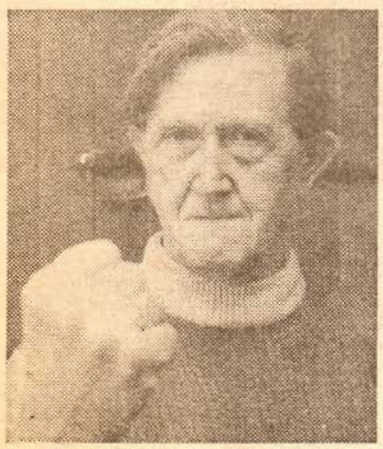


WHY I TOOK SWIPE AT SCARGILL

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Anger of Sam, 59



Sam yesterday . . . "I saw red"

By JOHN KAY

LIFE-LONG trade unionist Sam Bates told yesterday why he tried to thump miners' leader Arthur Scargill on the nose.

Grey-haired Mr Bates, 59, who gave up his job as a wood machinist because of a heart attack, lunged at Mr Scargill during a pit strike rally at the weekend.

And he admitted: "I saw red and went for him. I'm not a troublemaker, but that man gets up my nose."

"I've never liked him. I tried to thump him on the nose and give him some of my own back. But then the police came in."

Mr Bates added: "Normally I am against violence. And I've never been in trouble with the police before."

"It was a once-in-a-lifetime demonstration."

Mr Bates, from Mackworth, Derbyshire, lashed out at the NUM president in Derby

Car

He was immediately arrested and taken to Derby police station.

Mr Bates said he spent about one-and-a-half hours in custody but was not taken to the cells.

He added: "The police were ever so good to me. They even took me home in a car."

"They told me Mr Scargill was not intending to press charges."

Following the incident, Mr Scargill told newsmen: "I can assure you I was not knocked over by anyone."

STRIKE

STRIKING miners who accept a £100 "loyalty" Christmas bonus from the Northumber 1 and NUM branch were warned yesterday it could mean a cut in their social security benefits.

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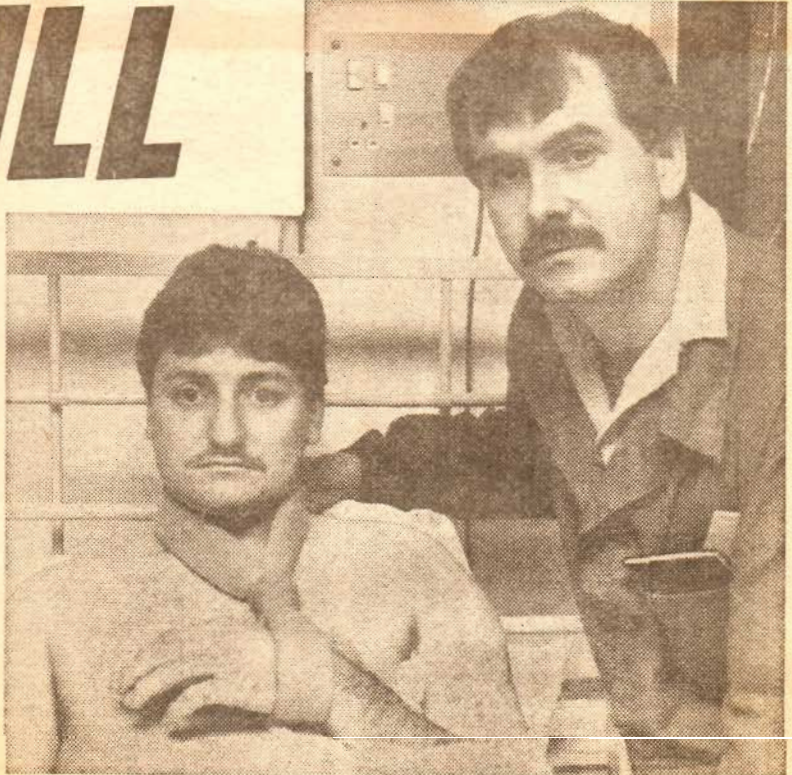
'PM SCARGILL' ALERT BY TORY

MILITANT miners' leader Arthur Scargill could be Prime Minister if Labour wins the next general election, a Tory predicted yesterday.

Sir James Gould told Young Conservatives in Peebles that a Labour victory would lead to a takeover by the hard Left.

NUM cash row

CLAIMS that suitcases full of secret cash are being smuggled to the NUM for the strike could be probed by Chancellor Nigel Lawson, Tory MP Anthony Beaumont-Darke is tabling a Commons question over allegations that other unions have each given up to £20,000 to beat High Court sequestrators.



Attacked . . . strike rebels Mike Fletcher (left) and Stuart Spencer

HEFFER'S RAGE AT PIT 'DESERTERS'

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their jobs — and they are considered subversive. They feel very strongly."

Mr Heffer, who led last week's rowdy Commons demo over social security money for pit strikers' families, promised more rebellion in a breakfast TV interview.

He said he and his Labour Left-wing colleagues would be looking at ways of stepping up the fight within good Parliamentary practice.

BLAMED

That spells bad news for Labour leader Neil Kinnock, who returns tomorrow from a visit to Russia.

He is due to appear on the same platform as strike leader Arthur Scargill at a Labour Party rally in Stoke on Friday.

And a majority of Labour MPs want their leader to condemn arson and assault against working miners.

In a radio interview yesterday Mr Scargill challenged the Labour leader to make his position clear at the rally.

He said he expected Labour and the TUC to stick by conference deci-



Kinnock . . . faces fury of the left-wingers

sions to give "total support" to the miners.

"No doubt the leader of the Labour Party will make clear what he wants and where he stands on every single question affecting the miners' dispute."

The miners' leader refused point-blank to condemn violence handed out to Mike Fletcher and Stuart Spencer.

He insisted the NUM had never been involved in violence and said: "No body in this union would subscribe to attacks on people's houses."

WRECKED

Mr Scargill said: "I will not subscribe to condemnation of miners who are demonstrating on picket-lines for the right to work. That is their only crime."

But the latest victims are convinced NUM bully boys were responsible.

Stuart, whose £40,000 dream home was gutted after death threats to his family, said only the NCB and the union knew his address in Upton, Yorks.

The Spencer's bungalow was wrecked after a 100-strong mob had threatened the lives of Stuart's wife and daughter.

Yesterday it was revealed that whoever started the blaze had also looted the house, stealing food and even a clothes line.

During the victims' half-hour chat at Pontefract General Infirmary, Fletcher said: "All the moderates should get together when we are back at work."

"We should demand a change in NUM rules so we can get rid of Scargill and elect a president every three years, instead of giving him a job for life."

Mike, 24, said: "The union must have been involved. Mr Scargill is lying when he says miners are not responsible for violence."

POLICE

NINE men are to appear in court today on charges in connection with the baseball attack police said last night.

CATHOLIC archbishop John Ward of Cardiff said yesterday the behaviour of picket police had "saddened" him.

And Liverpool's archbishop Derek Worlock appealed to the NCB to resume negotiations with the NUM.

LABOUR'S controversial anti-royalty MP Willie Hamilton described Arthur Scargill yesterday as "the greatest disaster that has ever befallen the miners."