

Editor of Express expelled over writ

The fact that the *Daily Express* was aware that documents would be served on Mr Arthur Scargill in the chamber on Monday and had a photographer alongside the server led to the withdrawal of the credentials of Sir Larry Lamb, its editor.

Mr Derek Gladwyn, chairman of the conference arrangements committee, announced the decision at the end of the morning session.

Mr Mostyn Evans, general secretary of the Transport and General Workers' Union, had earlier complained of the invasion of conference privacy by the service of a writ by a private detective. The detective had, by collusion or otherwise, a *Daily Express* photographer at his side, that should never happen again.

Mr Tony Banks, MP for Newham North-West, later commented that Mr Eric Heffer, chairman of conference, should have dealt with the *Daily Express*. "You should have thrown out the *Daily Express*. Get the bastards out."

Mr Evans in his statement said conference deplored and abhorred the invasion of its privacy by a private detective who served a writ on the NUM and "had at his side, by collusion or otherwise, a photographer from the *Daily Express*. All the denials in the world will not convince me that there was no collusion."

"I ask you to join with me and the TGWU delegation to insist that our privacy will never be invaded again by these people who want to sell newspapers."

Mr Heffer called for order and a show of hands; was given unanimously.

Then followed further demands for the expulsion of *Daily Express* representatives from the hall. Mr Heffer insisted that those who sought that had to go to the conference arrangement committee.

Mr Gladwyn said: "Standing orders committee have been investigating since Monday afternoon the circumstances surrounding the taking of the photograph published in the *Daily Express* yesterday showing the service of a certain document upon the president of the National Union of Mine-workers.

"We have been unable to discover exactly how the server gained access to the floor of conference. However, we do know that the *Daily Express* was aware that the document would be served and had a photographer alongside the server of the document.

"In view of this the credentials issued to Sir Larry Lamb, editor of the *Daily Express* have been withdrawn. (applause).

● Mr Robert Maxwell, the *Daily Mirror* proprietor and former Labour MP, yesterday gave the party £43,000 roughly equalling a separate sum raised from an appeal made in Tuesday by Mr Alex Kifson, of the W.E.C. Last year's appeal raised £10,000—