pickets hoping to stop distribution of Rupert Murdoch's Sun and Times newspapers at Eastleigh today.

But SOGAT '82 Solent branch secretary Mr. David Ingham was claiming a victory after a fleet of local distribution vans failed to leave the TNT Road Freight depot at Woodside Avenue until 4.20am.

Rupert Bared (& his chums)

DEAR B'TON VOICE,

Why are people working for Murdoch - let alone fighting to be in his employ? First we must ask why do we bother to read national newspapers at all, they don't tell us the truth, on the whole they are soap-operatic distortions of potted events politized and marketed in the interest of their owners. Most rely for their foreign news on agencies like Reuters, and the information that finally gets through to us is usually misinformation. But here we have a war going on at Wapping with all the big issues supposedly at stake. Yet there is little point in fighting for something we don't want, fighting for the existence of work in an industry which thrives on pornography, leaders, t.v., the antics of various elites and plain lies. National newspapers as they are should make us sick. We should recycle them unread.

Even if all 5000 workers inhumanely sacked by Murdoch were given their jobs back then nothing would have been done to disestablish the power base of the British press. It will remain in the hands of a few farcical millionaires.

Worker organisations must use their powers to undermine the economic system where ego t. of gits like Laker, Rowland Murdoch are actually encouraged and idolised. To do this there is no alternative but to set up presses that are worker owned, written, printed and marketed. This in turn means getting away from the absurd assumption that there must always be the boss and workers in perennial opposition. People have to seize control of their own political and cultural lives and reject the banal simplification of reality presented in the press. Seeing the Wapping dispute as being illustrative of the main fight for a better society is, then, a mistake. It isn't. It's no good fighting to work for a boss or fighting to produce something as sick as the 'Sun'. People should take collective control of their own industry. We don't need people to lead or tell us what to think. So please, if you disagree with any of this write a reply and say why.



Pickets try to prevent News International papers leaving the print works.

were preventing a settlement for the 5,000 sacked men.

He said: "People who are prepared to work and get £150 for a night's work and ensure that others are kept out of a job are acting despicably.

as far as I am concerned. "We understand that Mr Murdoch is carrying out this operation on a week-to-week basis, and flies the origination for the newspaper from Wapping to Bristol. The fact that he is

prepared to go to this expense shows that the Wapping plant is not operating properly." Mr Cleverley said the NGA and SOGAT '82, the two print unions affected, staged yesterday's demonstration.

Guardian 20th October

SUPPORT THE STRIKING PRINTWORKERS!

Mad Dog Murdoch is having problems getting his scab papers distributed thanks to the picketing at Wapping and sabotage around the country. His latest tactic is to get the papers printed by contract firms in the areas that are going short of his titles. In Bristol he is using WESTERN WEB OFFSET in the Arnos Trading Estate (off the Wells Rd.). A cop car picks up the plates from Bristol Airport where they are flown on Murdochs orders from Wapping.

Oh Yeah !!

Police spokesman, Chief Inspector Mike Jenkinson, said: "Our role is not to take sides. We are always present when we might anticipate a breach of the peace."

GET THE SCABS

The WEB workers are non-Union and are paid £150 for scabbing the Saturday night shift. So far the pickets outside the works have involved around 100 people, more are needed if the lorries are to be stopped. Things we would never suggest doing are..... Throwing nails in the road. Doing over Western Web during the week. Waiting for the unmarked white vans further up the Wells road and using your imagination...ETC ETC.

PICKET. SATURDAYS 12.00pm onwards (after pubs closing)

Other pickets include:

TNT Distribution, Old Sodbury (near Chipping Sodbury).

W.H.Smiths Depot (next to Temple Meads station).

Both these on Saturday nights (12pm onwards) or, if you can make it, during the week.

Meanwhile, that great Labour Party activist, Robert Maxwell has been putting the boot in against his own workers at the Purnell print works in Paulton near Bristol. He wants to axe 185 of the 550 jobs. In his own words...

"The strikers have dismissed themselves by failing to meet last Friday's deadline for agreement."

... "Dismissed themselves"? That's a good one... I thought it was the boss who did that. Anyway, Maxwell's actions are just one part of the offensive of the bosses against the print-workers. They want to increase their profits and smash the gains made by the workers over the last few years. Murdoch, Shah and Maxwell are the spearhead of this move. We must fight them now so as to discourage similar action by others. Support the pickets at the Paulton works.



are strewn across the path of a van leaving Western Web printers

The Observer's decision not to publish a book review by Bernard Levin because of a demand by print workers was understandable but wrong, the Press Council said yesterday.

When an editor bowed to pressure or threats from any source—government, unions, advertisers or proprietor—he weakened the position of any editor of any newspaper who might face such a threat, it said.

The council upheld a complaint by Mr Ronald Spark, a Leader writer on the Sun, that it was improper of the editor, Mr Donald Treford, to suppress a book review at the request of a printing union.

A report in the Times said Observer print workers were understood to have refused to produce the newspaper if the editor tried to print the review by Mr Levin, who also worked for the Times, of a biography of a Victorian eccentric, Augustus Hare.

Mr Treford, who defended his decision in an article in the Spectator told the council he deplored censorship by printing unions and had frequently opposed it over many years at the Observer.

He said he had consulted journalists on his staff and they agreed with his decision. It was during the weekend of the most bitter clashes on the picket line at Wapping, east London, where the Times is printed, when 300 were injured and many arrested.

He knew, too, that his own newspaper would very shortly announce its own new printing arrangements and good relations with its printers were particularly necessary.

GOTCHA!

Confirmed reports indicate that a TNT lorry driver (TNT=scab company helping Murdoch and the Sun empire) was seen frantically searching for his ignition keys on Friday 26th September, after making a brief stop on Bridlesmith Gate corner. Confused by the evidence of an open cab door, the word 'scab' penned on the dashboard and the sound of fleeing footsteps, he was heard to blame the disappearance on Barmy Sex 'n Drug Crazy Loony Lefties in an orgy of Violence and Hate.

JUSTIN PASSIN

TNT 21 SEPT.

Just outside Leicester, at Syston/Thurmaston, there's a TNT depot. TNT are the firm that distribute Murdoch's News International rags. In furtherance of the dispute over the move to Wapping and the sacking of 5000 printworkers, a support group in Leicester organised a 'picket' of the TNT depot. We heard that the Trades Council were organising transport from Nottingham. In the event, only 10 people from Nottingham turned up at the picket. And 9 of those were Anarchists! If all the words written in the so-called revolutionary press calling for solidarity with the sacked workers were laid end to end, they'd probably reach to Wapping and back. But when it comes to doing something, what happens? Trots obviously prefer their beds to Class Struggle.

In the event 45 pickets failed dismally in their attempt to stop distribution of the Sunday Times and News of the World to the Midlands. Most of the people took time enough off from selling papers to each other to shout "SCAB" at the passing trucks, and that was it. Sufficient, no doubt, to sew another campaign ribbon on the red flag but a completely worthless activity. The only people to even step off the pavement were anarchists. One of them was nicked and charged with assault.

A few days earlier I had been at the Molesworth Blockade: at the (main) Peace Corner gate there had been 40 blockaders against 100 police. Yet every vehicle was stopped, some by as many as 20 minutes. Now at Syston, the tables were turned, this time the police were heavily outnumbered. And what happened?? Nothing. Its about time that 'the left' learned a few lessons from the 'pacifists' they seem to despise so much. That and a bit more creativity and commitment might turn completely meaningless gestures into something Thatcher, Murdoch and co. might lose some sleep about.

MR. PLOD

@LIENS.

from Tottenham anarchist paper

THIS TIME IT'S WE.

We the @LIENS from the planet VEGA, thoroughly support the PRINT WORKERS on strike at WAPPING. WE support the direct action that many of the strikers and supporters (humanoids) are taking against the scab lorries that are being used by super scab murdoch.

Last week our tribe along with other tribes along the Commercial Road decided that we could not stand around and watch these mobile lumps of scrap shifting bundles of racist sexist crap. This type of newspaper that ruins the name sun and pollutes the minds of innocent humans should be stopped at all costs. So we call on all humans to have an alternative Saturday night out and help defeat the scab army of Macho police and truckers by using substances such as bricks and bottles which we hope can penetrate their defences.

Such was the ease last Saturday and the Saturdays before and we hope the one's to come

WE SUPPORT ALL HUMANS THAT ARE ACTIVELY FIGHTING AGAINST OPPRESSION AND EXPLOITATION.



8th October

MORNING STAR Friday October 10 1986

Mass print march rejects Murdoch

By JANET PERHAM

IN A magnificent show of unity, over 5,000 printworkers marched proudly on Wednesday night to confirm their clear rejection of press tycoon Rupert Murdoch's latest so-called final offer.

As around 150 tenants and printworkers, accompanied by a brass band, marched down Wapping's Highway, 5,000 printworkers and supporters

stroled toward the plant from the opposite direction to the strains of another band.

Police presence was minimal, and the tenants' march, led for the first time by the new Cable Street banner, was escorted by five or six officers only.

When the two demonstrations eventually met outside Fortress Wapping, the pickets thanked and congratulated each other for SOGAT's mass rejection of

News International's paltry offer.

SOGAT executive member Mike Hicks warned Murdoch that the fight would continue, until come the happy day when the tycoon "slings his hook and we walk proudly up that ramp to produce papers without Murdoch at the helm."

This would only happen when three demands were met, he added. First, no working with

scabs. Second, full union rights, and third, distribution of the papers by the London wholesalers.

"If this is a fight to the death, someone's got to go, and it won't be us!" Mr. Hicks declared to loud cheers and applause.

SOGAT machine branch officer, and executive member-elect, Bill Freeman, said the ballot result had clearly shown

union secretary Brenda Dean where her members stood.

It was time she called for TUC support, recognised her members' determination and took pride in them.

Now was also the time to organise a SOGAT levy to help the fight for jobs and union rights. "We can last for ever, but Murdoch can't," he declared. "We're on the road to victory, and he knows it."



8th October

Weymouth



Picket

no. 29

11th October 1986

YET AGAIN! HOT OFF THE PRESSES! FOOTBALL RESULTS!

FIRST DIVISION

- 1 Arsenal 3 Watford 1
- 2 A. Villa 3 Southampton 1
- 3 Charlton 3 Everton 2
- 4 Leicester 3 Nottm For 1
- 5 Liverpool 0 Tottenham 1
- 6 Luton 0 Norwich 0
- 7 Man. Utd 3 Sheff. Wed 1
- 8 Newcastle 3 Man. City 1
- 9 Oxford Utd 2 Coventry 0
- 10 Q.P.R. 2 Wimbledon 1
- 11 West Ham 5 Chelsea 3

SECOND DIVISION

- 12 Barnsley 2 Brad City 0
- 13 Blackburn 0 West Brom 1
- 14 Derby 1 Hull 1
- 15 Grimsby 1 Plymouth 1
- 16 Ipswich 1 Brighton 0
- 17 Leeds 3 C. Palace 0

- 18 Millwall 4 Shrewsbury 0
- 19 Oldham 1 Sunderland 1
- 20 Portsmouth 2 Birmingham 0
- 21 Sheff. Utd 3 Reading 3
- 22 Stoke 2 Huddersfield 0

THIRD DIVISION

- 23 Bris. City 3 York 0
- Bury 2 Doncaster 0
- 24 Carlisle 1 Darlington 0
- 25 Chesterfield 2 Port Vale 4
- 26 Fulham 0 Swindon 2
- 27 Mansfield 1 Brentford 0
- Middlesb'h 1 Blackpool 3
- 28 Newport 2 Chester 2
- 29 Notts Co. 5 Rotherham 0
- 30 Walsall 3 Bolton 3
- 31 Wigan 4 Bris. Rov 3

FOURTH DIVISION

- 32 Aldershot 2 Burnley 0

- 33 Exeter 2 Lincoln 0
- 34 Peterborough 1 Rochdale 1
- 35 Preston 1 Cambridge 0
- 36 Stockport N'ampton (OFF)

- 37 Swansea 1 Scunthorpe 2
- Torquay Halifax (7.30)
- Wolves 2 Tranmere 1
- 38 Wrexham 5 Cardiff 1

CONFERENCE

- 39 Bath 2 Dagenham 0
- 40 Enfield 0 Altrincham 2
- 41 Maidstone 3 Runcorn 2
- 42 Weymouth 3 Wealdstone 2

SCOTTISH PREMIER

- 43 Aberdeen 2 Dundee Utd 0
- 44 Clydebank 2 Hamilton 1

- 45 Dundee 0 Celtic 3
- 46 Hearts 0 St Mirren 0
- 47 Motherwell 2 Falkirk 2
- 48 Rangers 3 Hibernian 0

SCOTTISH FIRST

- 49 Airdrie 0 East Fife 3
- 50 Clyde 1 Dunfermline 0
- 51 Forfar 3 Dumbarton 5
- 52 Montrose 0 Kilmarnock 2
- 53 Morton 2 Brechin 3
- 54 Q of Sth 1 Partick 1

SCOTTISH SECOND

- 55 Ayr 1 Stenhousemuir 0
- 56 Berwick 2 Arbroath 0
- 57 E Stirling 1 Albion 2
- 58 Meadowbank 4 Alloa 0
- Queen's Pk 2 Cowdenb'th 2
- Raith 2 St Johnstone 2
- Stranraer 1 Stirling 1

Print Pickets Beat Back Police. Wednesday 8th October. Day began outside High Court as seventy plus printers and supporters demonstrated outside on the Strand as Camden Council was taken to court because of library workers' refusal to handle News International titles. The class struggle aspect of suntans. Inside, toady prosecuting lawyers sporting suntans financed by Murdoch's blood-money. Outside, pickets, also sporting suntans – the fruit of months of the picket lines. Inside the courts, pickets put up anti-Murdoch stickers.

In another court case that day, two printers have been sent to prison for six months for picketing.

Late in the afternoon the SOGAT ballot was announced at an NGA meeting. More resembled a farce as the ranks repeatedly demanded the NGA-NC support them, while it continued to press for a yes-vote ballot even past the eleventh hour.

In the evening, thousands of pickets assembled at Tower Hill for the 97th strike march to Wapping. Leaving by a different route, the march emerged shortly at Aldgate roundabout, passing by Commercial Street. Just after this, a scab lorry raced by, scraping a police van. As the march passed by Whitechapel Art Gallery, the police tried to seize the Clerical banner at the head of the march and arrest one picket. In the ensuing clash, the police were driven off and disappeared for a while.

The march continued intact. East along Commercial Road, as residents came to the window to cheer. Then south along King David's Lane to the Highway. Here police strike-breakers made a stand, attempting numerous arrests. This three-cornered clash lasted half an hour or so. In hand-to-hand fighting, all attempts to take prisoners were repulsed. One humorous incident occurred during a tug of war over one picket, where some yelled push and some yelled pull. At any rate, there were no arrests on the march. In another incident, one copper was caught inside the body of the march, cut off from his scab friends. He emerged a while later, staggering. Thirteen police claimed injury. Numerous pickets had bruises but weren't complaining. A convoy of four scab lorries which passed by just as the march arrived at the Highway resulted in windscreens smashed for two vehicles.

The march continued west along the Highway. Many pickets wanted to go through a police line at Wapping Lane, but this did not happen. The march concluded at Virginia Street after midnight. Another march, of residents (the 96th to Wapping) arrived, to cheers. Had a delicious roll and a cuppa.

Wednesday evening, 8th October. Local residents gathered at Glamis from mid-evening to express solidarity with the printworkers in the 4th demonstration organised by a local support group. Setting off behind a band and the banners of local community bodies, the march went down the Highway to Tower Hill and then back round to Wellclose about 10.00pm and about 200 strong. After the filth had bullied the march off the road, a large section carried on round the estates of Stepney and Shadwell, then down Sutton, King David and onto the main drag for a 'local heroes' welcome at the top of Virginia Street, 11.30pm.

Letter from an Excellent Striker Picket

Amid all the cries of "We'll be there" at the Central Hall meeting (25.9.86) when it was stated that the Sunday Times fun run was taking place on the Sunday at Hyde Park. Only about 25 people turned up for it. Those people done a wonderful P.R. job on behalf of those 5,400 who never turned up. The police prevented us from giving leaflets away, but it was too late, the job was done. When the last race was going on, we unfurled the 25-foot banner, only to be told by the police that we would be arrested for no reason if we did not take it down. Speeches and songs followed, and we gave our runners a good reception. Could I ask: What were you doing on that Sunday? which was more important than your future! But you was not alone, as only one FOC came, so we must ask ourselves if they were worried about their future. **I am!**

Picket comment: Take it out on the organisers/socialists merchants of class peace – not on the ranks, who have been superb.

Newsagents. Time has come to compile a London-wide Fair List of newsagents who have supported the pickets by *not* stocking Murdoch's papers. Let us know names and addresses, for inclusion in future issue.

Greetings to Bulletin No.5 of Lesbian & Gay Printers, a definite improvement on previous issues, needs better distribution.

Ballot Results – 8th October

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| LMB | 1115 to 214 |
| LCB | 641 to 350 |
| RIRMA | 367 to 137 |
| Clerical | 240 to 141 |
| Sogat | 2372 to 960 |
| NGA | 556 to 116 |
| AEU | 107 to 47 |

In June

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| LMB | 949 to 463 |
| LCB | 505 to 565 |
| RIRMA | 319 to 235 |
| Clerical | 231 to 198 |
| Sogat | 2081 to 1415 |
| NGA | 648 to 165 |
| AEU | 112 to 58 |

When Adam delved
And Eve Span,
Who was then
the Gentleman?
(Wat Tyler,
re the Peasants' Revolt)

A Poem

(Sung to the rhythm of the Lurpak butter song)

Push shitty Hammond up Murdoch's arse,
Behind the barbed wire
Let's hope they catch fire.
Push shitty Hammond up Murdoch's arse.

Hammond likes to lick Murdoch's arse
Although he likes it,
He knows it's full of shit.
Push shitty Hammond up Murdoch's arse.

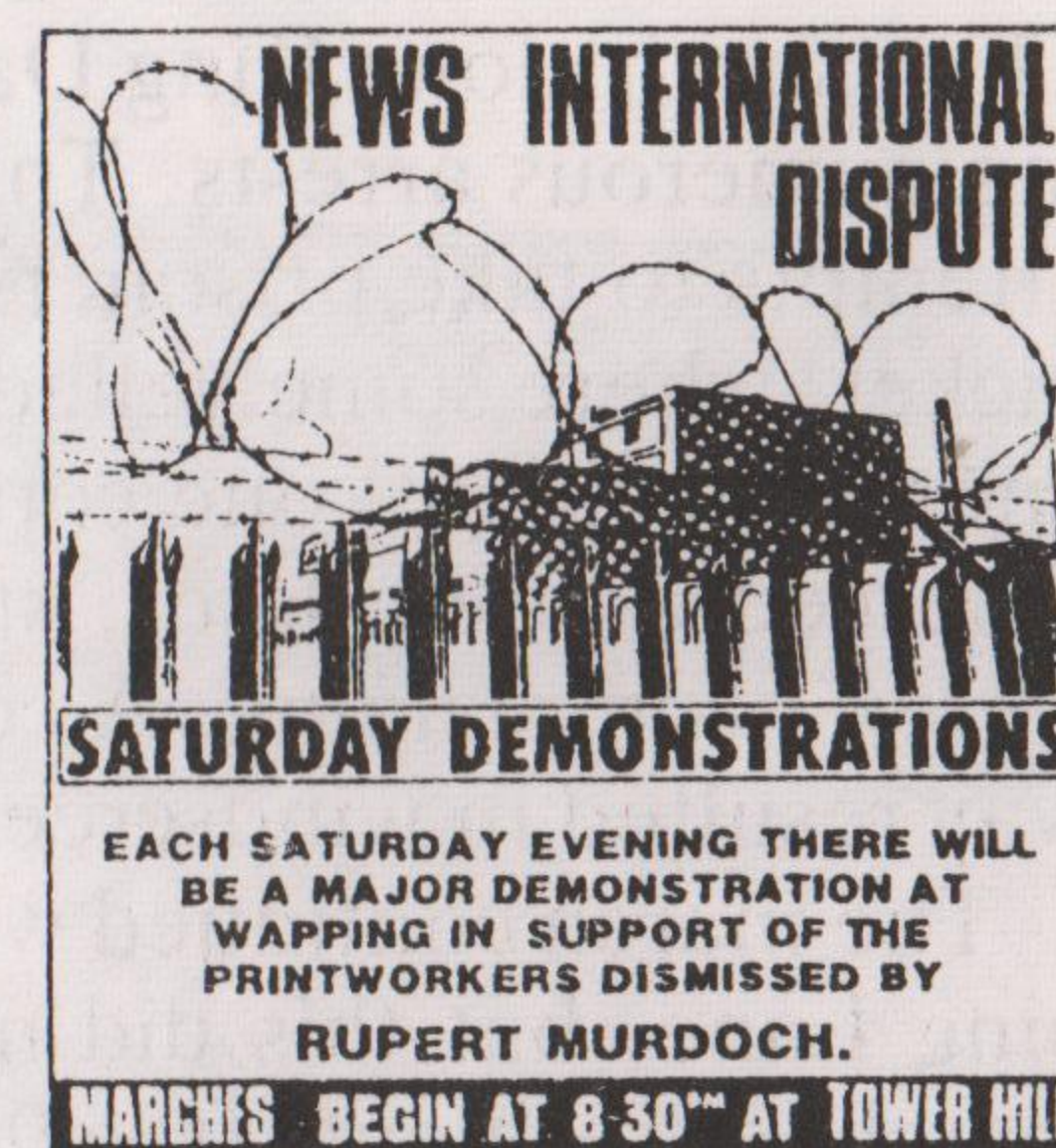
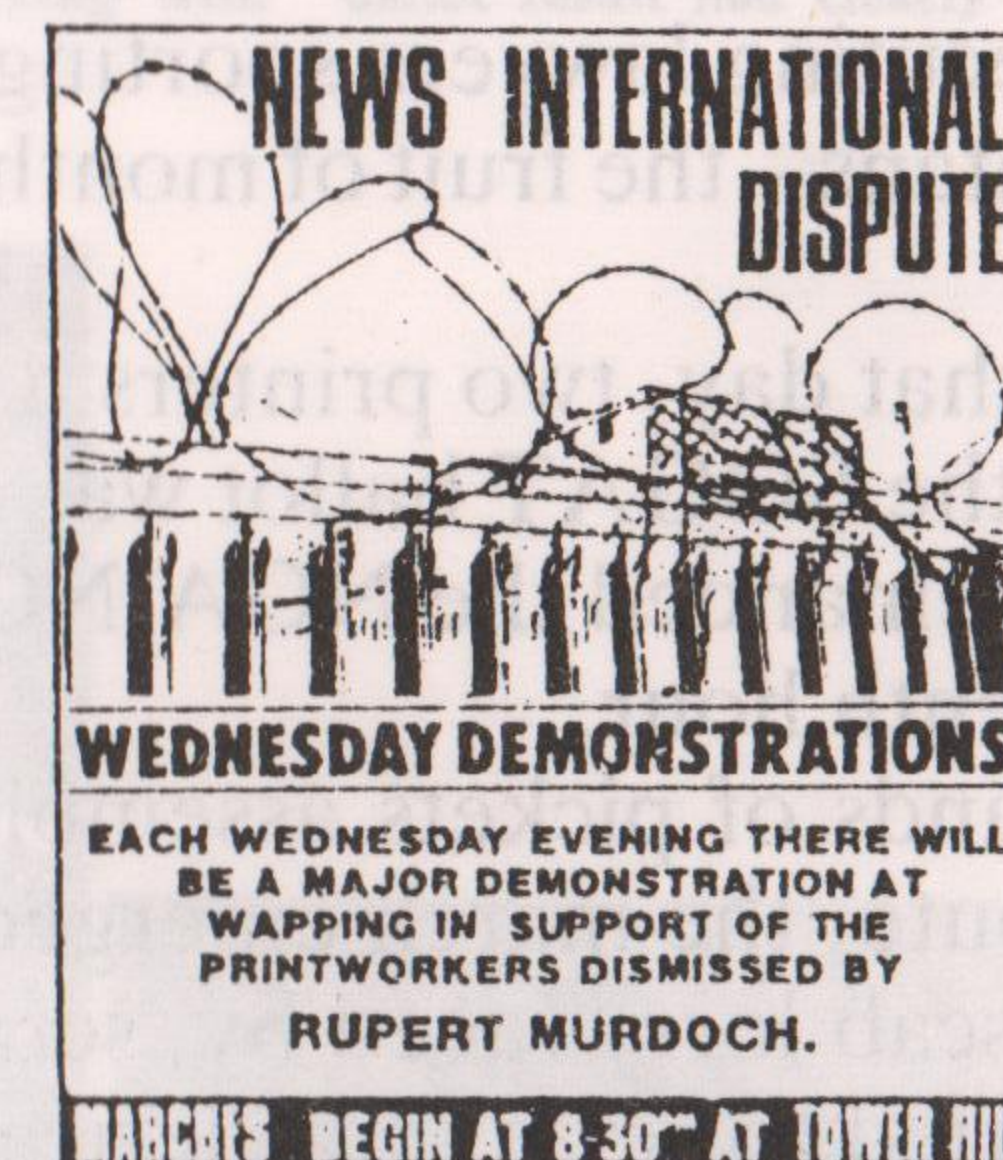
The TNT lorries are coming in and out,
They'd better watch out,
For the pickets shout:
Push shitty Hammond up Murdoch's arse.

Murdoch made an offer just the other day
The pickets said no way,
We want our jobs back today.
Push shitty Hammond up Murdoch's arse.

The boys in blue just say that they're doing their job,
For a few bob,
But they're just like the mob.
Push shitty Hammond up Murdoch's arse.

Hammond and Murdoch doing Thatcher's job,
'Cause she ain't got the guts
To open her gob.
Push shitty Hammond up Murdoch's arse.

*A Young Schoolgirl
from Canning Town*



**DO NOT
CROSS
PICKET
LINES.**

**SOLIDARITY
IS STRENGTH.
SCABS ARE SCUM.**

IN DEFENCE OF
DAVID PAYNE
+
BOB TETLAU
BOTH SOGAT MEMBERS
IMPRISONED THIS WEEK FOR
6 MONTHS
MAKER TO PENTONVILLE PRISON
THIS MONDAY OCT 13th AT 1 PM
FROM OLD CALEDONIAN MARKET
MARKET RD. OFF YORK WAY
KINGS CROSS



Morning Star 15th October

TUC SEEKING WAYS TO HELP PRINT WORKERS

By MICK COSTELLO
TUC leaders will decide next week how to implement the call from the annual congress for increased solidarity with the 5,500 printworkers sacked without compensation by Rupert Murdoch's News International company. Print union leaders met TUC general secretary Norman Willis yesterday to discuss the situation after members of all unions had rejected Mr. Murdoch's latest £58 million bid to buy out trade unionism and jobs at Fortress Wapping.

The print unions will be seeking action against electricians' union EETPU whose members are working at Wapping at next Wednesday's TUC general council meeting. They will also urge greater support for demonstrations against Mr. Murdoch and the boycott campaign against his titles to be stepped up. The resolution passed at the annual TUC last month criticised the TUC general council for not insisting the EETPU's leaders instruct their members who are doing the printworkers' jobs to stop.

A letter: There are many points of similarity between the miners' and printers' strikes, because both were long and bitter strikes which saw a growing awareness among the strikers of the role of the state and the function of the union. In many ways they are quite different. It is difficult to assess the aims of the printworkers and compare to that of miners. Both strikes were about sackings. Beyond that the strikers undoubtedly have a range of objectives from better compensation to world proletarian revolution. In both strikes the real leaders are the pickets who risk their safety and freedom with the objective of keeping the strike going as best they can. Few have any illusions about ever working in Wapping. Some will never work again in the printing industry. They are concerned with maintaining the strike, with hurting the company and perhaps the police as badly as possible.

The picket bulleting was started with the felt need for accurate up-to-date information and reports. Its editorial loyalty to the militant pickets was exclusive and unconditional.

For the most part the organisation and activity of the strikers has contained elements both of autonomy from the structures and processes of capital, and of dependence on them. Why are the attempts to extend the strike not successful? Firstly it was clear from the start that the unions did not wish to risk everything in an industry-wide escalation. The strike takes place very much in the shadow of the miners'.

11th October

**Botha
bans
Dean
and
Conroy**

Morning Star Reporter

PRINT and journalist union leaders Brenda Dean and Harry Conroy have been banned from visiting South Africa, together with the trade union delegation they were to lead.

Brenda Dean, general secretary of SOGAT, said of the ban that the "persecution of British trade unionists is a further demonstration of the immorality of the apartheid system and the South African government."

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THE Sun

Another Sun exclusive

RED MOB HIT TNT DEPOTS

On Sat. 5th July a TNT depot, distributing the SUN, was stormed by over 300 heavily armed REDS, just back from training in a Kremlin terror camp in the dismal suburbs of Moscow. Dozens of cars, lorries, and vans were smashed to bits in an orgy of hate at the Eastleigh depot. The SUN can reveal that in the mob were outside agitators and anarchists bent on crushing Democracy. At least one KGB agent was present as the evil mob yelled SCAB, a word foreign to all British law abiding citizens. Our on the spot reporter saw President Gorbachev running back and forth, urging the mob to pull down fences and commit

SUN reporters wept openly with shame as the sly cheating Argies won the World Darts Championships by default when our brave young heroes failed to hit the board yet again. (Cont P 16845).

BRIT STARS PLASTERED
England crashed to total defeat again today at Wimbledon. After 10 mixed doubles John Lloyd had to stop to piss six times in the 1st game, before retiring early.

CRICKET RIOTS SPREAD
For the 8th day running England failed today to hit the ball at Lords. A slight riot began as laughing foreign fans chased the beaten Brits back into the bar. There were 870 arrests.

BOTHAMLESS
At the start of the 6th Test the England team were today greeted by a 'bottomless' streaker, who ran across the pitch with a 'Legalise Botham' banner.

DONKEY DERBY SHOCK
Firm favourite Emily Donkey (6 to 1 on). Late today it was revealed that a major stake in the Derby has been snapped up by a mystery Aussie bidder. His 1st move, it was learned, will be to send the donkeys to the knackers, and bring in a workforce of electronic scabs, made from bright grey plastic.

TERROR SPY SEX GIRLS IN SHOCK SABOTAGE ACTS

Why is Great Britain losing its Virility? Why is our once brave proud Nuclear Empire now a laughing stock around the world? Why can't we even win a game of Cricket? SUN journalists reveal the shock truth in this Special Feature! The SUN has now traced a string of terrorist crimes to a sub human gang, WITCH. Womens International Terrorist Conspiracy from HELL, and have tracked down the evil leader, Ms Anna Keys, short cute, 4, to a filthy cellar playgroup den in black Brixton.

Fearless SUN lads defy the RED TERROR to bring you these FACTS. The gang, led by Freda People, a potting 21, may also be behind the rocket crashes of the Titan and the heroic Star Wars SHUTTLE disaster.

FACT. A Libyan front company paid a vicious WITCH cell, led by Russian born Eva Nacka Nikimbalsov, 33, to stage the riots at the Bradwater Blackspot.

FACT. Last years multi billion pound fire at a Brit army depot was set by Lucy Parsons, redhead seductress, 98, an IRA backed WITCH, whose evil smile caused a top Commie to mistakenly put petrol instead of oil in the Central Heating System.

FACT. There is now a plot for a top WITCH to

dress as a donkey, irresistible, big udders, 8, in a bid to entrap top ego RUPERT MURDOCH and blackmail him to give Wapping to the shifty heartless thug printers. This evil plan aims to close down the SUN, and to deprive Great Britain's lusty young SUN worshippers of their daily wank!

FACT. FERGIE IS ALREADY 4 MONTHS PREGNANT with TWINS. A top SAS squad are today hunting servants who have fled her father's Estate. The Palace will say nothing, but the SUN can confirm that fresh sperm was found in Fergie's 'beauty creams'. WITCH are definitely involved. It is not known if the babies will be Russian or Black.

LATE NEWS. Early today 1000's of police, armed with plastic bullets, tear gas and ducking stools as led off Railton Road in Brixton and STORMED into an empty playgroup centre where WITCH leader Anna Key, short pretty, 4, was last seen. Lambeth Leader, Linda Bellos, dark slim, 32, a suspected WITCH, said later that the playgroup had already closed down, due to Tory cuts.

SELLS SMACK MURDOCH SHRINK SHOCK KIDS DIE "A HELPLESS PERVERT"

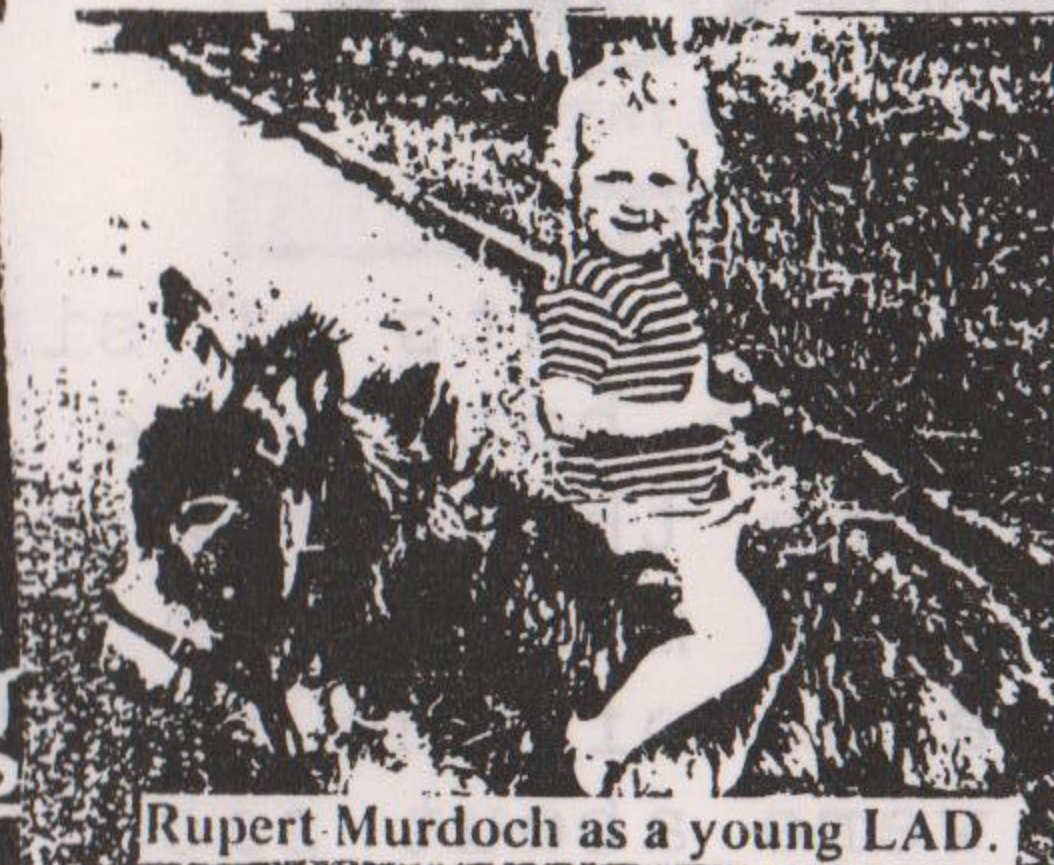
SUN journalists and printers, sick of scabbing and lost fingers, have slipped this TRUE story past Management and done the dirty on our great Leader. It was Rupert Murdoch, in 1983, who directed plainloads of HEROIN into Australia. That same killer consignment now flooding Europe and killing OUR KIDS.

In 1983 Rupert Murdoch, Sir Peter (owner of TNT) and Kerry Packer were investigated by a Commission of Royal Inquiry in a top underworld probe. Though the Report never appeared, due to the judge having a 'Nervous disorder' leaks to the Aussie press at the time reveal the shocking truth. The SUN has established beyond doubt that Rupert Murdoch is the worlds

biggest HEROIN DEALER. He put up the cash for a secret racket, flying TONS of heroin between Bangkok and Sydney airports in a private jet owned by a Murdoch/Ables/Packer front company. The jet plied the route for 3 months, avoiding Customs by a massive bribery racket, arriving and departing just as Sydney airport closed for the night. The truth is so evil that we are forced at last to speak out, though we too may end up sacked on the picket line. Murdoch put up the cash, Sir Peter the brains, and Kerry Packer the brawn and Mafia style racket to pull off the billion dollar racket. And the recent flood of cheap smack to Europe and America has been routed through a secret warehouse in Sydney docks. Rupert, the evil genius, is killing OUR KIDS.

MAD RUPERT MURDOCH SHRINK SHOCK "A HELPLESS PERVERT"

A top Psychiatrist testified in Court of Rupert Murdoch's 'tragic obsession with our four legged friends' and detailed in shocking detail how this perversion had blossomed into a full blown sexual peccadillo.



Rupert Murdoch as a young LAD.

Rupert Murdoch is being tried at the Old Bailey for under age sexual acts with Miss Emily Donkey in 1934 (see picture) and Bestiality in 1986. Sobbing gently, Rupert said today from the Witness Box, 'I can't help it, it started harmlessly enough, with dingos sheep, tortoises and cats. But since then I've lost control completely and my true feelings have come out. I am not ashamed of what I have done. But the price has been high. My friends shun me, police horses won't stay in the same street as me, the dry Cleaners refuse to take my laundry. I am a broken man'.

The trial continues.

Sun Lad Chokes On Puke

CON-VOY CHAOS

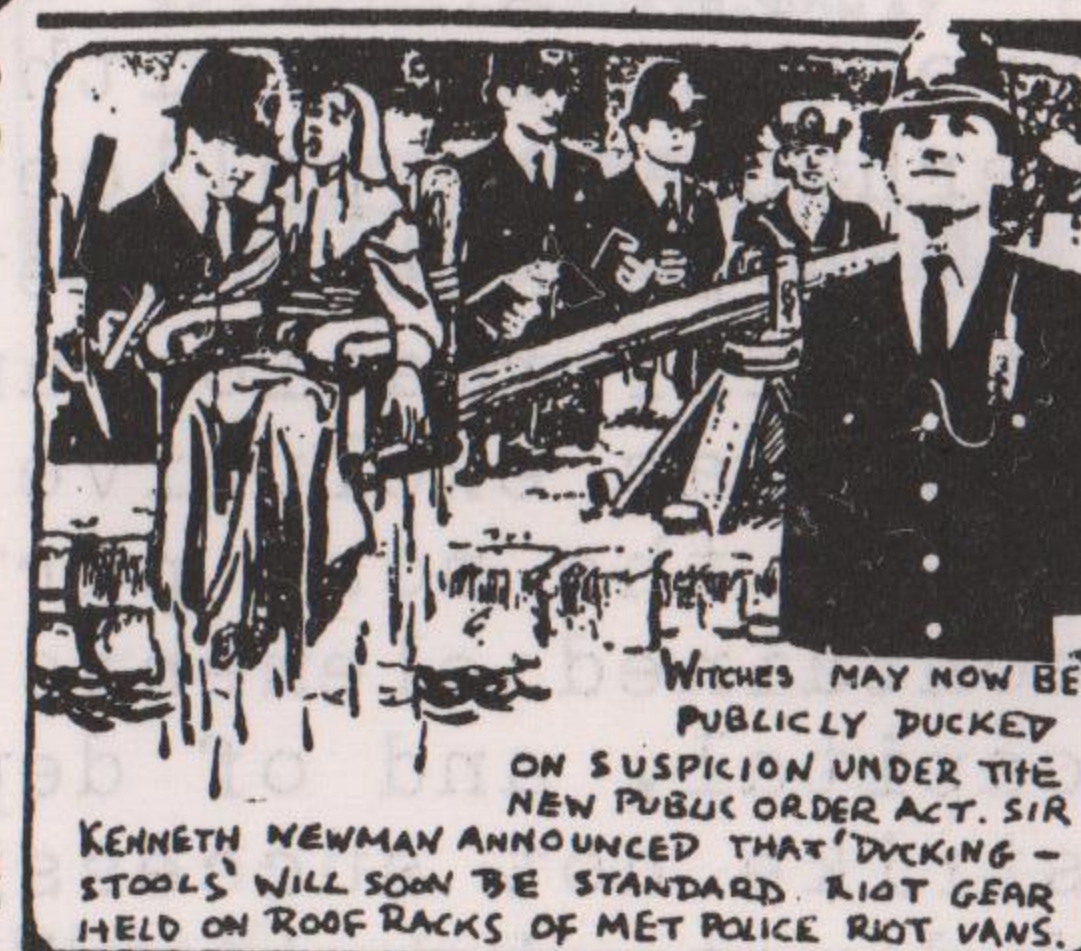
Blond big breasted lusty SUN reporter Frank Fearless was found dead in his Oxford penthouse yesterday morning, after a wild night writing copy for the SUN. Our man, Fearless to his mates, was apparently spewing out vomit when a lump of puke stuck in his throat and finished him off. Frank's grieving Dad, Lord R. Slicker, is the new Supremo of the billion pound Multi-National which Margaret Thatcher has put in charge of unbiased reporting in Britain.



A VICIOUS gang of UNWASHED HIPPIY SCUM today SNEAKED through a massively armed POLICE CONVOY and OPENLY CAVORTED upon the magnificent ancient monument of STONEHENGE.

Intrepid young Tony Mulhearn of the SUN bravely infiltrated the stench-filled, immora-parasitic, Libyan trained, anarchist, Argie backed ragged filthy dole scroungers and spotted a six year old girl openly shooting up Marijuana. Others were seen unashamedly sitting on the grass drinking some vile potion. Still others touched the sacred stones and

SMEARED EXCRETA on toilet paper not far from the magnificent Sacred Monuments 4 a hundred acre carpark. The SUN interrogated our superb police force on how these atrocities could have occurred. PC Wurzel, speaking on behalf of the Wiltshire section of the Joint National Task-force, said, and we quote: "We was taken completely by surprise. They told us they was a CONVOY of TNT trucks delivering Rupert Murdoch's newspapers. What was we supposed to do?"



WHICH MAY NOW BE PUBLICLY DUCKED ON SUSPICION UNDER THE NEW PUBLIC ORDER ACT. SIR KENNETH NEWMAN ANNOUNCED THAT 'DICKING - STOLEN' WILL SOON BE STANDARD. RIOT GEAR HELD ON ROOF RACKS OF MET POLICE RIOT VANS.

Picket

no. 30

Saturday 18th October

4.00am 7th October. Recently while travelling along Byward Street EC3, two W.H.Smith's vans were involved in an incident with a pack of Murdoch's white mice. The first WHS driver was rammed and forced onto the centre island by one of the scabs. Then, in the scab's frantic effort to escape, he careered into the back of the second WHS van.

All drivers involved were detained by police, who commented that it was lucky neither of the two WHS drivers had been seriously injured. But *guess what!* The police are taking no further action concerning the incident. As if we didn't know!

Wednesday 8th October, Wapping. My prayers were answered at last. The march tried a new route, and by god wasn't it successful. Led by the Clerical banner, it went straight out the back door at Tower Hill. Left the boys in blue standing looking stupid as usual. On and on we went, to Aldgate, around the roundabout. They tried to divert us but the banner stood firm and just walked over them. They tried for an arrest, but again they were stamped on. They tried to hold one of our colleagues in a bus shelter, but when we decided to take them and the shelter if necessary, they let him go. Onward and upward we marched, into Commercial Road. Taking up both sides of the road.

By now the Clerical banner was joined by the SOGAT banner side by side across Commercial Road. It was a glorious sight. Then down towards and into King David's Lane. At the junction of King David's and the Highway, the bully boys must have felt as though they were playing at home. They tried a bit of assault and battery. Funny how the bastards always like to grab a woman picket. Don't get me wrong, girls, but they do have a lot more men to grab. But no, they do like to try a woman. However on this occasion they were well and truly stuffed. Funny, the old bill losing at home on a Wednesday night.

It lifted everybody up, on top of getting the right result from the vote. It went down really well. They say it is going to get better, that we will be getting more support. Well all I can say is if we keep showing this kind of determination, we will win and quickly. Imagine if you can the outcome if we had more numbers on Wednesday, some down to King David's, some marching on Thomas More and Dock Street, some marching on Glamis Road and Wapping Lane. All we need are bodies. So come on down!

Southampton, October 10th: 6.00pm. Two pickets discover an empty Marchwood coach broken down in a lay-by. They board and harangue the driver. He pleads he really was not on his way with EETPU scabs to Wapping, and says he is a TGWU member and against what is happening. He agrees to take a load of our literature to Peter Eady, their shop steward, and argue our case. To date, there is no evidence that anything has been done, and John Ashman - the local TGWU secretary - has done nothing either. Perhaps they could all do with a reminder? Marchwoods are on 0703 869033, and 868020 (night number). Two more numbers on which to put your point of view to Marchwood: 0703 842134 or 845433. Southampton TGWU is on 0703 37373, and ask John Ashman. Livvy Read or Denny Harriman why they let a so-called unionised coach firm get away with helping to wreck 5,500 people's lives.

Saturday 11th October. 3,000 march from Tower Hill to Wapping. Our elderly pickets ran circles around most of these socialist youth who are trapped in the empty resolution game.

Saturday 11th October. After main march, 200 pickets went up to the Commercial Road. They split into groups of 30/40 and operated independently from the side roads, joining up into bigger groups. Then splitting up. This causing confusion among the bosses' lackeys. And lorries here re-routed. Coming out of Butcher Row and leaving right. Then in the direction of the Blackwall Tunnel, and Mile End Road. The instructions to the filth over their radios has been to observe the roving bands but leave them alone.

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| FIRST DIVISION | | | SOUTHERN PREMIER | | |
| 1 Charlton | 2 Leicester | 0 | 38 Alvechurch | 2 Camb City | 2 |
| 2 Chelsea | 2 Man. City | 1 | 39 Aylesbury | 3 Salisbury | 0 |
| 3 Liverpool | 4 Oxford Utd | 0 | 40 Basingstoke | 2 Bedworth | 2 |
| 4 Man Utd | 1 Luton | 0 | 41 Dartford | 7 Redditch | 0 |
| 5 Newcastle | 1 Arsenal | 2 | 42 Dudley | 2 Corby | 1 |
| 6 Norwich | 1 West Ham | 1 | (at Bilston) | | |
| 7 Nottm. For | 1 Q.P.R.O | 0 | 43 Fareham | 6 Shepshed | 0 |
| 8 Southampton | 0 Everton | 2 | FOURTH DIVISION | | |
| 9 Tottenham | 1 Sheff Wed | 1 | 31 Burnley | 2 Stockport | 0 |
| 10 Watford | 4 A Villa | 2 | 32 Hartlepool | 1 Peterboro | 2 |
| SECOND DIVISION | | | 33 Hereford | 1 Exeter | 1 |
| 11 Birmingham | 4 C Palace | 1 | 34 Lincoln | 1 Rochdale | 1 |
| 12 Bradford | 3 Ipswich | 4 | 35 Orient | 2 Wrexham | 4 |
| THIRD DIVISION | | | 36 Preston | 1 Aldershot | 2 |
| 13 Brighton | 1 Barnsley | 1 | 37 Southend | 3 Crewe | 1 |
| 14 Hull | 0 Reading | 2 | — Swansea | | |
| 15 Leeds | 3 Portsmouth | 1 | — Wolves | | |
| 16 Plymouth | 2 Sunderland | 4 | SCOTTISH PREMIER | | |
| 17 Sheff Utd | 0 Huddersfield | 0 | 44 Celtic | 3 Motherwell | 1 |
| 18 Shrewsbury | 0 Derby | 1 | 45 Dundee Utd | 2 Clydebank | 0 |
| 19 Stoke | 1 Blackburn | 0 | 46 Falkirk | 1 Rangers | 5 |
| 20 West Brom | 1 Grimsby | 1 | 47 Hamilton | 1 Hearts | 3 |
| SCOTTISH FIRST | | | 48 Hibernian | 1 Aberdeen | 1 |
| 50 Brechin | 2 Queen of Sth | 1 | 49 St. Mirren | 4 Dundee | 1 |
| 51 Dumbarton | 2 Airdrie | 1 | SCOTTISH SECOND | | |
| 52 Dunfermline | 1 Morton | 1 | 56 Albion | 1 Stranraer | 1 |
| 53 East Fife | 1 Clyde | 1 | 57 Alloa | 2 Raith | 2 |
| 54 Kilmarnock | 3 Forfar | 0 | 58 Arbroath | 0 Stirling | 1 |
| 55 Partick | 5 Montrose | 0 | — Meadowbank | | |
| — Queen's Pk | | | — St. Johnstone | | |
| — Berwick | | | — Stirling | | |

Punters welcome. Why not write for *Picket*? Why not, indeed! No item is too Pedestrian for this newsletter. In fact, the more Simple and Tedious the better. Or how about writing us a Song so that we can raise early-morning voices in Blissful Harmony in the pissing rain down the Highway?

● Two scabs served by W.H.Smith Peckham Depot.

Harry Ansell (Sacked *Sun* worker. *Sunday Mirror* committee member.) Joan's Kiosk, 386 Walworth Road, London SE 17.

B. Grossman (Sacked *Times* driver) 3 Station Buildings, Station Approach, Hayes, Kent.

Support Newsagents who Support the Picket. *Charlie's News Stand* in Thurlow Street, Walworth, SE 17 refuses to sell any of Murdoch's titles. Please support it. Also, *JAL Newsagent*, just south of the old *Times* building, corner of Grays Inn Road and Mount Pleasant. They support us, we support them.

● Pickets Beware. Razor blades on scab coach door handles. One man, who has been in hospital since Friday, is now feeling the Torment of being the victim of such a callous act (if you can call it an act). About to open the door of a scab coach when, to his horror, the razor blades sliced through the underside of his fingers. Serious hospital treatment was needed and a large number of stitches also. No point in alerting the ever-caring Met. Strikebreakers are immune.

● I would once again give my warmest thanks to all the Pickets at King David's Lane on Wednesday 8th. Prevent arrests must be our prime concern under such circumstances. And this you achieved in a brave, heroic fashion. You can share my trench any day.

● If you hear of anyone trying to accept Murdoch's individual offer, I have it on good authority that they are wasting their time. He just wants to see someone begging. He couldn't get you all. But his ego demands someone. He is holding the offer on a long stick with a rubber band. Don't fall for it, you mugs.

➤ I will be advertising in Picket and elsewhere shortly, for a special group as stated before. Only known faces can be accepted. Nothing illegal, just stopping Murdoch. Details will be published shortly. Plenty of wet nights and dewy mornings. Only the stout of heart need apply.

● Why are some pickets still chatting to police bullies? Will they never learn?

● The *Standard* late march on Saturday was a brilliant piece of work. Why not organise relief columns along the way, then the ones who get tired or have to go home can be relieved. But it will need organising. With relief parties, we could keep going till daybreak.

● I would like to offer my sympathy to Mrs Payne this week; her husband Davy was sentenced to six months. Davy helped me out on May 3rd above and beyond the call of duty. Obviously I cannot say what. But take my word for it. What he did on that night will never be forgotten. These are not idle words. I would gladly serve his sentence for him. God bless you, Davy. Don't let the bastards beat you. While we are on the subject, I do hope arrangements are being made for a fund or something to support our prisoners and their families. Let's read about it somewhere?

● Once again my heart has been lifted by the sight of our wonderful resident Mary and her supporters coming down the Highway to meet us. God bless you all. The Kangaroo will never run wild in this country while there are people like her about.

● They seek them here, they seek them there, they seek them lorries everywhere. Try BURDETT ROAD, Saturday, at 1.00am onwards, or WHITECHAPEL ROAD, where they turn off by the London Hospital. Or BURDETT ROAD for white mice a bit later, 2.00am to 3.00am. The Tunnel end of the Highway is a must for all good pickets on Saturday night. We need more bodies this end. Not so much at Glamis but around the bend where it joins Commercial Road - they go off left and right here. And Plod cannot control it so easy if we get the numbers down there. Come on, Pickets, think! Don't be led into "safe" spots by people that don't want to know. Get up and do your own thing. These are the weak spots, they must be exploited.

● Just think, Murdoch, Maggie and McGregor all have one thing in common. They are all ugly. They are all sexless. They are all bullies. They are all cowards. They are all rich. They all want to be richer. They all hate us. They all kiss Reagan's arse - one for help, one for citizenship and one because he in an arse-licker anyway. They all blame someone else for all that goes wrong. All their names begin with 'M', which also begins words like Murder, Malpractice, Miserly, Moronic, Masochist and so on. The only good thing they have in common is that they will all die. The sad thing is that they haven't already. McGregor thinks he beat the miners. He has even written a book about it. They are still here, and by no means beaten yet. Maggie thinks she has beaten inflation. She only has her finger in the hole. She has to take it out sooner or later. Then the flood? Murdoch thinks he has beaten the printers. But as each day passes, he has to spend more money, employ more people. Take more precautions, get more police involved. I hear the Surrey constabulary have a special squad on standby now to deal with Flyers. Sooner or later the whole country will erupt when they get the bill for it all. So what has he won? F.A. And he never will. They should be renamed, MINDLESS, MADNESS & MALFUNCTION.

Income: £2.67 Bookshop sales; £7.73 NGA strikers; £96.02 SOGAT Sun Publishing collection; £3.75 Unemployed NGA; £10.00 Sunday Mirror Warehouse; £5.00 Journalist; £5.00 Corby.

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Demonstration at TUC

SOGAT steps up Wapping battle

By MICK COSTELLO
LEADERS of printworkers' union SOGAT yesterday decided on steps to toughen the stand for jobs and union recognition for Rupert Murdoch's sacked thousands.
The measures to involve the whole membership in the campaign will include a national levy. So far, the union's executive heard, a minority of branches have contributed £127,000 voluntarily to the central dispute fund.
General secretary Brenda Dean has levied herself £50 a month to help cover hardship.

The TUC's finance and general purposes committee yesterday delayed agreeing to any steps to promote the dispute. General secretary Norman Willis will see his opposite numbers in the print unions and they will then meet the committee.
This could delay bringing the TUC into more active participation in the dispute till well beyond tomorrow's meeting of the full general council.
Printworkers have decided to lobby tomorrow's meeting at TUC headquarters at 9am in Great Russell Street.

SOGAT-NGA-ASU-NUJ
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MASS. LOBBY
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Wednesday Oct. 22
From 8.30am, Congress House
Great Russell Street, London WC1
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Violence at Wapping

By Keith Harner and Patrick Wintour
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Mr Jones said that the trouble began last week when a lorry working for News International was attacked from a railway bridge over Shore-ditch High Street, east London.
Mr Bill Freeman, a member of Sogat's London branch, said: "We are concerned that the violence is being committed against us by drivers going as fast as they can."

Dean 'unaware' of rise in violence

By Our Industrial Staff
Miss Brenda Dean, general secretary of the print union, Sogat, said yesterday she was unaware of an increase in picket line violence at the News International plant at Wapping, as alleged by the police.
She told a seminar at the Institute of Personnel Management in Harrogate that the records of police arrests at Wapping had shown that most of the demonstrators involved in violence were not print workers.
Miss Dean told delegates that she believed commercial pressures would eventually force Mr Murdoch to settle the dispute. "What we do know about Murdoch is that he is not an employer who buys, then shuts down. He is an expansionist employer," she said.
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WAPPING POST FIND THIS THUG

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Strike Graphics material.

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Pickets are settling in for the long haul. Initiatives, such as a printer's march through Brixton, or a Saturday afternoon march from Millwall are good ideas and there are many more coming from the ranks, as always. But the proposal to listen to TUC filth covering their arse in a phoney lobby at parliament, deliberately several miles from the picket line, is *criminal*. Pickets know that the only way to win jobs back is to physically eject every last scab from the Wapping plant. Any proposal to give the TUC any say in their dispute is surrender. The TUC is not bothered by pickets in prison, or the massive strike-breaking operation in the heart of London, or the police assaults, or workers' hardship etc. What bothers them is picketing, just as they hated the miners' pickets. Police threats this week to have a speeding lorry kill a picket are because of the effect of picketing.



Thursday 16th October: 12 Noon, Grays Inn Road. For the past two weeks, members of the Labour Party Young Socialists have marched 125 miles around 22 London boroughs in protest against the Tories' phoney YTS schemes, the objects of which are to provide a cheap, non-unionised, easily disposable workforce for the bosses, and to fiddle the unemployment figures by pretending YTS are proper jobs. At noon today, their march crossed Blackfriars Bridge into the City, and they were delighted to see 150 NGA and SOPGATsacked NI strikers waiting to join their march under the London Machine Branch SOGAT banner. We proceeded slowly up Fleet Street, to the cheers and applause of Street workers and passers-by. We then proposed to march on to Grays Inn Road for a lunchtime picket, which they accepted, scabbing off the job stealers at the *Times* building. This sparked off a larger than necessary deployment of the blue-clad strikebreakers, complete with several top brass types. The young unemployed squad were only too pleased to demonstrate their distaste for the scabmongers, and performed a co-ordinated cry of "Hammond — UGGH!! — he makes us SICK!", whilst all leaning forward and pretending to throw up. This cry was repeated for Murdoch and Thatcher, and was very effective.

Saturday 18th October: Wapping. After the main march, several hundred people left for other destinations. Groups of pickets 40/50-strong repeated last week's exercise of suddenly appearing on the path on either side of Commercial Road, then retreating round the side-streets. Although this action kept the filth on the hop, they felt confident enough to send a convoy of three artics up Commercial Road at about 11.15pm, where a large group of pickets, monitored by a transit van full of Murdoch's private soldiers, were waiting. When the lorries were sighted, pickets flooded onto a nearby zebra crossing, forcing the artics to stop. Two more transit vans turned up and 30 of Kenneth Newman's lousiest starting pushing, shoving and throwing the pickets back onto the path and making three arrests. They waved their scab mates on and the artics fled, but what they failed to notice was a second group of pickets a hundred yards further on, who pointed at the scab lorries. Shattered windscreens and side windows. At least 7 artics and dozens of scab white vans were done over the weekend. Another large group lay in wait on another scab route near Burdett Road, and at 12.45am got their reward in the shape of another three artics. There also the windscreens and side windows parted company as they were air-conditioned. Three arrests were made. Police spotters were in unmarked cars. From about 1.15am onwards, artics left the plant via Wapping Lane then west along the Highway and up Dock Street, hoping that was a safer route. The action is being stepped up. Roving pickets hold the key to breaking the will of Murdoch's scabbies. Success from mobility. But it can't be done by leaning up against the tea vans in Wellclose Square.

Saturday 18th October: Wapping (Cont). Brilliant tactics by the pickets. People went pretty quickly to a road junction once the march had reached Wellclose. One group of over 100 people gathered and moved off at 10.33pm, northwards. Cop van followed, but was left behind when we went down a footpath. Emerged onto Commercial Road and turned right, crossing Butcher Row. A few people chose to remain on the western side of Butcher Row. Four or five stayed on the eastern side. The mass of people crossed Commercial Road and proceeded eastwards, split into three groups (more by accident than design), then waited. At 10.52pm, a scab coach was spotted. The small group at the top of Butcher Row acted as an early warning system; their shouts of "SCAB" alerting those on Commercial Road. At least one missile hit the Scabmobile as it scurried eastwards.

Then at 11.02pm, a convoy of three scab artics, with the usual pig escort, turned right from Butcher Row to travel east along Commercial Road. At least one of these lorries was hit by at least one missile. It may be of interest that at least one of these lorries had a TNT trailer, but had a Fitzroy cab. (The fact that not all the lorries are TNT, and that some of them are from different TNT fleets, must indicate some success by pickets in persuading the lorries not to move). The group on the north side of Commercial Road then coalesced into one. We were being watched by a swarm of bluebottles in an unmarked van, so we literally went "round the houses" to lose them.

Eventually (after many doubts as to where we were going) we reached Burdett Road. It seemed that the main con-

Lining up for a spot of Wapping overtime

WAPPING is a nice little earner for the Old Bill if these peripatetics that have been handed into the Post are anything to go by.

In an eight week period, one young constable took home an average of £240 a week after deductions. He had a gross pay packet of £2,700 over this period, and that's just a common or garden constable.

Even a scab journalist must be wondering what a sergeant or an inspector is taking home after a spot on the picket line.

THE SOARING cost of Wapping has risen to an astronomical £32 million, and the British taxpayer is footing the bill. These figures reveal that Britain has been subsidising each Murdoch scab paper to the tune of £8 million.

The Wapping Post reached the figure of £32 million by estimating the cost of policing Wapping (up to £14 million) estimating the cost to the Government of paying Unemployment Benefit to those on strike, (over £6 million) and adding these figures to the tax and National Insurance lost over 37 weeks by the Government from the 5,500 people who have been sacked.

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Megabucks Murdoch will never be short of a copper or two if our latest figures for keeping the thick blue line around Fortress Wapping are anything to go by.

Although the Home Office and the Met are keeping the financial facts under their respective helmets and refusing to give out any figures later than May 10th. We can reveal that the bill for the Old Bill at Wapping alone could be as much as £14 million.

Some leading members of the Thatcher Cabinet are not best pleased by this, realising that sooner or later the punters are going to rumble what's going on. Hence the discreet pressure now being placed on Rancid Rupert to settle the dispute before the run-up to the next election.

Worried Tories point out that the cost of fielding a team of over 1,000 police at Wapping every week (that's one for every six sacked workers) compares badly with the miners' strike when 22 miners had to share one policeman.

Tory hardliners, on the other hand, counter that NI strikers now stand a one in six chance of being arrested whilst the police only managed to take one in 10 miners into custody. One reason, perhaps why the Home Office and Met, afraid of upsetting their masters, are refusing to come clean. When asked how many man hours the police have expended as a result of the dispute the Home Office say they can't separate the figures. But, by perusing Hansard and other sources the Wapping Post can reveal the facts.

The first fact is that the daily cost of policing initially provided by Government was £5,392. This was hastily revised upwards to £7,290 when several MP's questioned their arithmetic. We have disregarded these figures and worked out the cost by the hours that they admit the police have worked at Wapping.

Up to May 8th a total of 350,000 man-hours had been worked at an alleged cost of £550,000. By July 5th they had reached 662,000 — which averages out at 28,962 hours a week. At that rate a further 463,392 hours have since accumulated. That adds up to

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voy had already left, so we returned to Commercial Road, spotting a scab coach on the way to the plant, at 11.43pm, just as we turned into Turners Road from Burdett Road. Eventually our nomadic band again reached Commercial Road, and stood on the eastern corner of the junction of Commercial and White Horse Road. There were other groups of pickets, on the corners of Butchers Row and Commercial Road. Several Pigmobles had assembled in the area by this time. 12.10am – and 4 articles appear in Butchers Row and turn right. Some people rushed into the path of the convoy, but quickly retreated when it became apparent that the driver of the leading police Landrover would be quite happy to kill a few pickets. Suddenly a massive barrage of missiles of all shapes and sizes hit the convoy. Cops poured out of a van and ran into the crowd, dragging off two pickets, one of whom got a kicking in the van. The police were outwitted by the brilliant tactics of the pickets.

A number of white mice got damaged in Bethnal Green. Also, a white mice convoy got a hiding at Tower Bridge at about 2.15am. There were two arbitrary arrests at this incident, and reports indicate that the police used a new tactic – hiding in a white mouse, from which they jumped to make their arrests. At 1.45am, a convoy of 2 articles exited from Wapping Lane, turned left and drove past Wellclose, as did at least 2 other convoys later. It appears that tactics had been so successful on Commercial Road, that the cops had decided to steer clear of the area, even though there can't have been any pickets left there by that time. Next time it needs more people. People need to stay longer. White mice are alone after 2.00am.

Monday 20 October: Grays Inn Road. At 12.30 noon, 350-400 pickets met outside the *Times* building in Grays Inn Road, and after a brisk 45 minutes of heckling the scabs, we formed up for a march. We went down the Grays Inn Road, turned left into Clerkenwell Road. There the Inspector in charge said: "Where are you going? Which way? Make up your mind. Scotland Yard are getting a bit humpy with this." We stopped at the junction of Farringdon Road, and the Inspector issued an official caution to the march leader: "If you stop again, I will arrest you for obstruction." We went on, Old Street, Moorgate and round the City, meeting many people and much traffic. Eventually we got to Ludgate Hill, down and into Fleet Street. By now we had both City and Met police with us. There must have been over 150, doing a man-for-man marking job. We arrived at the junction of Bouverie Street to see it sealed off by about 60 City police, three deep, with what I think was a Chief Superintendent in charge. There the march finished.

Wednesday 22nd October. In the afternoon, several hundred demonstrated at the TUC. No joy here. A march was led along Oxford Street. In the evening, the regular march was held to Wapping.

Clarifications, corrections.

● Peckham W.H. Smith Depot does not handle Murdoch titles, nor was this stated in *Picket*. Two scabs who are served by this depot do handle Murdoch's titles. One of these newsagents, Harry Ansell, a scab, is not a *Sunday Mirror* committee member as stated in *Picket* no. 30. He was removed from the committee some time ago.

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● *Picket* no. 28 referring to scabs G. Hurley and J. Hurley selling Murdoch titles. Please let it be known that these are not George and Jennie Hurley, who are in no way connected to the scabs. George is *Times* Night Machine, and can always be found in the NATSOPA Hilton, fully committed to the dispute.

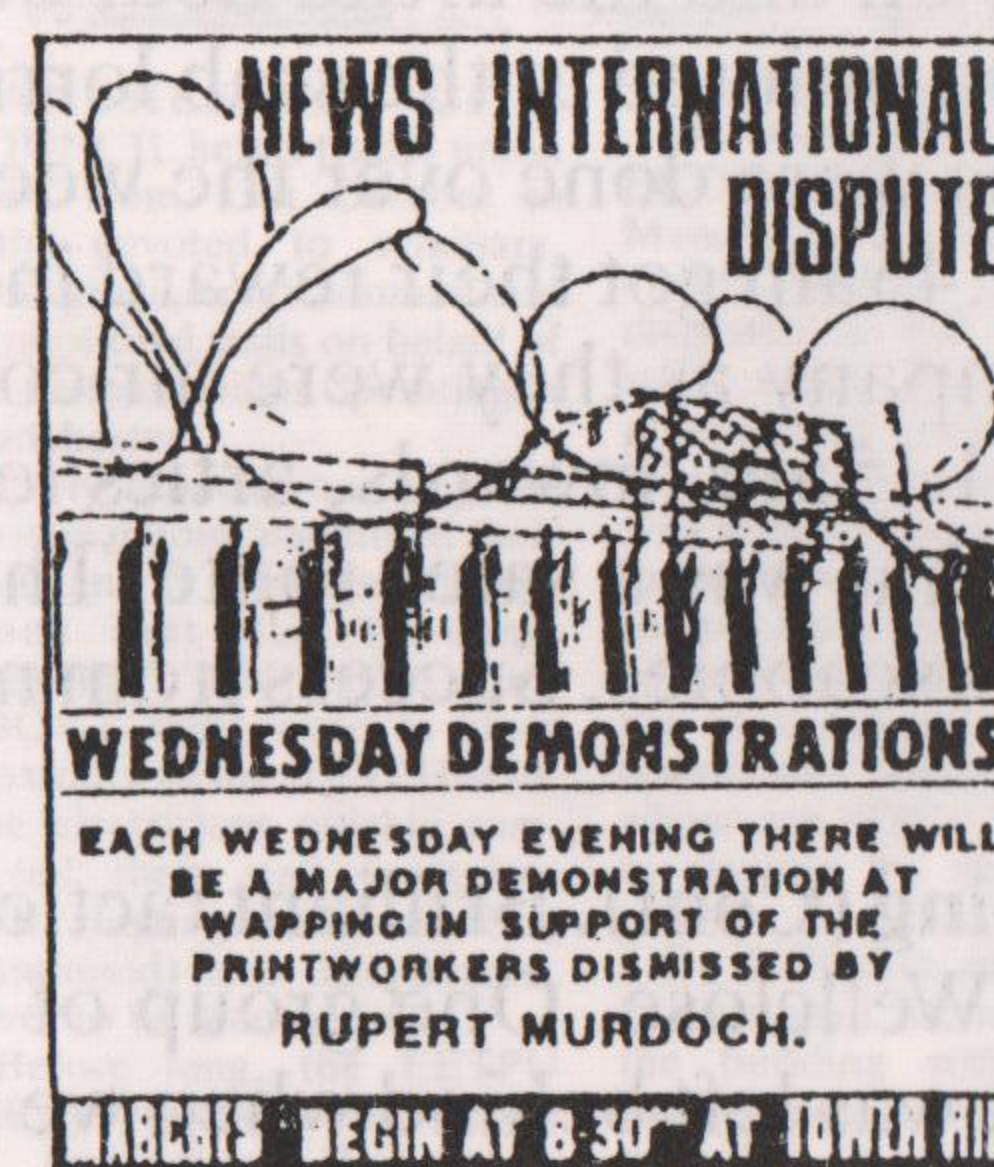
A Song

Conveniently sung, more or less, to the tune of "My Old Man's a Dustman"

Eeyore – Eeyore – Oink, oink, oink,
Here come the Boys in Blue,
We're Rupert Murdoch's bully-boys
And we've got a grudge against you.
We are the Met – We're Fierce, we're Bad,
And we're noted far and wide
For beating up pickets, helping out scabs
Aaaand.... being on the losing side!

(Poems, songs & drawings always welcome in *Picket*)

TUESDAY 2PM 28TH OCTOBER
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FROM CLERKENWELL GREEN
CENTRAL BRANCH CASUAL SPONS.



✍ Written and financial contributions welcome. No report is too pedestrian for this Bulletin, in fact the more simple and tedious the better!

Income: 60p working SOGAT member; £4 unemployed NGA member; £3.20 *Times* Night Machine, Hilton; £15.14 NGA strikers; £47 NoW Publishing Collection;

Published by picketing print union members and residents.

Picket, c/o Housman's, 5 Caledonian Road, London N1 9DX

Picket no. 32

Thursday 30th October

✍ This issue is given over almost entirely to one excellent article. Reports on Saturday night march, very good Tuesday march from Peckham, scab vans and lorries redecored, Wednesday march through Aldgate scab route, women's march and attack/arrest, then three more arrests and vigil at Leman St police strikebreakers' HQ... All to follow in next issue, coming out shortly.

Testimony: What It Means to Me. Having gone to some considerable trouble and time to get my son a job in "The Print" and succeeded, I felt really pleased with life. I could now sit back and relax; my son was not going to be a statistic on the dole, wandering about aimlessly and being tempted into trouble and all that goes with being a school-leaver in the '80s.

Imagine my horror when he came home and told me he had been sacked because he had voted to strike. I am not in The Print, so I don't know all the details. What is more, I don't need to know the facts to know that a terrible injustice has been done. It horrifies me that a British government can allow it to happen. It sickens me that other trade unionists can allow it to happen. But above all it makes me absolutely ashamed that any British person, regardless of politics or creed, can allow it to happen. Are we as a nation so apathetic that anyone can steamroller over us and our traditions and freedoms?

I have never had any political leanings one way or the other. My law has always been: "Leave me alone and I will leave you alone", "Hurt me, and I'll hurt you." I have never expected or received protection or help from the establishment. But I have always wrongly taken it for granted that they would never allow an attack such as this on workers of this country. At the same time, I have brought my children up again wrongly it seems, that us British would stand up to any such attack and repel it. I don't see any sign of this. I know a lot of people are helping in some way or other, but I am talking about millions and millions of people that should be standing shoulder to shoulder as we did through two world wars. They're trying to change the way of life in this country forever, and to put us back a hundred years or more. It took a lot of bloodshed and martyrdom to get us our rights and our lifestyle, and I feel it will take a lot more of both to hold on to it, especially if the majority sit back and let it happen.

My son attended the first march to Wapping, and a few of his pals were arrested. As a result, I attended the next one with him, and nearly every one since. What I have seen of the police action in this dispute leads me to honestly believe that this whole business was connived and planned by Murdoch, the Government and the Police well in advance of your strike actually starting. The reasons I think this, are the design and location of the plant, the number of laws that Murdoch can break without any action being taken. For example, if I build a wall or fence around my home without planning permission, I am forced to take it down or suffer the consequences, which are swift and severe, leading to eviction in some cases. For Murdoch, nothing. If I use a helicopter anywhere without permission, I would have a police escort waiting for me when I landed and be automatically grounded. And severely fined or locked up, in some cases. For Murdoch, nothing. If I knocked a policeman down with my lorry, whatever the situation, I would be at the very least locked up for a day and fined. For Murdoch's men, nothing. And if I drove deliberately into a crowd of people, I would be looking at 12 months inside, at least. For Murdoch's drivers, nothing. So it must prove that the police are in support of Murdoch.

Now if the police are in support of him, and remember that is not their job, they are supposed to be unbiased and their sole function should be to protect him and us in a demonstration. They are not there to make judgements. Merely to protect and keep order. It stands to reason if you believe this, as I do, that it must be with government backing. The police are supposed to be under orders from them. It's yes you can go, no you can't. So the three must be in on some sort of pact. It therefore means that in Murdoch's case it has been proved beyond any reasonable doubt that he planned all this years in advance. He would not or indeed could not have planned it without the full knowledge that he was going to be supported by police and government. It would have all been a waste of time and money. So the big question must be, what do the police get out of it. Overtime? You see the Government get the unions smashed, and Murdoch gets a cheap, easy-to-control workforce and later a gong of some kind. But it leaves us with the police. What do they get?

Do they need a practice ground for the riot police? Do they need to justify their numbers by having a disturbance? Or are they like the Army during National Service days? Run by a bunch of warmongers looking and praying for a war to start somewhere? It might sound crazy, but how many times have we seen them do things at Wapping just to antagonise the crowd. How about riding up and down the Highway in their transits with copies of the *Sun* stuck in the windows. Or pushing people back when asking would have been simpler. The only thing I know the police have got out of this for sure, is my undying hatred. After what I have seen at Wapping, I will hate that uniform and the animals that wear it for the rest of my life. My only dream left is that one of them will want my help one day, and I will have the pleasure of saying "get stuffed". And I hope it is a pint of blood he wants.

I have been kicked, punched, truncheoned, dragged by my legs, charged by horses, stood toe to toe with the riot mob, arrested, wrongly charged and wrongly convicted. But with my philosophy, it does not matter. "You hurt me, I hurt you." It works for me every time. But I still attend the marches, and will continue to do so. You don't run away even when you are out-gunned by a ruthless enemy. You learn, as a fox learns to steal chickens. Or a little bee learns to sting humans. It does not matter how big or powerful the enemy, he can always be beaten by determination and cunning. It is another part of our tradition that no force on earth can take away from us. Remember the famous "Fight them on the beaches" speech? Well, we don't need beaches, we have the whole of Britain to fight them in. We don't need guns, we have our brains. We don't need tanks, we have our feet. Above all, we don't need generals, we have our minds. We must think what will hurt most, and then act. What hurts any capitalist? Loss of money. We have all got brains enough to work out ways of making him lose money or spend it. Think and act! Don't be too concerned with Wapping. If you cut an artery, the heart dies anyway!

To hurt the police is far easier. Their big kick is making an arrest. Prevent it. Don't get caught. Stay in numbers. Back each other up. Don't fall into the traps they set. Be vigilant. Think! If they want you herded into Wellclose – why? Because you are contained. Don't let them contain you. Spread out. We have the whole area to picket. The government is a far easier foe. You get off your arse, and remember the lesson: once you have them out, keep them out. And before you vote for the others, get them on a short leash to throw out this legislation. Badger them now. Let us get it definite. It's no use waiting until they have

been elected. I didn't even know where my MP was until recently, but I know now, and he knows me now. He also knows that my vote means four votes through my family. As I say, I have never been political, but the time is right to stand up and be counted.

There are a lot of strangers out there amongst you, to whom I shall be forever grateful. Some have stood by my shoulder when the going was rough. I feel proud to have marched with you, fought with you, and on many an occasion nearly drowned with you. "I call him Murdoch the god of rain." If I have nothing else when I die, I will have the memory of some brave boys, girls, men and women, who have stood up to a tyrant and his army and fought back against overwhelming odds. To the not so brave and the weak I say, feel no shame, you did your bit by being there. To the absentees I say wake up, grow up and stand up. It's your life and future we are fighting for. We need help. Apart from that, surely you need your self respect.

So what does it mean to me? I have always got by, without unions or government and of any kind. Why am I here night after night? Why do I put my wife through the misery and uncertainty week after week? Why do I put my liberty at stake night after night? I'll tell you. It's because if I didn't, I would not be able to live with myself. They attacked my son; they stole his livelihood; they have tried to condemn him to a life of unemployment, frustration, misery, which leads to a life of crime, drink or drugs. That is attempted murder, in my book. Two of the people you normally go to in a situation like that are in collusion with the perpetrator of the crime. That only leaves me. The instigator of the crime, "The Union", seem to be dragging their feet. So I am here to support, to help. And to do all in my power to put right this injustice, or to die trying.

So if one of you Hendon Muppets do manage to read this, remember this, my buck in blue: the next time you draw your truncheon on me, you are only hitting yourself in the face. You are beating up humanity. You are suppressing your own freedom. You, by your own stupid action of arresting an innocent man or woman are by that very act imprisoning yourself.

When you hold up a scab newspaper at your transit window, you are not inciting or upsetting us, you are just confirming a widely held opinion that you are a scab labour force working for Murdoch - a liar and a cheat, because in actual fact you are supposed to be a policeman, policing for the people, by consent of the people. Think, man, and when you have thought, resign. Saying at the judgement day that "you were only obeying orders" does not get you a light sentence. Ask Hess!

Brothers, I hope I can call you that, now I am here and here to stay to the end. I hope you will all stay with me. If we lose, we have won. If we win we can get pissed. We were not, nor never will be, defeated. Fuck the leaders, long live the pickets. That's what it means to me.

Clerkenwell Green: 3 o'clock Tuesday 28th October: The SOGAT casual march in support of our Imprisoned Brothers got off to a rain-sodden start. Small in numbers, only 100, due to the unfortunate clash with the AEU demo. Spirits were high and we were well received by passers-by and sympathisers on route to the Pentonville Hilton. Escorted by Y Division (they know where they're safe, these Tottenham coppers), the march passed Kings Cross nick. From the safety of a Green Police Bus, one of Murdoch's boot-boys held up to the window a copy of the *Sun*. Within seconds this grinning moron transformed a good-natured march into a seething mass of anger. After much pushing and shoving, it calmed down when we were assured that the officer in charge had the number of the "Thing" and action would be taken. The march resumed, but in a much changed atmosphere. On arrival at Pentonville, we were pushed onto the pavement. One broken head later (ours, of course) and a badly battered LCB Banner, but no arrests, and the march was over. If only we had the numbers on these day-time marches, who knows what could be achieved.

● In sharp contrast to the disgusting print union scabs who dishonour us all by selling Murdoch's scab papers, there stand out as a fine example to us all two individuals who have never sold Murdoch's scab rags from day one. They are: Mr A. Patel, Krishna Stores, 11 St Bride Street (next to side exit to *Daily Express*). Also Michael (Scouse) News stand on corner of Bouverie Street. Michael has been harassed by N.I. management and scabs, also by City Police for calling a scab a scab. He is always present on all evening marches, and has carried the *Standard* banner on occasions. These men support us, so please give them your custom and support them.

● Any person with any knowledge of print union members who are selling Murdoch's scab papers should compile a list of names and addresses with telephone nos etc and display such lists in their place of work, so these scabs may be shamed and persuaded to support their fellow workers. (*Picket* welcomes all information regarding newsagents who do *not* sell Murdoch's newspapers. Let us know and we'll spread the word.)

● The schools are open. There are several Polys close to Wapping. Time to organise daytime marches to these Polys and back to picket.

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WEDNESDAY DEMONSTRATIONS

EACH WEDNESDAY EVENING THERE WILL BE A MAJOR DEMONSTRATION AT WAPPING IN SUPPORT OF THE PRINTWORKERS DISMISSED BY RUPERT MURDOCH.

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Trafalgar Square

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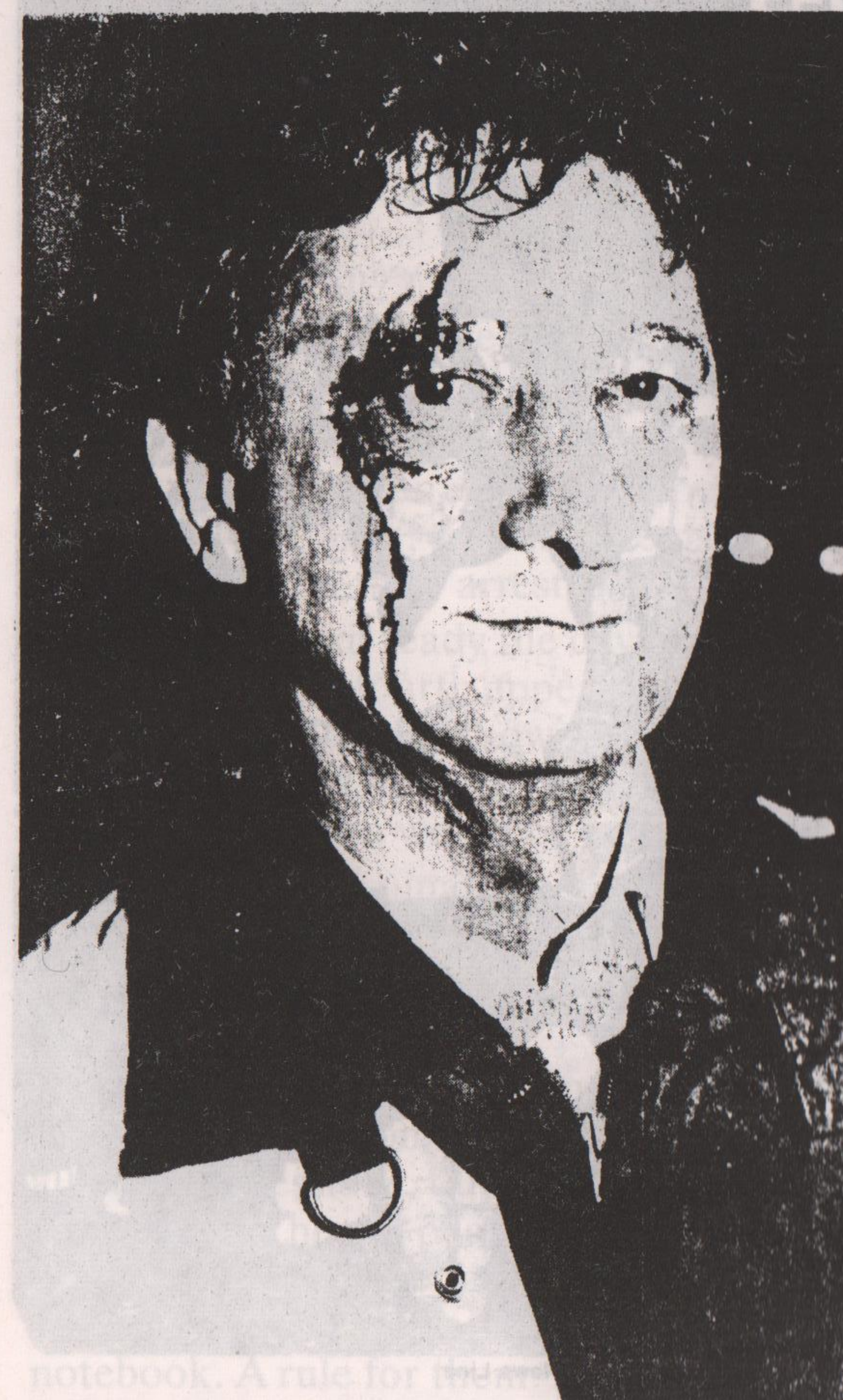
SATURDAY DEMONSTRATIONS

EACH SATURDAY EVENING THERE WILL BE A MAJOR DEMONSTRATION AT WAPPING IN SUPPORT OF THE PRINTWORKERS DISMISSED BY RUPERT MURDOCH.

MARCHES BEGIN AT 8.30 AT TOWER HILL

Income: £3 sales; £5 supporter; £5 *Evening Standard* driver; £5 *Telegraph* RIRMA member; £2 SOGAT machine; £2 Tate & Lyle worker; 50p picket; £11.51 NGA strikers.

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Ron Gabbett, a SOGAT casual, was hurt when police moved against a march of more than a hundred printers protesting outside Pentonville prison yesterday.

SOGAT 82
LONDON CENTRAL BRANCH
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WAPPING STRIKE COMMITTEE

ON THE 5TH OF OCTOBER OUR COLLEAGUE STEVEN SAVAGE WAS JAILED FOR 3 MONTHS FOR PICKETING IN THE WAPPING DISPUTE. ON THE 25TH OF OCTOBER WE INVITE ALL MEMBERS IN SOGAT 82 NGA, AEU & NUJ, PLUS PRINT SUPPORT GROUPS, TO MARCH WITH US FROM CLERKENWELL GREEN TO PENTONVILLE PRISON TO DEMAND HIS RELEASE PENDING HIS APPEAL.

WE ASSEMBLE AT 1.30 TO MOVE OFF AT 2.30. TELL YOUR CHAPEL TO SEND A DELEGATION, BRING YOUR FRIENDS & RELATIONS.

~ ALL BANNERS WELCOME ~
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Rupert Murdoch has made millions from the Sun, News of the World, Times and Sunday Times. That profit has paid for the building of his new, high technology plant at Wapping. His workers have co-operated for years with new technology, new agreements and new practices. That co-operation has contributed to his massive profits.

A decent, honest employer would have guaranteed a share of such success by promising the jobs at Wapping to his existing workforce. Instead Rupert Murdoch has given all 6,000 employees THE SACK.

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Theives Fall out

JIM WILSON FOC Eric Bemrose, Liverpool has been expelled by SOGAT. The reason—because he defended the right to strike.

The SOGAT Staff chapel in Merseyside and District Branch decided to take industrial action against what they considered to be the anti-union and despotic attitudes of their employer. Mr Martin, SOGAT '82 Branch Secretary then sacked them. At the Industrial Tribunal hearing Mr Martin's barrister quoted the exact same legislation which was used by Mr Murdoch to depriving the four sacked girls of the opportunity to air their grievances.

Is this any way for an official of SOGAT to behave?

Our union agreed not to use any of the provisions or procedures of the Employment Acts. Mr Martin was completely at variance to this agreement and acted against the basic trade union rights on which this union was built.

Given these circumstances, a petition was signed by 2,500 members and collected. Jim Wilson, the then Branch President, took up the request by rank and file members. Two meetings were held the first with 700 present. The mood was very angry and they felt disgusted that their union's name had been dragged through the mud. So strong was the feeling on this issue that a number of chapels stopped paying their subs. The chapel at Jim Wilson's firm instructed him to stop the dues paid to the local branch. This he did. But at no time did they go out of benefit and eventually all the monies were paid.

It is for these reasons, organising an "unofficial" meeting and not paying the subs, that he has been expelled.

But his real crime was he challenged the full time branch officials.

After the official notification of his expulsion mass meetings have been held which have endorsed him remaining the FOC.

We ask your branch/chapel to protest against this expulsion and for the SOGAT National Executive to investigate the Merseyside and District branch.

By A SOGAT Bemrose worker

Judge won't have print settlement

By MICK COSTELLO

JUSTICE Mars-Jones yesterday pursued a contempt of court case against Daily Mirror printworkers, even though Mirror boss Robert Maxwell had settled the dispute to which it relates. The judge refused to accept what he called "dressed up" apologies from two officials of the National Graphical Association who were involved in events which led to 621,828 copies of the paper being lost on September 19.

The hearings in the High Court opened with Mr. Christopher Carr, QC, for the Mirror Group repeating that the company no longer wanted to press

a motion seeking sequestration of the assets of the union and of its officials.

But the judge would have none of it as the stoppage last month was allegedly in contempt of a court injunction.

Mr. Maxwell claimed that the dispute arose because the NGA members were trying to carry traditional practices over to his new London Daily newspaper. He drew laughter from NGA members in court when he described stopping the printing of the Daily Mirror as "about the wickedest thing you can do."

The judge, wearing a wig and gown, thought it necessary to remind those present: "This is not a theatre."

Wapping: printers and TUC meet

By MICK COSTELLO

PRINT union leaders and TUC general secretary Norman Willis meet tomorrow to discuss next steps in the fight for jobs and union recognition for Rupert Murdoch's sacked London workforce.

The gathering comes after consultations over the past two weeks, during which Mr. Murdoch's News International newspaper-empire has moved to buy off the 5,500 sacked workers on terms already rejected in a ballot he had insisted on.

He is using the Advisory, Conciliation and Arbitration

Services facilities to secure the selling of jobs and of all claims before industrial tribunals.

Tomorrow's meeting will discuss steps to intensify the boycott of NI titles.

The unions want the TUC general council, in line with the feeling of the movement's annual congress, to make the electricians' EETPU stop its members crossing their picket lines at Mr. Murdoch's razor-wire protected printing plants.

Mr. Willis is hoping to hear from the union leaders of any proposals they might have to allow him to try and get negotiations re-opened with the company.

● One law for all? Don't you believe it. Try getting arrested at Wapping and see the double standard for yourself. Let's start with your arrest. At Wapping you are always assaulted on arrest. The mere touch of a policeman's hand on you is assault. If not, why is it classed as assault the other way round? You try pushing a policeman or holding his arm. They do you for assault, for obstructing the police. A rule for them and a rule for you?

You are then given a date to appear in court. Try not turning up at the appointed hour. A warrant for your arrest is issued. The police, they suit themselves, maybe turn up, but with pickets more often than not they do not. No warrant is issued for their arrest. You just come back another day that suits them. A rule for them, a rule for you.

Evidence is not ready the day you appear, tough luck, come back another day. Witness this case at Thames. A Picket has made his fourth appearance this week. They want to use a Video as evidence, but they haven't sorted out yet who is responsible for showing the Video in court. The police or the Prosecuting office. Tough luck, come back at a later date. To suit them. You try telling them you have forgotten your evidence or you don't know who is responsible for showing it. You would be laughed at all the way to Pentonville.

If you are unfortunate enough to have a record, that is read out in court, even though it may be irrelevant to your case. But a policeman is taken as an honest, truthful man, regardless of whether he has already been proved a liar in previous cases. Or been up on disciplinary charges. You are not afforded that information. A rule for them, a rule for you.

The most blatant is the famous notebook. The police can confer with other colleagues making their notes. After them, copy from someone else's notes. Add bits on, days after the arrest. All accepted in court. You are stripped of all your possessions, dumped in a cell, and a year afterwards try to remember everything that went on. There is no exaggeration here — people have been on remand for years. We have pickets arrested in March, still not dealt with. You are released after arrest, usually in the early hours. A bit confused, normally worried about the family etc. By the time you get home, most of the information you want in court is forgotten, but old Plod is alright — he has his notebook. A rule for them. A rule for you.

Saturday Night, 25th October: Wapping. Two or three thousand die-hard supporters of the strike attended the 103rd march to Wapping, thoroughly rebuffing fainthearted whinging (desertion) that the strike is over. After last week, the evening is relatively quiet. Large numbers of pickets quickly make their way to patrol round Commercial Road, where scabs come and go under massive police protection. Despite that, a number of scab artics and vans are done.

Tuesday 29th October: March from Peckham. About seven hundred assembled for the march, happy at going a different route to Wapping. The march proceeded through Southwark, with much support for the printers' strike, but also frequently stopping to disillusion someone reading the *Sun*. Police attempts to harass marchers were repulsed. The speech of the day came from a young girl of about six who spoke through a loudhailer and made a lot of sense. Among the several print banners which floated proudly in the wind, there was the new Times Revisers banner about Bob Tetaur's six months in jail, and numerous chants about David Payne, another printer with six months in the class enemy's jail. As the march passed Borough cop shop, it stopped to jeer the pawns for a while in a crystal clear demonstration of the maturity gained by print pickets in the last several months.

On Tower Bridge, the march stopped again, as one copper made trouble for himself by trying to stop a picket putting stickers on lamp posts and passing vehicles. As one hundred printers immediately crowded round, the copper decided it was really alright for him to put up as many stickers as he pleased.

The march arrived at Wapping as usual in the rain, about three hours after the start.

Wednesday Night 30th October: Tower Hill. Another march approaches. A couple of dozen or more women (WAM) have marched from Blackfriars across the river. They are joined by more women, in all about sixty, plus say one hundred men following along for a march to Wapping. On arriving at the picket line, the police assault the women, to clear the road. The women defend themselves as best as possible, and one arrest is made.

Meanwhile, a larger march, about one thousand, goes out from the back of Tower Hill tube station towards Aldgate. As it passes the bus shelter where a few weeks ago a police assault was driven off, a certain warmth is felt in the heart. No scabs are sighted because the march doesn't stay long enough in the area. At Commercial Road and Cannon Street Road, marchers want to continue East, but stewards set up a route South to the Highway and masses of waiting coppers. Just a few minutes after leaving Commercial Road, three scab artics go through. At any rate, the march reaches the Highway, where about 500 stop for an hour till 12.00 am, demanding the release of the one person arrested, undeterred by hundreds of coppers, including six mounted Kinnocks on three sides, with a fence on the fourth. Meanwhile two women from the luxury flats at Virginia provoke pickets in the Highway at Wellclose, and three more women are arrested while the main body is a few hundred feet away. Many move up but it is too little too late. The whole march, now joined by about twenty of WAM who had marched up to the rest, now moves over to Wellclose for a bit. Then two hundred pickets go to Leman Street Scab HQ where pickets have previously been assaulted and moved off when trying to demonstrate. Lines of scabs form a semi-circle round the sty as pickets demand the release of the prisoners and chant "Jump" at police in the windows. Finally at around 3.00 am, one by one the three women are released. They're chuffed at the sight of fifty pickets who have stayed to greet them. Two have been charged with obstruction, and one who is bruised now has two assault charges.

Militant 31st October

Saturday Night 1st November: Wapping. The 283rd day of the strike. 2,500 are present for the march. 'Allo, there is a new stall present from WAM, sweet down the belly too, and Special from the Fantastic vanworkers. Several hundred to a thousand Tartars move up to Commercial Road to stalk the vermin. News passes round of how another picket has been beaten up by the police during the week. Also there is word of four scab juggernauts who have been sighted removing their own windcreens to hear the pickets' truth. In Commercial Road, van-load after van-load of uniformed strikebreakers go by every few seconds. Only one scab coach is sighted for hours.

The Escapade. Thursday night's escapade in East London came to an abrupt end for me when the Transit pulled up and half arrested me. It was the beginning of one of the funniest farces you are ever likely to see.

We were supposed to be on a secret mission, but the whole of London seemed to know about it. We left in convoys for an undisclosed destination, and stayed in convoy, dodging around back streets, by this very act drawing full attention to ourselves. We arrive, jump out of the motors, about 60-80 of us, and in a pack move off to some point about a quarter of a mile away. Have you ever seen about 80 men all hustle and bustle in the dead of night? Let's face it, it don't look like a picnic or a come to prayer meeting, does it. So up comes Plod and stops my particular quartet. Let me tell you, we were carrying everything - I mean, like World War 3 was about to begin. The noise of scaffold tubes, iron bars, bags of bricks, 30lb weights, being dragged as we tried to walk on must have woke up half of London.

So they have us up against the wall and ask what we are doing. "Going home," came the reply. "Wiv all that scaffold," says Plod. "That ain't ours, guv'nor... it was already there, we just tripped over it." "Where have you been drinking," asks Plod. "In the Crown and Anchor," chips in the Bomber. (Hold your breath, this pub is a hundred yards up the road and it has been closed for a year at least.) With that, the Bomber drops a black widow catapult from his belt. "Right," says Plod, "you are under arrest." "But it ain't illegal to have a catapult, guv'nor," chirps the Bomber. "I know that," says Plod, "but you lot are up to something, and I'm going to do you for an offensive weapon." We all start looking at our flies, but Plod is not amused.

He is getting frantic now, because no help has arrived. He is holding the Bomber and trying to watch Dip and Do, who keep moving about. (Plod likes you to stand still when he is talking to you.) He is questioning us about a gang fight. We don't believe our luck. "The disguise has worked. We don't look like pickets." We ain't got our badges on. He asks me to turn my pockets out. I tenderly pat my sides and tell him I have a few weights for my job. "Why have you got gloves on?" "Cos my hands are cold." "Do you always go for a drink with gloves on?" "Yea, 'course I do if me hands are cold." Let me tell you, I must have had 14 to 20lb in each pocket in iron alone. He carries on questioning about a gang fight. I mean, I am 50, I haven't been out for a gang fight since I was 16 or so. He tells me and Dip to stay put, while he takes the Bomber round the corner. Dip goes with him, which he didn't like. It gives me a chance to unload me iron. I throw it over a wall and demolish some poor sod's outside loo. But Plod is deaf. He doesn't hear it. Now I am full of bounce, having got rid of the evidence. I start to get bolshie with Plod, and he tells me I can go. Not without the Bomber, we say. Oh alright then, but don't take me for a mug... I know you came over here for trouble." (You wouldn't think so. There is all this debris on the pavement which he has seen us drop. Iron bars, bricks, bottles, etc.) But has he guessed? That Hendon training gets you every time. Just to make his day, we own up to the gang fight. He is over the moon. He not only gives Bomber his catapult back, but his ammo as well. I bet we could have asked for the bricks as well.

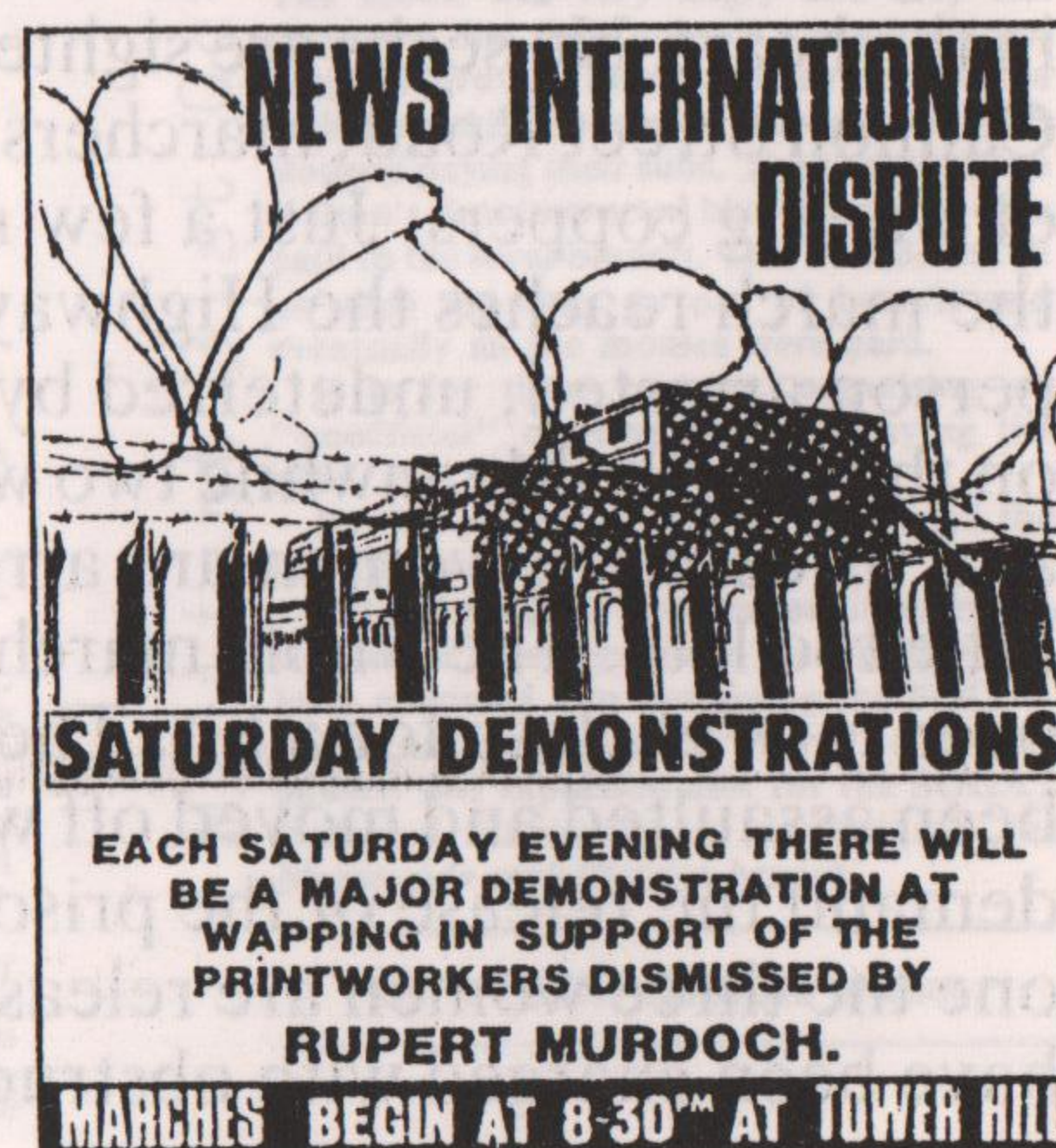
Imagine my surprise on Saturday when walking up to Tower Hill to join the march. Plod is acting as a human barrier across Cable Street. "Hello," he says, "remember me from last night?" "The Crown and Anchor, eh," he says, with that knowing look. "Nice to see you, officer," I says. "Yes," he says, "Nice to see you too." And gives me a puzzled look. The Tower is full of pickets and police at this time. And he is trying to work out what the leader of "The Wanderers" is doing here. Funny old night, ain't it. I hope he stayed on for Commercial Road afterwards. He must have thought it was the biggest gang of all time. I hope nobody told him and spoilt his day.

● With regard to Saturday night. Bet some of the pickets felt like Pickets again, didn't you, marching here, marching there, dodging Ploddy everywhere. Brick them here, brick the bastards anywhere. A bloody good night's work for a change. Beats standing at Wellclose drinking tea and being policed in a pen. Keep moving pickets here, there and everywhere. Plod don't like it, Murdoch don't like it, and you can be sure them scabs don't like it. Let's heck it up, Pickets on every exit route, Whitechapel, Burdett, Commercial - both ends - and the middle. More radio contact; as they move one lot on, another lot take their place. We can win and will. Keep thinking and acting. Don't wait for leaders, lead yourselves.

Income: £5.47 casual NGA minder; £5 working NGA minder; £5 *Mirror* worker; £30 *Sun* SOGAT machine chapel committee.



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THE PRINTWORKERS (LGSP)

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SPEEDO SCABS

Everyone knew that Murdoch's scab lorries and vans, careering around London at dangerous speeds with the blessing of the police, would sooner or later cause damage to ordinary people.

At 1.40am on Wednesday, 1st October one of Murdoch's "white mouse" scab vans hit and critically injured 22 year old Robert Grimwood as he was going home after leaving the London Apprentice - a gay pub in Shoreditch.

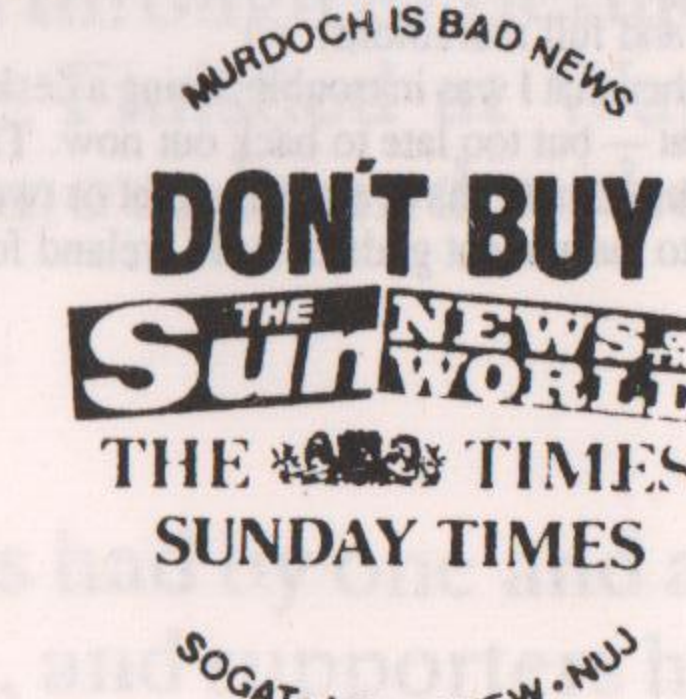
Robert was rushed to St Bartholomew's Hospital with severe head injuries. His condition is now stable and improving.

Anyone who witnessed the crash, and who doesn't want to deal with the police, can contact LGSP with information. LGSP sends our warmest best wishes for a full recovery to Robert and his lover Tom.

NEW BANNER FOR PRINTWORKERS

At the LGSP meeting on Thursday, 9th October the group decided to donate £100 to the wife and baby of Bob Tetaur - a sacked Times printer sentenced the previous day to six months in jail for assault. A few of us, using the expertise of a Leicester LEFT OUT member, made a fundraising banner for Bob's colleagues and Chapel members: 5' by 9' of a striking, thick green cotton with "Times Revisers and Copyreaders Chapel" in black at the top, "Defending our Jobs" in red in the centre, and "Bob Tetaur - Six Months in Jail" in white at the base.

The banner was ready - the gloss paint eventually did dry - for the RIRMA (one of Sogat's London Branches) delegate meeting on Saturday, 18th and caused quite a stir. The £100 donation from LGSP had started the ball rolling as far as raising funds and consciousness were



concerned, and a staggering amount of money was collected. That night the banner made its first appearance at Wapping and twinned with the LGSP banner on the march from Tower Hill.

The following Monday a surprise picket was called of the old Times building on Gray's Inn Road. At 12.30pm 400 sacked printworkers and supporters gathered opposite the main Sunday Times entrance and heckled the scabs entering and leaving the building. It was good to have the Bob Tetaur banner present. It was the only banner there and acted as a focus for the picket. The weather was foul, with the wind occasionally bending the poles, but spirits were high and it was a very successful picket. Once sufficient numbers had arrived the printers surged into the road completely blocking the main entrance. And it was quite a while before police reinforcements were called up to move people on.

The banner then led a spontaneous march off to the City, to the Old Street roundabout, down City Road and past the new offices of the inaptly named "Independent", to Moorgate and Bank and on to Fleet Street. The march ended up at the Sun building on Bouverie Street. This was a marvellous way of putting the dispute back on the map and secured a lot of good publicity for the fight. And the banner will be down at Tower Hill every Wednesday and Saturday for the 8.30 pm marches.

Guardian 6th November

Court ends Times ban by libraries

LORD Justice Watkins in the High Court yesterday ruled that three Labour controlled councils must allow their libraries to stock the Times, the Sun and other News International newspapers controlled by Mr Rupert Murdoch.

He granted an order to this effect against the London boroughs of Hammersmith and Fulham, Camden and Ealing. "There could hardly be a clearer manifestation of an abuse of power," he said.

A HIGH COURT judge yesterday meted out fines of £10,000 and £5,000 to two London printworkers, for defying his court and calling a membership meeting which halted production on September 19.

Thomas Harrison, Father of the Chapel of the National Graphical Association Graphics Chapel and his deputy FoC at Mirror Group Newspapers, were held responsible for the loss of 62,000 copies of the Daily Mirror.

Their apologies to the court were deemed to be too qualified and too late, and Justice Mars-Jones spoke of a "very grave contempt."

Their action in calling an office meeting at a vital stage in the printing of the newspaper was equivalent to giving "a two-fingered salute" to the court's earlier ban on stopping production.

Morning Star 8th November

● On Thursday night journalists who have gone into Rupert Murdoch's Wapping plant against their union's instruction, voted to stop paying their subscriptions to the National Union of Journalists.

This follows the expulsion of one of them, Industrial correspondent Carson Black, for defying the union's instruction by taking a job at Wapping after Mr Murdoch had sacked over 5,500 printworkers at the start of this year.

WOMEN
AGAINST
MURDOCH

W.A.M.

We attended court on Thursday, 6th November to support the four women who were arrested at Wapping on the 29th October. One of these women has put out a request for any witnesses who saw this happen. If you did see this, please contact us on our stall tonight. We're up on the left in Wellclose St. It's the bit that looks like JOE LYONS!

Sogat Journal November 1986

DAVE INGHAM, Home Counties District secretary, tells how nine members walked from Southampton to the gates of Fortress Wapping

WE DECIDED that the walk would start in Southampton on Wednesday 1st October and would be met at Tower Hill on Saturday 4th October and then on to Wapping. Total distance to be walked is 83 miles, in a total walking time of 26 hours, spread over four days. Just a gentle stroll at an average speed of 3 1/4 miles per hour.

We eventually finished up with the following list of walkers:—
Dave Ingham District Council Secretary and Solent Branch Secretary (carrying top weight)
June Turner South Essex
Dave Marks South Essex
Lawrence Wigmore Overton
Terry Ray Surrey & Sussex
Patricia Hodge Surrey & Sussex
Geoff Smith South Bucks
Paul Sullivan Basingstoke
Mick Masters Solent

So it was a very high class field of nine, ranging in ages from 20 to 64. Back-up transport was provided by Tony Golds and Susan Ingham, with Kit O'Connor as a runner.

MORNING STAR, Monday November 10 1986

Guardian 8th November

TUC urges softer line on rebels working at Wapping

Willis believes sacked printers must compromise

By Patrick Wintour, Labour Correspondent

Mr Norman Willis, the TUC general secretary, has told print union leaders that the 5,500 sacked News International printers have no chance of an improved offer unless they publicly drop their demand for the removal of electricians' and TNT distribution drivers from the company's Wapping site.

Mr Willis's view is part of a gloomy TUC assessment of the print unions' bargaining strength in the 10-month-old dispute.

Mr Willis is waiting for a response from the print unions before seeking to launch any new initiative. He has told the print union leaders that he is willing, along with the general secretary of the electricians' union, Mr Eric Hammond, to seek a meeting with the News International chairman, Mr Rupert Murdoch. However, he has said that he would not expect unions inevitably to ballot on any new offer which might emerge. He believes that union executives might have to override the wishes of the members directly concerned for the greater good of their unions as a whole.

Mr Willis thinks the only chance of getting an improved offer depends on the company failing to persuade at least 51 per cent of the dismissed workforce to take up its offer of individual compensation by Monday.

The only conceivable settlement the print unions can hope for now, in Mr Willis's assessment, is some jobs at Wapping, priority for sacked workers in future recruitment by the company, and union recognition for collective bargaining purposes on a national joint council.

Mr Willis said that his approach is a long shot, but if the National Graphical Association and Sogat support it he would expect the electricians to back the initiative. The crucial factor that would give the approach credibility would be strong and effective support for the electricians' union. It is partly for this reason that Mr Willis has told the print unions that he will recommend that the general council should not reopen disciplinary proceedings against the electricians' union. In February the general council issued all the strong directions against the union that were practical and legal.

Convoy delays aid for accident

By ISOLDA McNEILL

POLICE protecting scab TNT juggernauts delivering News International papers delayed ambulances trying to reach an accident victim near Rupert Murdoch's Wapping plant early yesterday morning.

Shocked pickets and bystanders watched in disbelief as police cars sealed off a turning from Butcher's Row into Commercial Road to force the juggernauts through on their scab delivery run. A man injured in a car collision lay on the pavement waiting for an ambulance as the police convoy arrived on the scene, escorting the juggernauts from the East London plant.

Traffic in the road was congested because of the two-car accident, and some spectators—totally uninvolved with protest outside the Fortress—stood watching. Police first closed the road, despite protests that this would block ambulances, and then made motorists move their cars to let the juggernauts through. Onlookers were assumed to be pickets and therefore treated as Wapping pickets always are—being moved on sharply. Pickets following the juggernauts heard policemen tell bystanders that the ambulance had been delayed by the actions of the demonstrators.

It was at least 15 minutes before police opened up the road and allowed the ambulance through to take the injured man to hospital.

The police actions came after a high-spirited 3,000-strong march to Wapping, with striking printworkers showing their morale runs high as ever.

At midnight police forced the demonstrators off the road outside the scab printing plant.

11th November

Defiant printers rally

OVER 1,000 striking printworkers crowded into Westminster Central Hall in London last night at the call of SOGAT general secretary Brenda Dean.

Thunderous applause greeted Ms. Dean's pledge that any offer aimed at resolving the bitter 10-month News International dispute would be decided by the strikers themselves.

Ms. Dean was questioned about reports that TUC general secretary Norman Willis had asked print union leaders to consider deciding future News International deals without consulting their membership. She told the meeting she rejected this suggestion when it was made and guaranteed to strikers that they would decide any offers in a ballot.

"This dispute is about jobs and union recognition. It is about newspapers printed by trade unionists," declared Ms. Dean. From the floor, London printworkers' leader Tony Isaacs told her: "Lead us and you will have an army the likes of

NI dispute day-by-day

Wednesday, September 17

Pressure on Rupert Murdoch continues with hundreds of print workers and Wapping residents marching with their band on Fortress Wapping during the night.

They chant slogans calling for rejection of the company's latest 'offer' of £58m to buy out their jobs and union recognition.

Thursday, September 18

At a London meeting of SOGAT members, general secretary Brenda Dean expressed support for the September 27 national demonstration at Wapping organised by the Liaison Committee for the Defence of Trade Unions.

Friday, September 19

Norway's electricians and power workers union (NEKF) debates Eric Hammond, general secretary of the EETPU, from addressing their conference because of the EETPU's role in News International—and he returned home to Britain.

The decision by the Norwegians was taken after pressure from the local print workers in the graphical and general workers union, who picketed the NEKF conference.

Saturday, September 20

In Swindon, sacked print workers are welcomed by local colleagues and Welsh miners as well as delegates from West Germany in a special festival organised to support Murdoch's victims and their families.

2,000 Wapping residents and print workers hold a 34-hour series of marches in the vicinity of Fortress Wapping demanding normal use of the streets and an end to police barriers.

Friday, September 26

Hundreds of demonstrators round Wapping in a march of support with sacked workers.

Fearing a rejection vote, News International issues public statement challenging the SOGAT's method of balloting. But this slur is strongly rebutted by Brenda Dean and TUC General Secretary Norman Willis.

Saturday, September 27

Over 4,000 march on Wapping at call of the Liaison Committee for the Defence of Trade Unions and the Metropolitan District Committee of the National and Local Government Officers Association and a call is made to lobby Mrs Thatcher at the Tory Conference on October 10 in Bournemouth.

Wednesday, October 1

News International pickets join with SilentNight sacked workers to receive a grand welcome during the Labour Party's Conference in Blackpool.

Thursday, October 2

London North District Committee of AEU recommends a 'No' vote in the ballot.

A report of the Labour Research Department reveals that the daily number of police used at Wapping up to the beginning of May averaged 1,014 — 1 for every 6 sacked workers. The first seven months of the dispute saw 1,139 arrests, overwhelmingly of print workers.

The police presence and the number of arrests compared with the number of workers in dispute is on a far greater scale than during the miners' strike.

Saturday, October 4

Strong women's contingent on the march to Wapping.

Wednesday, October 8

Association members reject offer by 5:1 margin and SOGAT and AEU also vote heavily against it.

At Wapping more than 5,000 demonstrators celebrate the result that night.

Thursday, October 9

SOGAT decides to call special National Executive to progress the dispute following the rejection vote.

Saturday, October 11

Another 5,000 mass outside the East London plant.

Wednesday, October 15

The TUC's Printing Industries Committee meets Norman Willis to demand action by the movement as a whole to support sacked print workers.

The hall erupted in delight when Mr. Newbury ripped the offer into shreds, and threw the pieces into the air. Past differences between the strikers and their national leadership were pushed aside as all in the hall renewed their commitment and unity to win their fight.

Repeated calls were made for the TUC to swing behind the strikers "and have the guts to discipline electricians' union EETPU."

Picket no. 34

Friday 14th November

Wapping (Commercial Road): 25th October. The march to Wapping from Tower Hill was quite well attended. Later in the evening groups started heading towards the Commercial Road. Once on the Commercial Road there were groups maybe totalling 200-300, roaming up and down waiting for the scab lorries. People were not disappointed. The scab lorries did come along, and where we were standing 3 were bricked, leaving misty screens. One guy legged it up a side road being chased by two plods, these in turn being chased by 30 pickets, only to arrive to see him being bundled into a mobile pig sty. Large numbers of pickets were blatantly outwitting the plods, which was good.

Wapping: Saturday 1st November. The march was led by 30 unemployed workers from Jarrow. With their banner at the front, the march set off for Scab Castle. On arrival, we were greeted by fireworks, with rockets hurtling into the fortress compound to the cheers of the 3,000 plus crowd. Later, several hundred pickets appeared in the Commercial Road and surrounding area. Half the Met seemed to be there with us, in Transit vans, coaches, unmarked cars and on foot.

Such presence that at about 11.45pm they felt safe escorting a convoy of artics out from Butcher Row and left up the Commercial Road. This was a mistake, for as they approached a crossing, pickets flooded out and stopped the convoy. As they started up again, the escorting police Landrover must have flicked up a couple of bricks, because suddenly, large gaps appeared in two of the artics' windscreens.

Inspector from Sutton was complaining that he and his men were not on overtime. In other words, they had been taken off their normal duty of spying on workers in a regular area and pushed off to strikebreaking in Wapping.

Tuesday 4th November: March from South London. In the afternoon, about eight hundred strikers and supporters assembled at the London College of Printing. Marched through to Bermondsey and Tower Hill without much incident. Stopped for a while on bridge and just over it. Finished at Wapping three hours later, and gathered at Wellclose. As crowd is breaking up, uniformed thugs move in and make a number of arrests. There are scattered struggles and spit in the air.

New writers welcome.

Wednesday 5th November: Wapping. A good night was had by one and all. March gathers at two ends of the Highway. From the West march 1,000 mainly NGA strikers, and supporters have marched from Tower Hill and massed in a compact block on the Highway just West of Virginia Street. To the right there is the iron fence, then rows of razor wire, then the parking lot for the scab juggernauts.

In the East, assembled at Butchers Row. Blackleg artics go by early, to shouts of: "Scab!". At the edge of the crowd there is one arrest for saying "scab". The march of 1,000 mainly SOGAT goes West on the Highway, stopping all too briefly at major scab exit routes, Glamis Road, Wapping Lane, then arriving at Virginia Street, where there are more police and mounted Kinnocks behind barriers. Fireworks go off in Wellclose. A number land in the police ranks. One horse throws its incumbent to the dirt. Hicks makes police announcements that fireworks must stop. Police move into Wellclose. Several hundred pickets move up to the van area in Wellclose Square to face the uniformed thugs. A steward tries to get pickets to leave area, and some do. After a while, there are scattered arrests and some workers are knocked to the ground by police in the process of doing their "job". Fireworks continue to go off. Massed ranks continue till early hours.

Saturday 8th November: Wapping. 2,500 stalwarts march to Wapping. As march stood in the Highway, a slow delay firework went off arching over the crowd to land right on a scab lorry parked on the ramp. Smoke billowed. Later a march was held to Commercial Road, but didn't manage to break free of uniformed strikebreakers. Patrolled here and there till late. A few scab lorries seen that had been talked to.

Tuesday 11th November. 400 printers assembled at the Scabtimes building and marched down Gray's Inn Road. Stopped for fifteen minutes or so before Chancery Lane tube to barrack a *Sun* reader in the offices above the ex-Woolworth store. Then High Holborn and Farringdon, Fleet Street, to stop unfortunately briefly at Bouverie Street to chant again the theme song: "Rupert Murdoch, Rupert Murdoch, Stick your money up your bum". Arrived at rally at Law Courts to demand: **Freedom for Imprisoned Printers David Payne, Bob Tetaur and Steven Savage.**

Wednesday evening, 12th November. Good turnout, about 1,000, heroes all. Marching, chests bursting forward; copper tries to elbow a banner carrier and pickets crowd around, compact tight, surrounded, strikebreaker backs away. A body is arrested at rear of the march for telling truth to a copper; march reverses immediately and stops in front of Tower Hotel for an hour. Arrives late at Wellclose, to give choruses of "Scabs". Several scab lorries have been timed to leave scab plant just now in a failed attempt to demoralise pickets, la crème de la crème.

Southampton News. Hot from the area that print union bureaucrats pretend doesn't exist, comes news from the TGWU's regional committee. In a formal press statement, John Ashman (district secretary) states that 15 TNT trunker drivers based at Eastleigh, Hants and Milton, Oxon, are being recommended nationally for expulsion. Mr Ashman apologised for postponements, that held over the decision from July 23rd, but virtually blamed the rule book's appeal procedure for that situation. Expulsion is virtually certain now, in view of drivers' failure to produce a convincing argument as to their anti-social behaviour at Wapping.

Coliseum and Marchwood Coaches, Southampton. Before we all allow the Southampton TGWU to congratulate itself about its dilatory action against TNT, let us not forget John Ashman's total failure to do the same with scab coach drivers at unionised Marchwood Motorways. Although only two men are alleged to be on the Wapping rat-run (the same as at non-union Coliseum), both the Southampton TGWU and the other drivers continue to ignore the ugly scabs in their midst. Despite the recent encounter with a reception committee in the Blackfriars Underpass, which ventilated a Coliseum Setra coach, the democratic David Pitter (Coliseum's owner) who vowed to stop the run if one of his coaches was zapped, still dirties his hands on Murdoch's danegeld. Southampton TGWU are on 0703 37373; ask for John Ashman, Livvy Read and/or Denny Harriman. Marchwood Motorways are on 0703 869033, 842134, 845433 and 868020 (nights). Coliseum are on 0703 472377, whilst the many other numbers of Pitters Transport Ltd are: 0703 472385, 472572, 474567 and 477125.

Southampton EETPU. News of discontent and some more recent dismissals reaches us, as the cauldron seethes. Current griping centres on new and more oppressive security measures and searches, bollockings about paper wastage, and the continued failure by Hammond and Scanlon over scab-union recognition. Advertisements placed in local papers by traditional shore-line employers have attracted a fair number of Wapping scabs seeking an escape route, whilst the CEEGB, who have proposed a new coal-fired power station at Marchwood, have been "deluged" with enquiries. One Wapping scab from Burlesdon (name known but withheld) claims his ex-mates beat him up after he was sacked, to warn him off talking to us.

IF THE HIGHWAY COULD SPEAK, it would tell you of a struggle that's now going on. It would speak of brave deeds, and of cowards. Of the few that have now sadly gone. It would speak of the blood and the anger, of horses sent into the fray. Of men who are wet and so weary but still they will not back away.

It would speak of confusion and panic. Of heroes, of young and of old. Of women supporting their menfolk and themselves, of youngsters so brave and so bold.

It would speak of the lies told by policemen when they speak to the cameras and say: "We don't use unmarked Policemen. The pickets just see it that way."

It would tell of the dark deeds of Police Chiefs when they steal railings from churches nearby. To show to the Pressmen and cameras and claim they were thrown at his eye.

If the Highway could speak, it would tell you, that we have the right on our side. But as history has always demanded, we must show our passion and pride.

It would speak of Mistakes made by Murdoch, in sacking us all in this way. For now we have no jobs to go to. In the Highway we might as well stay.

It would speak of the censor of Whitehall, whose aim is to keep it all quiet. Of Fleet Street, and its three monkeys: Don't Print It; Don't Hear It; and No Sight.

For they have a vested interest, to see we are beaten and checked. Then the workers of this dear old country will find themselves truly decked.

Welcome to WAM Newsletter

TO THE TUNE - A LONG WAY TO TIPPERARY

It's a long way to Fortress Wapping,
It's a long way to go.
It's a long way to Fortress Wapping,
To the dirty scabs we know.

Good-bye dear old Fleet Street,
Farewell to Gough Square.
It's a long, long way to Fortress Wapping,
But we're marching there.

TO THE TUNE - TWO LITTLE GIRLS IN BLUE

Two paper boys in blue - lad,
Two paper boys in blue.
Ran riot at Wapping, beating up pickets,
While guarding Murdoch's scab crew.

The chief paper boy in blue - lad,
Said well done, your promotion is due.
They've got shiney new shoulder pips,
They're now drinking P.G. Tips,
With Sun readers - at the London Zoo.

Demonstrate at
Unilever HQ
Blackfriars
Station EC4
12 noon 27th
November
Organised by
London
Greenpeace
to show support
for 43 animal
rights activists
currently
in prison
Animal rights
activists have
been good
pickets at
Wapping

Campaign
Against Police
Repression
March
29th November
12 noon
Assemble Clock
Tower Place,
Market Road,
N7
Against Public
Order Act just
passed



Income: 70p clerical striker; 29p NGA clerk; £1.80 Glasgow unemployed; £1.00 SOGAT striker; 60p strikers; 20p resident; £1.00 gardener; £5.00 NGA casual; £8.96 NGA strikers; £1.00 unemployed; £5.00 Oxford printers' support group; £10.00 Southampton *Hard Times*; £10.00 S. Mirror warehouse; £5.00 working NGA compositor.

Part 4 now available, send £1.00 in cash or stamps to:
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Published by picketing print union members and residents

WAPPING Post

Saturday 15 November, 1986

WAM! Cops nick four

group told the marchers and the police that WAM were not going to move until the arrested woman had been released. The arrested woman was returned to the demonstration. Shortly afterwards, two sisters and their mother who had tried to intervene were also snatched by police. The sisters allege that their arrest followed abuse from a group of women who fled into the block of luxury flats next to the site. The family were taken to Leman Street Police Station which was very quickly surrounded by several hundred demonstrators demanding that the three be freed. The station was cordoned off until after 2 a.m. when the women were allowed to go. All four were subsequently charged with obstruction. Two have been fined and bound over to keep the peace and two cases have yet to be heard.

JUST hours after the inaugural meeting of WAM - Women Against Murdoch - four women were arrested outside Fortress Wapping. The arrests followed a spontaneous march to the plant by the 60 wives and women supporters who had attended the meeting.

The support group has been formed to coordinate the tremendous role already played by women in the dispute and aims to carry out welfare, lobbying and demonstrations in the future.

The first arrest came when police pushed the women marchers off the Highway and back into Wellclose Street.

When the rest of the group realised what had happened they dispersed and rejoined the Highway by Canning Street where they met the regular Wednesday march.

A spokeswoman for the

SUN industrial reporter Carson Black has been expelled from the NUJ for ignoring union instructions not to apply for jobs in Wapping and crossing the picket line. Black, who moved from the Birmingham Post to the Sun is the first Murdoch scab to be expelled and his expulsion is indicative of the tougher line the NUJ is taking with those journalists who joined Murdoch since the move to Wapping. Hundreds of further cases are still pending. The Sun chapel of NUJ has suspended payment of its subs to the national union in retaliation.



The Jarrow marchers confront Murdoch's Fortress Photo Clare Dove

JARROW MARCH TO WAPPING

FOOTSORE and weary but happy and proud Jarrow Crusade marchers joined 3,000 cheering strikers and their supporters at Tower Hill on November 1. Fifty years after the first historic Jarrow march for jobs 30 men and women of Tyneside were again back in the capital demanding the right to work.

This time they had been joined on the crusade by other young men and women from the provinces in a massive protest against unemployment and 7 years of savage Government cutbacks. Warmly applauded by residents and passers-by they led the march

to Fortress Wapping beneath the original Jarrow banner carried half a century ago by their fathers and grandfathers. The march halted at Thomas More Street where they were presented with commemorative Wapping badges by four representatives of the newly-formed support group WAM - Women Against Murdoch.

At the main gates, held back by barriers manned by somewhat subdued police, speaker after speaker attacked the Tory's "oppressive employment and social policies" and expressed solidarity with the strikers in their struggle.

Christmas at home for the three imprisoned printers is the aim of a campaign being mounted by their friends and sacked workmates.

The Home Secretary, Douglas Hurd, is now under intense pressure to see that an early appeal date is set in two of the cases. The two printers concerned are David Payne, aged 43, a Southwark Councillor and member of Sogat's London Machine Branch, and Robert Tetaur, aged 34, a sacked Times copyreader and Sogat member.

Both were sentenced to six months jail at Southwark Crown Court last October and are now in Ford Open Prison. The third printer, Stephen Savage, aged 36 and a member of the Sogat casuals strike Committee, was sentenced to three months and is now in Sheerness jail.

The Payne and Tetaur cases are linked. The incident that led to their conviction arose when Payne was ferrying supplies to the Sogat van in Wapping where he came across Tetaur and a TNT driver having a difference of opinion.

Payne's car at the time was stacked choc-a-bloc with bread rolls, sausages and kitchen utensils. In the court case both Payne and Tetaur were accused of causing actual bodily harm and a Sogat sauceman was cited in evidence as an offensive weapon. The jail sentence deprives Payne not only of his liberty but also of the chance to pursue his political career. His Labour colleagues on Southwark Council are particularly alarmed by what appears to be a double penalty in his case.

Southwark Councillor Danny McCarthy said: "It's absolutely automatic. If a Councillor receives a prison sentence of over three months then he or she is banned from holding office for five years. And there's no appeal. In David's case it could be more like seven years as there would be elections late in the period of his ban."

McCarthy has already written to Neil Kinnock asking him to take up Payne's case with the Home Secretary and he is organising a petition among Council colleagues to send directly to Douglas Hurd - "with copies to God if necessary."

The printworkers campaign is being organised by Payne's brother, Jack, also a member of the London Machine Branch. He has circulated a number of mining areas with details of the case - "because they know what it's like to have workmates thrown in jail" - and is hopeful that they, through their MPs, will put further pressure on the authorities.

"There's no way my brother is a violent man," says Jack Payne, "and the prison authorities obviously agree with me. They moved him from Pentonville to open prison in less than a week."

The move to open prison, however, brings another kind of hardship particularly for families. Old Ford is near Littlehampton, in West Sussex, and not easily accessible to printers' wives and children.

David Payne's wife Carol said: "With David away none of us drive so we have to rely on other people to get any distance, like a prison visit. For short journeys we sometimes have to take cabs and they cost a fortune. Stephen and David, and a little girl, Gemma, aged six, 'Gemma misses her dad a lot of course' said Mrs Payne, "but we do talk about him and what's happened. I've kept nothing from her and she's accepted it. She's a sensible little thing. I took her on a visit to the prison and it went very well."

Bob Tetaur's family lives in Clacton-on-Sea and his wife solves the prison visiting problem by making a two day operation out of it - one to get there, the next to get back. Mrs Tetaur said they were coping but that their baby son Joshua, now eight months, must have a peculiar view of a father's life. He was born just after Bob was sacked from The Times and now only gets to see his father after cross-country marathons cradled in his mother's arms.

There was one sense in which being a sacked printer's wife made good training for being a prisoner's wife - it taught you how to survive on a low income. But Mrs Tetaur was not inclined to make much of it - "After all, we're all in the same boat."



Cudham Hall: Labour supporters and sacked Wapping printers picket the main entrance.

SEVEN magnificent pickets halted a Labour Party "charm school" at Scab Hall, the EETPU training college at Cudham on October 27.

Those attending, all Labour prospective parliamentary candidates were persuaded by the pickets to walk out after they heard of the Wapping recruiting activities of the EETPU.

The pickets, led by Bill Penfold Chair of Sun SOGAT Machine Chapel, cheered as the delegates walked out.

"The delegates got a very different welcome to the one that the expected," said Bill. "Some of them did not know that Cudham Hall is owned by the EETPU. We told them exactly what sort of establishment it is."

When Terry Ashton, General Secretary of the London Regional Labour

demanded to know why the decision had been taken to hold the seminar at Cudham.

Ashton replied that "we" needed to keep the EETPU in the movement and there was "nowhere else available."

The pickets told him the course should have been cancelled rather than held at Cudham.

Ashton then disappeared inside Scab Hall and the pickets continued to lobby arriving delegates, pressing them for a hearing inside the meeting. Eventually Ashton invited them inside to address the delegates where Bill Penfold and Debbie Fenn of Orpington CLP spoke for the group.

the sight of the EETPU banner. I accused the delegates of selective blindness and asked how, after nine months of struggle, they could bear to sit in that scabby room."

"Terry Ashton said that everyone had their own point of view and the seminar had cost the Labour Party a lot of money - we later found that it was £1,600."

"I asked them what price they put on solidarity and the efforts of their sacked comrades over the last 9 months. We told them that unless they cancelled the meeting and left Cudham Hall we would publicly tear up our Party cards as we had no wish to have people who were prepared to scab as comrades."

meeting and went out into the rain again. A few minutes later Ben Bosquet, Prospective Parliamentary Candidate for Kensington came out to say that a vote was to be taken. To the delight of the magnificent seven the meeting was called off after a show of hands.

A spokesman for the EETPU said that the Labour Party's decision was "foolish and shortsighted." It was unfortunate, he said when people gave in to "intimidation" and the Party would have to pay.

"There's no way my brother is a violent man," says Jack Payne, "and the prison authorities obviously agree with me. They moved him from Pentonville to open prison in less than a week."

Picket

no. 35

Friday 21st November



Guardian

News International said last night that 1,500 of its 5,500 dismissed printers yesterday had accepted the offer of individual compensation.

This represents an increase of 300 in the past two days and puts the company 1,250 applications short of 50 per cent acceptance. The company claimed another 400 were waiting only for details to be ironed out.

Neither the TUC nor the individual print unions have said the Wapping dispute would be over if 50 per cent accepted the company's terms. But it would be a serious psychological blow in the 10-month-old dispute. Mr Rupert Murdoch, the News International chairman, wrote to the sacked workforce again yesterday imposing a fresh deadline of Monday week for acceptance.

On the same day the TUC's finance and general purposes committee will meet the five print unions when both Sogat and the NGA will press for implementation of the congress resolution implicitly calling for fresh disciplinary action against the electricians.

Mr Norman Willis, TUC general secretary, will argue that the TUC cannot instruct its members at Wapping to stop work.

15th November

COPS are being stopped from hunting villains because of an overtime ban.

Angry detectives in the East End say that criminals are getting away with serious crimes because of the overtime clampdown.

One detective told the Gazette: "I was sent home in the middle of investigating a particularly vicious crime. 'I wanted to carry on working, but was told I could not continue beyond my normal eight hour shift because of overtime restrictions."

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He added: "It's the same story throughout East London, and the police are fed up with the situation."

"We believe all the overtime money is going on policing the News International Dispute at Wapping, and that is affecting normal police duties."

His view was backed by Michael Bennett, who is chairman of the Metropolitan Federation — the body which represents police officers between the rank of constable and chief inspector.

He said: "We don't know for certain where the overtime cash is going, but we think it must be going on the Wapping dispute."

"If we had our way, we wouldn't be policing there at all. Our presence has succeeded only in making a large number of people anti-police."

"Meanwhile the public are angry that police are being taken off the streets because of Wapping. And police morale is rock-bottom because overtime cuts mean we can't do our job properly."

Mr Bennett pointed out that 20 police officers doing a 12-hour stint at Wapping meant a minimum of 80 hours of overtime being done.

But according to East End top cop Wyn Jones, it is "absolute rubbish" to suggest that overtime at Wapping was affecting other police operations.

He added: "Overtime must only be worked when it is operationally necessary."

"Some police officers think they have the right to work overtime whenever they feel like it. They must learn to recognise that financial management is necessary in the police as in every other walk of life."

He added that the situation was under constant review.

Tommy Sheppard, who chairs the police committee of Hackney Council, said: "If reports of a police overtime clampdown are true, it is a scandalous situation."

"The police are squandering public money by excessive policing of the Wapping dispute while serious crimes are not being properly investigated."



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Wednesday 5th November. Wapping. The march from Tower Hill was slow, this being due to the fact that kept slowing down the march and defusing the anger. When we finally got to Wellclose the fireworks really started flying, straight at plod. Plod didn't seem to like this and moved into Wellclose pushing and throwing us about as they usually do. People still continued firing at plod. They then started getting heavy arresting anyone and also battering anyone. This is what we come to expect from plod. Some people were arrested, one of our friends being beaten up by the plod in custody. The rest of the night seemed to be quiet compared to the earlier events.

Saturday 15th November, Wapping. This well attended march showed that the vast majority of those who accepted Murdoch's blood money were the same ones who rarely, if ever, picket, demonstrate or march with us. What we never had we will never miss.

Most of us will not heed Murdoch's call to "take the money and run". We will not stab our union in the back. We will stay and fight. After the usual mass shout-in at Scab Hall, we left for other venues. At about 11.10pm, four scab artics ventured up the Commercial Road. At least one of them wished he hadn't chanced it — it must have been a cold ride up the motorway, if he had it at all.

After that, a number of pickets along the Commercial Road made it a no-go area for the scabs and their blue-clad minders. A scab coach ran the gauntlet several times and around about 12.45 got a lively reception as it neared Butchers Row. The filth then concentrated on getting the papers out via the Highway and Tower Hill.

At 1.30 two artics, heavily escorted front and back, came by. This time, among other things, two road lamps came up and jumped through the closed side window taking the mirror with it. A surprised scab driver found he had an extra light on board with him, some central heating to keep out the cold from the recently installed air conditioning.

Note. Along the Commercial Road, opposite Fenton Street there are two video cameras mounted on each end of the premises of "Sydney St Shopfitters". They are probably being used for rush hour traffic but they will also be used as picket monitor spotters. So beware, no full frontals or road running in the vicinity.

Monday 17th November. Bouverie Street. Anticipating developments, fifty or sixty pickets gathered at Bouverie St around eight in the morning. No police were present. After a while one copper came wobbling down the street. Then realising he had already committed himself, he strolled down to the now-grilled gate, later joined by others. As picket numbers built up to two hundred, a few scabs crawled in to shouts of "scab". Heads down at first, but arrogant once they had some police protection.

Wednesday 19th November, Wapping. One march from Aldgate East tube and the other from Tower Hill. Scab traffic tied up. Hundreds took part in each march. At Aldgate several scab lorries seen early and some were bricked. As march assembled at Aldgate there was one arrest for telling the truth to a police strikebreaker. Marched east on Commercial and stopped at Butcher Row. The scab lorry that would have passed by rear of march (there is always at least one just after march leaves Commercial) got caught in traffic for a while. This march finished at Virginia at midnight. As police cleared road several arrests were made.

Throughout the night vanworkers provided food without equal.

Thursday 20th November. The 116th strike march to Wapping saw 1500 printers march from Fleet St in the afternoon.

Southampton. The local paper recently reported, somewhat sketchily, that parked cars of Wapping scabs had been "vandalised" while they were at work. Police are thought to have pressurised the editor not to reveal the location — we know it was near the local eye hospital. We believe that the attack was probably provoked as a result of internal EETPU jealousy.

Scabs. Many of the former staff hands who crossed the picket line at Bouverie St left in disgust, when the golden futures most had expected in Murdoch's brave new world turned to dross. However, David Blake, 48 Stoneyshotts, Waltham Abbey, Essex (former Deputy Head Reader, *Sun*) decided he couldn't resist a menial job at West Horndon TNT depot.

Frank Turvey, 01-551-1372 (former Head Reader, *Sun*) scabs at Fleet House and Grays Inn.

Harry House, 67 Trent Gardens, Cockfosters Rd, N14 4QB, 01-449-6174 (well known to *News of the World* colleagues) is still scabbing as a "consultant".

Scab TGWU shop steward Peter Eady at Marchwood Motors is feeling very proud of himself these days. He has negotiated a £12-a-trip bonus for the drivers who do the regular Southampton-to-Wapping run.

An interesting insight into the type of scab Murdoch recruited from Southampton arrived with the name of Kevin Hayes, of 20 Colebrook Avenue, Shirley, Southampton, 0703-777741, attached to it. He sits atop an ad hoc group inside Wapping that is currently plotting to topple the Scanlon dynasty and cripple Murdoch (once we have been dispensed with).

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