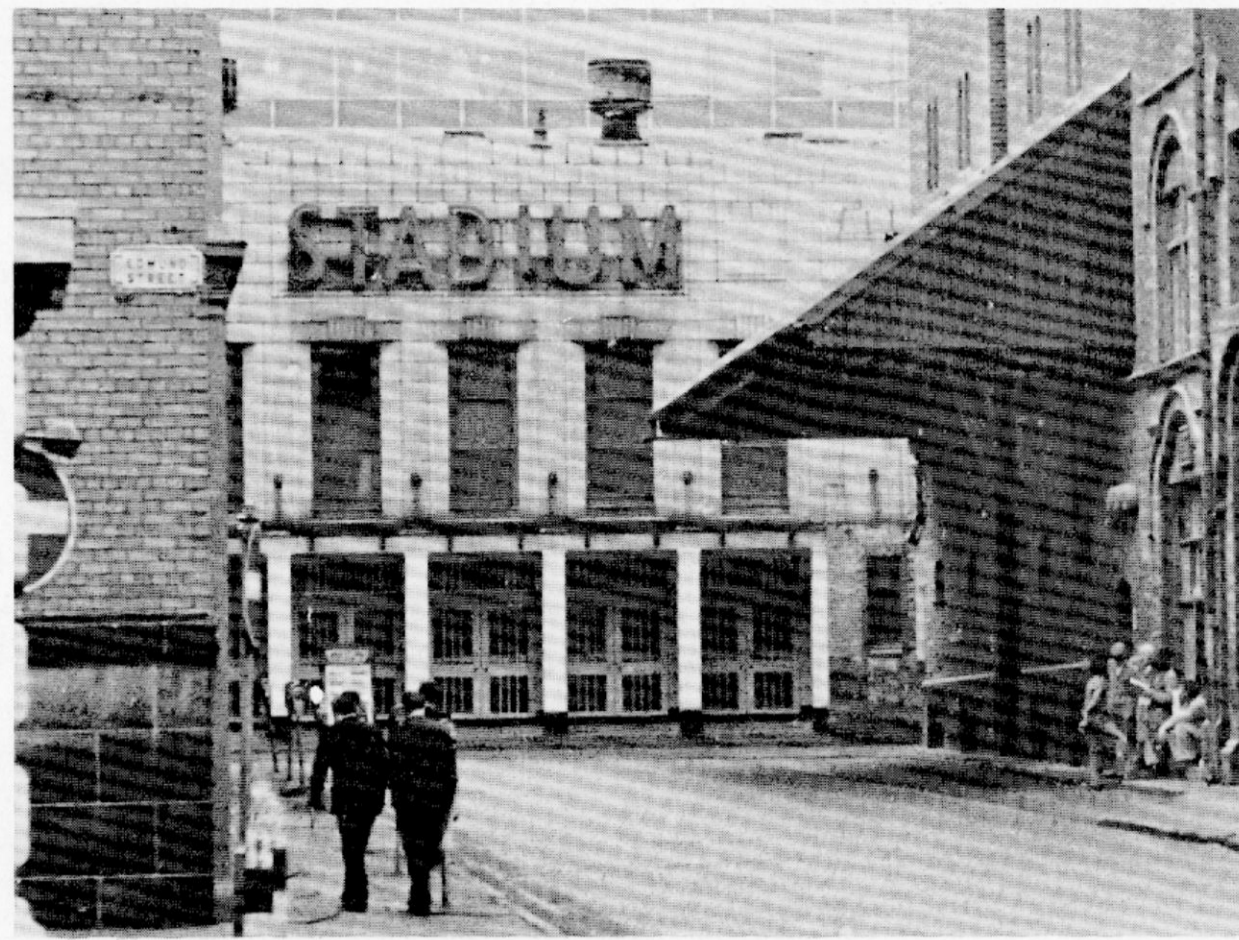


STADIUM TO BE DEMOLISHED

Liverpool Stadium is to be demolished. It has been sold to Liverpool's home-grown property speculators, the Walton Building Company, and will make way for shops, car parks, gardens and — of course — offices.

The stadium is famous for wrestling and pop concerts, but the people who miss it most will probably be the dockers and big trade unions. For them it's the traditional indoor meeting place. It seats 4,000 and no other building in the city centre has anything near this size. The next largest is the Empire Theatre, which holds only 2,550 — not enough for a really big mass meeting.



Mr Robert Woods, multi-millionaire boss of the Norbury Insulation Group has just ordered his own personal Lockheed TriStar jet. The plane, which will cost £5 million, will have four bedrooms.



On being made redundant, thirty women workers at a factory near Blackpool threw a champagne party for the management "to show there were no hard feelings".



Eighteen-year-old John Timms of Warndon, Worcester, was walking home one night when a thief robbed him of his yellow flared trousers. Said John's mother: "Fortunately he was wearing a long raincoat which helped to cover him up a bit".



Baby is rescued from cot

Liverpool Daily Post, September 15, 1972



Labour MP Michael McGuire had a ride in a hot air balloon at Skelmersdale's summer show. No prizes for guessing who supplied the hot air.



Sergeant Brian James, Crime Prevention Officer for trendy West Hampstead is concerned about the increase in car thefts. "The trouble with Hampstead people is that they don't seem to worry if a thing is stolen — they just go out and buy a replacement. This makes our job difficult", he said.



During Ascot week left-over sandwiches from the Royal Enclosure were handed out to the hungry and homeless in London's East End.

European workers meet in Liverpool

WORKERS from three European countries came to Liverpool recently to plan tactics against a multi-national company.

Since Dunlop and Pirelli merged last December they have cut the number of employees by 8,500, reduced overtime and made plans to concentrate production in the Far East.

So shop stewards from France, Italy and Spain came to Britain last month for a week to discuss the threat with Dunlop/Pirelli workers here.

And while they were here a day-long conference was held in Liverpool between the European stewards and those from Merseyside, including representatives from Walton, Speke, and Skelmersdale factories.

The Spanish stewards had to remain anonymous, because after a Dunlop/Pirelli World Council meeting in Geneva in June, two of their delegates were arrested.

Dunlop/Pirelli, which has 210 plants in 23 different countries, operates in a number of authoritarian countries, including Portugal, Greece, South Africa, Turkey and Spain, where they use the police to jail workers who strike.

French and Spanish workers have now been co-opted onto the International Steering Committee which has been set up to prepare for unified action.

PREGNANCY

Free urine testing and advice is available from British Pregnancy Advisory Service (Merseyside Branch) 11 Old Hall St, Liverpool. Tel: 051-227 3721 Registered charitable trust.

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Wage deductions case may go to High Court

A GROUP of Merseyside workers say the Social Security department are taking money out of their wages illegally — and may take the case to the High Court.

For they have been refused a right of appeal against the deductions made under a new anti-strike regulation.

And they fear others who have been in industrial disputes throughout the country could suffer if no appeals are allowed.

Twenty-six construction workers at Stanlow oil refinery received two weeks' social security benefit when they returned to work after a dispute. Their wages weren't due for over a week.

But after a few weeks the Social Security tried to reclaim the benefit by deducting money from their wages under the Government's new Supplementary Benefits (recovery by deduction from earnings) Regulation.

For several weeks workers with the help of Check organisation (Tel: 709 4812) prevented the S.S. reclaiming the money, as reported in Free Press No 9.

The men pointed out that during the dispute their employers, Fluor Contractors, had sacked them so they were not on strike. This meant the S.S. had no powers to deduct any benefits from their wages.

However, the department ignored this and said the workers had no right of appeal under the regulation. Their decision was final, they claimed.

But the Citizens' Rights Office in London say anyone can appeal against a Social Security ruling if it is over a question of 'the right to benefit'.

Eventually the workers and Check laid the case before an S.S. tribunal in Bolton, but after a long discussion they refused to hear the appeal.

Now the men are thinking of obtaining a High Court order compelling the tribunal to hear the case.

If they fail the S.S. will be able to make decisions under the regulation and no-one will be able to question whether they are right or wrong.

A career with good prospects

THE DEATH of an unemployed Kirkby boy who joined the army — and became the hundredth British soldier killed in Ireland — has led to protests about recruiting methods.

Kirkby councillor John King commented: "I think it is wrong that the army should move into a town like this. They are taking advantage because they know that young lads here are desperate for money."

Contest

On August 5 this distressing story found its way into the Daily Post, where, by some horrible blunder, this announcement appeared just above it:

BOYS
Win a day with the Army — new contest

On another page were exciting pictures of the army in action and details of the Daily Post's contest:

"Be where the action is! Here is a great opportunity for TEN BOYS aged 13-16, to spend a day with the British Army on September 27. Our party of winners will be guests of the Army's School of Infantry, based at Warminster, Wiltshire. A comprehensive programme has been arranged, which includes rides in tanks and personnel carriers and the firing of infantry weapons.

"The party will stay overnight and every waking minute promises to be ACTION PACKED FULL OF EXCITEMENT."

Competitors were asked to place in order eight things which "make the army an interesting and worthwhile career."

Correct order

The 'correct' order decided by the judges was: 1 good career prospects; 2 the challenge; 3 the comradeship; 4 opportunity for travel; 5 good pay and allowances; 6 ample sports and recreation; 7 generous leave; 8 use of latest equipment.

Not surprisingly, nobody from Kirkby got it right.

HAZARDS OF MODERN LIFE

Warning to people living near the route of the new M62. Noise level in a modern £250,000 eight-storey block of flats 20 yards from the elevated section of the M6 at Spaghetti Junction, Birmingham, is 30% above the level likely to cause damage to hearing.

What's more, three miles away at Gravelly Hill the Birmingham Health Department are concerned about the amount of lead pollution from car exhausts. They fear the quantities could harm children.

A 'STRONG' BUILDING

A revolutionary new building material has been developed by the University of California Materials Department. It consists of powdered glass and dung.

The inventor claims it will solve two formidable waste disposal problems at one time... the 30 million glass bottles thrown away each week in California, and the 100 million cubic feet of dung produced by cows in the state every year.