

# Benn blow to Healey in revolt over cuts

By David Buchan

CHANCELLOR Denis Healey's plans for further cuts in public spending were last night under new fire from both inside and outside the Cabinet.

In one of his defiant acts, Energy Secretary Tony Benn gave his approval to a Labour Party document, which describes the sort of economies Mr. Healey is planning as a grave economic mistake.

Mr. Benn chaired a meeting of the home policy committee of Labour's national executive.

Before it was an economic report prepared by the party's chief researcher, Geoffrey



Healey: Pleading

Bish, arguing against the £1,000 million cuts Mr. Healey is said to be contemplating.

### Unopposed

The committee decided against publishing the report until it has been sent to the full executive, the Cabinet, and all Labour M.P.s. But it was passed last night, with no opposition.

The only other cabinet minister present at the meet-

Chancellor accused of 'bowing to City pressure'

ing was Prices Secretary Mrs. Shirley Williams.

She expressed her strong disapproval of the document which accuses Mr. Healey of succumbing to pressure from the City.

The committee demanded an immediate meeting with him to discuss its opposition to the cuts. This is expected to be held before the end of the week.

The committee also had before it the controversial plan to nationalise the big



Benn: Defiant

banks and insurance companies—another scheme to which Mr. Healey is totally opposed. Again, with Mr. Benn's approval, this document was given the go-ahead.

It will be debated by the full executive before going forward for final adoption as official party policy at the Labour Conference in October. But it is unlikely to become Government policy.

There was another blow for Mr. Healey last night during a meeting with the Left-wing

Tribune group of M.P.s. He failed to persuade them that further spending cuts are essential.

The M.P.s came away from the meeting almost certain that they will be voting against Mr. Healey when the Commons debates his measures.

Tribune chairman, Mr. Arthur Latham said: "We feel that something not very pleasant is about to happen."

### In peril

"We stressed to the Chancellor that many members would be in disagreement with cuts, especially in the social services and could put the Government in peril."

Earlier this year, a Tribune group rebellion led to the defeat of the Government on public spending geonomics.

And tomorrow union chiefs will tell the Chancellor that continued co-operation in pay restraint is at risk if he goes ahead with the proposed economies. The warning will be given by a top-level T.U.C. delegation.



Action man Patrick MacNee (right) lines up with Joanna and Gareth

Steed bows in with new friends

THE NEW Avengers stepped out yesterday for the first time.

At Pinewood Studios, Buckinghamshire, Patrick MacNee, the nonchalant bowler-batted John Steed, was photographed with his two new co-stars.

Purdy — actress Joanna Lumley — is a knockout whether she is wearing chiffon and suspenders or delivering karate chops.

Actor Gareth Hunt, who plays Mike Gambel, Steed's right hand man, may be remembered as the saucy servant in "Upstairs Downstairs."

"The Avengers" the hit that grossed £17 million, is being turned into another TV series which should be just as popular.

# Strike threat railmen blunt Sunday Axe

BRITISH RAIL has dropped plans for slashing weekend services in the Southern Region.

The climbdown is a major victory for the three rail unions.

Now the biggest, the National Union of Railmen, is pressing ahead with its campaign against other planned cuts.

And N.R.E. president David Bowman warned of an all-out strike if necessary.

He said his 185,000 members were ready to "close the bloody lot" if Ministers slash passenger services.

Yesterday's victory means that only about 32 stations will be closed on Sundays, instead of nearly 200.

The number of lines due for closure have also been cut back—in the South-East division only the Blackfriars-Herne Hill line will be chopped.

In the Central division there are to be no line closures instead of the original 11.

In the South-West division, it was proposed to close 16 lines, but now only one.

Gulfport to Redhill is affected.

Mr. Bowman's strike threat was issued as the unions' campaign in Paisley, Devon, Environment Secretary Peter Shore will be told of the "new" tough line on Friday.

Mr. Bowman told delegates that a six per cent transfer from rail to buses, laid out in the Government's Green Paper on transport, would effectively mean axing half the passenger network.

Lines

It could mean the closure of 343 miles in England, 117 in Scotland and 64 in Wales.

It could also mean no rail-way north of Glasgow and Edinburgh, only main lines to Holyhead in Swansea in Wales, no railways to Down-well and nothing in the North-East except the mainline to Newcastle.

Mr. Bowman also hit out at British Rail's pension fund for buying a £500,000 pleasure yacht instead of investing millions of pounds in British Rail works.

Mr. Bowman said he was an electrician, plumber, canal worker, he declared.

# 'Dora is dead'

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without trace in Uganda in recent years." He went on: "Will you make it clear that international opinion increasingly regards the name Amin as synonymous with butchery and terror?"

At this Mr. Robert Mellish, former Government Chief Whip called out: "Careful David—his black."

Mr. Rowlands agreed that international opinion would be outraged.

Mr. Geoffrey Finberg (Tory, Hampstead) and others urged the Government to advise the 500 remaining British citizens in Uganda to leave.

Mr. Finberg said: "As long as they are there they are hostages to the sort of four black-and-Amin is continuing to perpetrate."

Aware

Mr. Rowlands said: "These citizens will be fully aware of the situation. They have gone through many crises in the past few years."

Mr. Hugh Fraser (Tory, Stafford and Stone) asked the Government to make a "resounding condemnation" of terrorism at the Security Council.

He said: "That would give some gratification to those who feel let down by one of the weakest Foreign Offices this country has ever seen."

Mr. Rowlands rejected the charge as "unjustified" and

said: "We will support any effort to condemn mining and international terrorism at the Security Council."

IN NEW YORK Britain's Ambassador to the United Nations, Mr. Ivor Richard, told the Security Council that Mrs. Bloch is probably dead and demanded that the Uganda Government clarify her fate.

But, back in London, Mrs. Bloch's niece Mrs. Ruth Hammond said: "I will give up hope until I am told something definite."

Meanwhile both Uganda and Kenya yesterday denied claims by the other of big troop build-ups on the 400-mile border.

Murder

THE EXECUTION of the four mercenaries in Angola was denounced as "political assassination" and "judicial murder" by the Commons reports WALTER PARRINGTON.

Mr. Ted Rowlands expressed the Government's shock and dismay.

He made clear that Britain will make strong protests to Angola while seeking the earlier release of the eight jailed mercenaries.

Mr. Enoch Powell claimed that the Queen had been humiliated by involving her in an execution which cost the lives of four mercenaries.

But Mr. Rowlands rejected the charge as "unjustified" and

### Weather

YESTERDAY'S WORLD NOON TEMPERATURES

|             |           |
|-------------|-----------|
| AMSTERDAM   | 26.4 (79) |
| ANKARA      | 21.1 (70) |
| BERLIN      | 21.1 (70) |
| BUDAPEST    | 21.1 (70) |
| COPTENHAGEN | 21.1 (70) |
| GENEVA      | 21.1 (70) |
| SINGAPORE   | 21.1 (70) |
| LAS PALMAS  | 21.1 (70) |
| LISBON      | 21.1 (70) |
| MADRID      | 21.1 (70) |
| MALAGA      | 21.1 (70) |
| MILAN       | 21.1 (70) |
| MOSCOW      | 21.1 (70) |
| NEW YORK    | 21.1 (70) |
| OSLO        | 21.1 (70) |
| PARIS       | 21.1 (70) |
| STOCKHOLM   | 21.1 (70) |
| WINDY       | 21.1 (70) |
| LONDON      | 21.1 (70) |

GENERALLY WARM

RAIN IN PLACES AT FIRST, SUNNY SPELLS, SUNNY SHOWERS

ATLANTIC CHART

Worm front, Cold front, Occluded front

Moist rises 9.30 p.m., sets 8.25 a.m. tomorrow. Sun sets 6.14 p.m. tomorrow. High water at Dover 1.06 p.m. and 1.29 a.m. tomorrow. London 4.03 p.m. and 4.28 a.m. tomorrow.

TODAY: Thundery showers at first, becoming dry and sunny. OUTLOOK: Mainly dry and very warm.

WARMEST PLACES IN BRITAIN: LONDON, CARDINGTON ( Beds) 31C 8C (48F). Sunniest: Brighton 12.8 hrs. Wettest: Watnail

Pollen count: 4 (very low). Forecast: Similar.

AROUND THE RESORTS YESTERDAY:

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|------------|--------|
| BLACKPOOL  | cloudy |
| BIRMINGHAM | cloudy |
| BRIGHTON   | cloudy |
| BURTON     | cloudy |
| GLASGOW    | cloudy |
| LONDON     | cloudy |
| MANCHESTER | cloudy |
| NEWCASTLE  | cloudy |
| NOTTINGHAM | cloudy |
| PLYMOUTH   | cloudy |
| READING    | cloudy |
| SHEFFIELD  | cloudy |
| STURKELEY  | cloudy |
| WATFORD    | cloudy |
| WIMBORNE   | cloudy |
| WINDYBUSH  | cloudy |

# WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A POLICEMAN AND A POLICEWOMAN?

**B**ASICALLY about four inches. The minimum height for policemen is just under 5' 8". The minimum for policewomen is just under 5' 4".

Apart from that everything is equal: pay, conditions, training, duties and promotion prospects.

However, there are some things which ladies do better than men. And vice versa. And being in the Metropolitan Police doesn't alter the fact.

**In the beginning.**

You don't need a pocketful of 'O' levels or 'A' levels to get into London's Metropolitan Police. But you do need a good deal of common sense.

And you have to be reasonably fit. After we've had a chat with you, we'll check out your previous history.

If you haven't been naughty we'll put you on full pay and send you to our brand new training centre at Hendon.

**A lot to learn in four months.**

At Hendon you'll go through an intensive course in law, law enforcement and police procedures.

You'll learn how to spot evidence and how to record it. You'll learn how to make an arrest, and how to defend yourself if things get rough.

Throughout the course you'll be in the hands of skilled and very experienced police instructors, who like to teach by example as much as by the book. They set up realistic situations such as robberies, accidents and even riots to teach you how to apply the appropriate rules and techniques.

By the end of the course a lot of their confidence and self-reliance will have rubbed off on you. You'll feel ready to tackle anybody who's making trouble. And ready to help anybody who's on the receiving end.

**Where the difference begins to show.**

Your next move is to a London Police Station.

At first you'll be under the watchful eye of an experienced officer. But as soon as you're ready, you'll be on your own.

Although generally both men and women work the same shifts and cover the same duties, some differences do emerge.

A policeman may find he has to use force to break up a brawl. A policewoman can often do it just by the threat of arrest. (Many men hate the idea of being arrested by a woman).

And it must be said that policemen do their utmost to prevent their female colleagues from getting involved in violence.

**The first couple of years.**

Patrolling your patch, sometimes on foot, sometimes in a car, you'll see the seamy side of life. And you'll sort out situations which would probably make you run a mile right now.

An area where ladies are particularly effective is in spotting youngsters who are up to no good. Often they can stop them before they get into trouble.

You could find yourself in special plain clothes squads set up to trap pick-pockets, or drug pushers or what have you.

You'll go on crime detection courses. You'll learn how to drive properly and operate a radio.

Towards the end of your first two years you'll sit an exam. Following that you may decide to go for promotion.

In the Met you can get to the very top entirely on hard work and ability.

**The rewards.**

After your first year of service your average earnings will probably be well in excess of £3,000 a year and you get a rise every year for the first six years. Besides which police pay is reviewed regularly to keep it in line with the cost of living.

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