#### PROBATION OFFICER TELLS COURT:

# YOUTH **'REJECTED**

A youth who accidentally started a fire which did damage of more than £33,000 was "an immature boy, rejected by his mother and his girl friend and living alone," Bristol magistrates

were told today.

A probation officer was reporting on Thomas James Griffiths (18), of Hartington Park, Redland.

Griffiths admitted breaking into the store of Baker, Ltd., College Green, and stealing property worth \$13 \times 50 treet, and stealing model kits worth £12 9s. 10d.

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Griffiths, (18), of Hartington Park, Redland, and previous good character, was lead on probation for three years.

At a previous hearing it was stated that while in the

He also admitted breaking into the shop of Bristol Model Aero Supplies, Colston

#### MAN STOLE 'TO FEED CHILDREN'

A 41-year-old man gave a false name and address and a false number for his vehicle when he sold scrap metal he had stolen from his

metal he had stolen from his employers.
Bristol magistrates were toold this today when Dennis William Haynes, of Hardenhuish Road, Brislington, admitted stealing 3½ cwt. of copper and lead worth £35 6s. from the South Western Electricity Board.
When he was arrested by officers of the Police Special Services Souda he told them: "I had to feed my kids somehow."

years.

At a previous hearing it was stated that while in the basement of Baker Baker, Griffiths dropped a lighted match which started the accidental fire.

dental fire.

He tried unsuccessfully to put it out with fire extinguishers before running to the Royal Hotel to call the fire brigade.

Today the probation officer, Mr. William Miln, told the court Griffiths, father was away too much to exercise effective control over him.

#### 'CUT OFF'

"His mother seems to me to have cut off her son from her affections," he said.

"His attitude to his mother is one of rejection in return for her rejection of him.

"Between the two of them life under the same roof has become intolerable and he will not return home."

Mr. Min said at the time of the offence Griffiths was lonely and had been drinking too much, and the result was the theft of childish things of little value. "I had to feed my whow."
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He was fined £40 with 120 costs.

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# Dispute delays petrol supplies

Petrol deliveries from the giant Esso terminal in Avonmouth are being delayed by a dispute involving

## YOUTHS WHO SET KIOSK ABLAZE FINED

Two youths used a compound consisting largely of weedkiller to set fire to a telephone kiosk in Queen's Road, Bishopsworth.

The compound was sodium chlorate, sugar and paraffin, Bristol magistrates were told today.

William Charles Nash (18), of Randolph Close, Hartcliffe, and Robert George Skuse (17), of Smithmead, Hartcliffe, admitted doing wilful damage of £5 10s. to the kiosk.

Nash, with four previous convictions, was fined £15 and Skuse, with a previous good character £10.

In addition each was ordered to pay £4 17s. costs and compensation.

#### GLASS BROKEN

Mr. Oliver Lovibond prosecuting) said police and he fire brigade were called the kiosk.

away.
"I saw smoke and flames and wished I hadn't brought the jar," he said.
The youths apologised in court for the incident and said they did not realise the incident would go so far.

#### He exchanged H.P. car

John David Taylor (21), of Holmesdale Road, Bed-minster part exchanged a car he had on hire purchase, Bristol magistrates were told

The £12 he still owed had since been repaid to the finance company it was said. Taylor who admitted steal-ing the car, worth £80, was fined £10 with £3 3s. costs.

#### Application for bail refused

A 65-year-old man was charged in Bristol today with naving a pair of setssors on a rain as an offensive weapon David Gwn Clarke no fixed address, was remanded in cus-dody until April I. His appli-tation for bail was refused.

#### Drugs charge

Andrzej Biesaga (20) of Princess Vidtoria Street, Clif-ton, was remanded on bail until April 22 in Bristol today, He was charged with being in unlawful possession of the drug cannabis.

But there is no danger of supplies drying up or of motorists being inconvenienced, an Esso spokesman said this afternoon.

He said: "We are having some restrictions put upon our operations, but we are still delivering."

The dispute was being discussed in London this afternoon by representatives of the National Oil Trade Committee and the Transport and General Workers Union.

#### **EFFECT**

The trouble follows a breakdown in productivity talks between the union and Esso. The effect so far has been only to delay petrol supplies in Avonmouth and in Scotland, but the situation is likely to worsen.

The union are demanding a £4 a week pay rise for Esso's 2,500 tanker drivers and marketing plant workers.

The Avonmouth drivers and

ers.

The Avonmouth drivers refuse to make full use of the new 6,000 gallon tankers. They say that a 1966 productivity agreement only covered tankers with a maximum load of 4,000 gallons, so they are refusing to use the new tankers if they are more than two-thirds full.

# the fire brigate were cared to the kiosk. They found six panes of glass broken by the heat, the dialling mechanism meited and the paintwork blistered. In a statement after their arrest, Skuse said they had just left a youth club and he had a pickle jar containing the mixture. A last-minute hitch fiusband to be Christo Golding today.

A last-minute hitch faced husband to be Christopher Golding today.

And he nearly had to go through the marriage ceremony at Bristol Register Office without his best mancousin Brian.

Brian was driving the bridegroom's car to the wedding when the brakes seized at Broadmead roundabout.

Smoke began to pour from the vehicle's underside and the fire brigade were called.

"I hope I make it in time," said Brian, of Pound Road, Kingswood, as curious lunchtime shoppers looked on. He

did.

His cousin was due to take the car on honeymoon. "Fortunately, he's got another one at home," said Mr. Gold-

Mr. F. R. Jackson pre-sents the cheque to Mrs. P. Bloom. Watching are Dr. P. S. Sinclair (left), Mrs. Audrey Hawes (hon-secretary) and Mr. Fergus Lyons.

## £250 CHEQUE FOR S.H.E.

A scheme to provide a new deal for Filtons men over 65 moved a step nearer today. A cheque for £250 presented to S.H.E. 7 (Self Help Enterprise — Bristol 7) brought the total raised towards providing a workshop for the district's retired men, to more than £1,000.

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Today's gift came from the Van Neste Foundation following an Evening Post report on the scheme last January.

Mr. F. R. Jackson, foundation chairman, presented the cheque to Mrs. Phyllis Bloom, chairman of S.H.E. 7. at Falcon House Youth Centre, Filton.

Dr. P. S. Sinclair, vice-chairman, said: "We are grateful to the Evening Post for some invaluable purposition of the property which has helped a great deal in raising the first 1,000.

#### \*\* PAGE ONE BROWN

Williams

Williams announced he would be resigning by the end of February.

He also announced that national agent Miss Sarah Barker would be resigning shortly

Barker would be resigning shortly.

The retirement of Mr. Williams could give Mr. Brown just the opening in the party that he is looking for.

But he is not the only man attracted by the position Mr. Williams is relinquishing. Mr. Anthony Greenwood, Minister of Housing, is also said to be interested.

"HARM"

MR. DONNELLY later said

MR. DONNELLY later said of his expulsion that the National Executive "have done themselves much more harm than they have done me"

me."
He would continue in Par-liament as an Independent, and would probably fight as an Independent at the next election.
Mr. Glyn Rees, Mr. Don-

Mr. Glyn Rees, Mr. Don-nelly's constituency agent, said: "It is likely that the pro-Donnelly factions will over-ride the anti-Donnelly factions at Pembrokeshire Labour Party's annual meet-ing on April 6. "This means it is possible the Pembroke Labour Party will break away from the Labour movement."



Mr. George Brown leaves with Mr. James Callaghan the Home Secretary, after attending the Labout Party's National Executive at Transport House London, today.

## **West Dock** hopes sink fast

by DAVID ROSE

Conservative and Labour M.P.s are convinced more than ever that the Government are to give the "thumbs down" to Bristol's £15 million West Dock scheme.

Fears that, by shelving a decision two weeks ago, the Government were merely

Government were merely granting as temporary stay of execution, have been strengthened following last night's Commons debate over the Tress Report.

Mr. Alan Williams, Joint Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Economic Affairs, outwardly gave no clue to what Transport Minister Mrs. Barbara Castle's final decision would be.

But the general effect of his remarks has reinforced the pessimism among M.P.s of both parties that the final anouncement will be unfavourable.

The prospect of outright rejection, however, is being discounted by some M.P.s. It is thought the Government could shelve the project again until the completion nex' year of the Severnside study.

Labour M.P.s. joined Conservatives in slamming the Government's reply to the Tress Report.

Despite pressure from

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Despite pressure from M.P.s, Mr. Williams was un able to give a firm was unable to give a firm completion date for the Bristol-Penzance spine road, or say when the Government would announce their decision over the West Dock scheme.

See also Page 9.

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Engineers

how productivity and efficiency could be improved.

SECOND: They should then say to their members on both sides: "Translate these general principles into practical terms at plant level. Workpeop'e who make a contribution to improvement can obtain higher wages within the context of stable or reduced labour costs."

stable or reduced labour costs."

THIRD: The position of the lower-paid should be safeguarded by nationally negotiated improvements in minimum earning levels.

Mr. Martin Jukes, Q.C., director general of the federation, said it had been estimated that the "cost of this enormous claim" would add no less than 20 per cent to the wages bill of the engineering industry. It was a most inappropriate time to propose large and inflationary increase in Labour costs.

and inflationary increase in Labour costs.

The employers believed that a further agreement for a three-year period would be in the best interests of the industry and the country, and they would like to negotiate the terms of such an agreement with the unions.

## WEATHER : Outlook: dry and warm

The weather in the Bristol area will remain mild and dry. Gloucester Met. Office said this afternoon. There will be sunny periods during the day and clear periods at night. Visibility will be good with winds moderate, occasionally fresh, south to south-westerly. The minimum temperature tonight will be 6C. (43F.) with the maximum tomorrow of 11C. (52F.). Outlook: Mainly dry and warm with sunny periods. Tides: Tomorrow—Avonmouth \$12 a.m. \$2.7 p.m. Westensuper.Mare, 7.43 a.m., 7.38 p.m.

# \*\*\* Somerset Army

dig one a bit nearer the village — but it flooded."
The hideout measured approximately 12 feet by eight and its walls were galvanised iron sheet reinforced with timber.
The entrance to the underground room was through a well-

underground room wash through a well-camouflaged door.

It had a bramble bush growing out of it.

The dug-out centained five bunks — and the group's supply of ammunition and explosives.

Mr. Loder said: "Only seven people knew where the dug-out was. The six of us, and our area commander."

#### Survival

There were other auxiliary units in the area—
at Martock, Crewkerne,
and East Coker.
And all would have had
to work independently if
the invasion of this courry had taken place.
Mr. Loder explained: "It
the Germans had 'landed,
we would have left our
homes and disappeared
into the dug-out."
From this base, the

From this base, the groups, using mainly explosives, would have gone out on raid; to cause havoc among the invading force.

among the invading force.
Although they had only
three weeks' rations in
their hide-out, they could
have existed there almost
indefinitely.
Each was trained
off the land.

About 100 yards from the dug-out was a camouflaged observation

camouflaged observation post.

There was a telephone link between the two places — although in the observation post the telephone was hidden in a secret wall compartment.

This was to ensure that if the man in the observation post was captured, his friends in the dug-out would not be detected.

Both these hide-outs were blown up at the end of the war when Auxiliary Units were disbanded.

How effective would Mr. Loder's group have been if they had gone into action? "Well, it's impossible to say

### Why?

"But, we were all fairly young — and didn't see much fear, and I think we could have caused a lot of chaos among the German forces," said Mr Loder.

But one thing still mystifies Mr Loder — why he was picked for Auxiliary Units in the first place.

He once asked the senior officer who first approached him.

The reply he got: "Well, you looked fairly intelligent."

#### Two brothers stole cable

Brothers Arthur Ralph William - Garrett (21), of Maynard Close, Hartchiffe, and David Frances Garrett (23), of Fouracres Withy-wood, admitted stealing cable worth £15 8s. from their employers in Bristol today

today
It had been taken from
the Marsh Street site of
Standard Telephones and
Cables Ltd.
Arthur Garrett, who had
four previous convictions,

Arthur Garrett, who had four previous convictions, was given a suspended gaol sentence of six months and his brother was fined £15. They were ordered to pay £5 5s. costs.

#### Meeting-for the under-30's

A youth Committee for Human Rights Year have been formed in Bristol and they are organising a meeting on Friday open to members of the public under 30.

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