

Pregnant wife races to see injured PC

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A POLICEMAN was badly injured when he was jabbed in the neck with a broken milk bottle during fighting at Grunwicks today.

The bottle had been hurled from among a crowd of pickets just as PC Trevor Wilson was knocked to the ground while trying to arrest a picket.

Another picket ran from the crowd to collect the bottle and viciously stab it into PC Wilson's neck. It is thought the blow severed an artery and PC Wilson, a 29-year-old member of Scotland Yard's Special Patrol group, lay for several minutes with blood pouring from the wound.

Some pickets were shocked by the attack, but others said "kill the injured man. One kicked the injured man. This picket was instantly arrested, but the bottle attacker escaped.

PC Wilson was taken to Central Middlesex Hospital with what was officially de-

scribed a severe laceration to the skull.

A police car was sent to take his wife, who is six months pregnant, to his bedside.

PC Wilson's wife Janette was later driven back to her Whetstone home. She said: "He's got a nasty injury and they're keeping him in. He has a collar to support his neck."

Shocked

Scotland Yard said later: "PC Wilson is still seriously ill."

The attack happened in Dudden Hill Lane, Willesden, after some of the most vicious fighting so far between pickets and police.

Mr Chris Jones, a 24-year-old sales representative, saw it all.

He said: "There was a cordon of police at the back entrance of Grunwicks and a police van came out of the factory."

"This meant the cordon had to break and as the van

approached a police sergeant with a megaphone appealed to the pickets to keep calm.

"But the pickets started banging on the van shouting 'Kill the Fuzz'."

"One policeman got out of the van and started pushing the crowds back."

"A bottle flew out of the crowd on the other side of the road just as the policeman fell to the ground on his back. I've never seen so much blood in all my life."

"It was an awful incident and was quite unnecessary. I've been watching today and the police have been really good. They've been keeping calm and it's just the pickets who have been angry."

"Another policeman told me that the injured man is on the critical list and is in danger of losing his life."

'Terrible'

Mr John Wall, an area organiser of the clerical union APEX, appealed for witnesses to the incident. But a section of the crowd howled him down.

He said: "This is absolutely terrible. This does our cause no good at all."

"I heard someone shout 'Hit him again.' I turned round to thump him but he'd gone."

The attack on PC Wilson came as a delegation from the clerical union APEX were leaving for a conference at Scotland Yard.

They were going to discuss the easing of picket violence with a deputy assistant commissioner. The union's deputy secretary Mr Tudor Thomas said: "That's all we need" when he heard the news about the injured policeman.

During today's battles a policewoman was kicked and punched as she held on to a man and another policeman slightly injured.

Some women demonstrators were caught up in the crush and were led away white-faced and shaken.

Police and demonstrators had a tug of war with one man. He was dragged several feet along the ground before being able to stagger to his feet and run off.

Mr Wilford Gibson, Deputy Assistant Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police, replied to allegations of police using unnecessary force. He said: "We are merely maintaining the right of both parties as far as we possibly can."

"If we close the streets we will merely move the site of the problem and interfere with peaceful picketing."

Scargill is arrested

MINERS' leader Arthur Scargill was arrested during the first bout of fighting at Grunwick's today.

Among other National Union of Mineworkers officials held was Mr. Emyr Jenkins, agent for the Rhondda Valley.

After more than six hours Mr. Scargill was still being held at Paddington Green police station with nine other men.

Miners on the picket line were angered over the police action and said they would be telephoning their area branches to urge a national coal strike in support of the dispute.

But this afternoon officials at the Yorkshire headquarters in Barnsley said: "We still have not heard from Mr. Scargill. We can do nothing until we hear more details."

Mr. Scargill, president of the Yorkshire miners, struggled for nearly three minutes with five police officers who were trying to drag him to a police van.

Other miners pounced on the police to try to prevent his arrest.

Eventually Mr. Scargill was put into the van—with one officer holding him around the neck and others pinning his arms.

Mr. Scargill had brought 150 miners from the Yorkshire pits—each man is being paid £15 loss of earnings plus meal expenses by the union—to support the Willemsen pickets.

Dragged

A further 50 arrived from South Wales (some complaining that they were not being paid and were in fact losing a day's pay of £12).

On arrival Mr. Scargill had been greeted with rapturous applause and he told the pickets: "If there is an attempt to deny the right of the pickets to impart information to the people on the bus then we will have to swell the picket lines until our will is apparent to the whole British nation."

Shortly afterwards Grun-



A policeman grabs Arthur Scargill by the neck as he is arrested.

wick's double-decker bus arrived full of staff wanting to go to work at the film laboratories.

A police officer approached the pickets and asked them to move back—adding that official pickets would be allowed to speak to people on the bus. But he was shouted down.

Pickets pressed forward trying to break the police cordon and there were moments of extreme danger as the bus edged forward.

Both police and pickets fell down close to its wheels. Shortly after the drama Scottish miners' leader Mick McGahey arrived to join the pickets, with 12 more miners.

He said: "I am shocked that this violence takes place. The miners and Grunwick pickets disassociate them-

selves from it." He then added, without explanation: "I believe there are some provocateurs around."

THE LEGAL wrangle over union recognition at Grunwick was speeded up by Lord Widgery, the Lord Chief

WEATHER SERVICE

Until noon tomorrow: Dry. Sunny this afternoon and later tomorrow morning, but cloudy overnight and at first tomorrow. Max temp 22C (72F). Wind light east or north-east.

Channel, North Sea and Irish Sea: Slight.

OUTLOOK: Continuing dry, sunny and warm. Sun sets 9.22 p.m., rises 4.44 a.m. Moon rises 11.59

Justice, in the High Court today.

He ordered the case between the firm and the official Arbitration and Conciliation and Advisory Service and the clerical union, APEX to start on July 4 instead of July 18.

a.m., sets 12.30 a.m. High water London Bridge 6.46 p.m. Tomorrow 7.22 a.m., 7.31 p.m. Lighting-up: 9.52 p.m. to 4.14 a.m.

In the 24 hours up to 7 p.m. in London: Sun: 9.5 hours. Rain: Nil. Temp.: Max 14 C (57 F.) Min overnight: 11 C (52 F.)

The pollen count shot up from five to 317 today and the forecast for tomorrow is that it will stay very high.



Your time's nearly up, Denis

THERE are times when even an optimist as incorrigible as Mr. Denis Healey has to come to terms with reality.

He must now face the fact that, although voluntary wage restraint has worked well enough over the past two years, the Government's side of the bargain—price control—has been a disaster.

The pips aren't squeaking; they are being squashed.

It is no longer just a matter of feeling the pinch. Inflation, still in double figures despite the Chancellor's sanguine predictions of 18 months ago, when everything was going to be rosy come autumn/Christmas/spring, has crushed us to the point where the most humdrum shopping expedition breaks even the stoutest hearts.

So what are the prospects for Phase Three?



Not to put too fine a point on it, it is a dead duck, and the sooner Mr. Healey acknowledges it, the better. It is all over, bar Mr. Len Murray's signature on the death certificate.

In some quarters, the obsequies are already being observed, albeit with a lamentable absence of respect.

Thus Mr. Enoch Powell at Hounslow yesterday: "All forms of control or limitation of wages should be abandoned at once. That free-for-all which is brandished at us as a terrible bogey is exactly what we need. Everybody should be allowed, so far as the State is concerned, to go for the most he thinks he can get—and the best of British luck."



It may be argued that Mr. Powell's motives were mischievous. The point is that his denunciation of the Government's wages strategy came on the same day when Mr. Scanlon publicly disowned the Social Contract, of which he was a founding father, and when Mr. Clive Jenkins announced that so far as he was concerned, his union would be asking for 21 per cent, and "it is every man for himself."

Of course, this is the last thing most intelligent trade unionists want.

With Phase Two expiring on July 31, the Chancellor must produce an alternative fall-back device (possibly based on further tax reliefs) that will ensure at least a measure of order over the coming year.

There is precious little time left for him to come up with the solution.