

# PICKET TERROR SQUAD PUT BEHIND BARS

## Downfall of the Godfather of them all

By TED MACAULEY

**S**TEEL-ERECTOR Dennis Warren ran his terror squad with the efficiency of a military commando group. They were called "The Flying Pickets"—a hundred-strong force of radical students and Communists hellbent on wrecking industry at shop-floor level. Warren planned raids on building sites from a roadside cafe in North Wales. From there he directed his men along a course of violence during last year's building workers' strike.

He became known as "The Godfather," a man who could fix trouble at picket lines anywhere in the country. Building pickets would suddenly find themselves caught up in hoodlums. But, though he had no wages he and his wife Elma lived well, ran a car and had a colour T.V.



Warren... Three years

## Judge tells leader: You are vicious

By DAVID RADCLIFFE

**T**HE men who led a terror squad of pickets were jailed yesterday.

Their leader, 36-year-old Dennis Warren, got a three-year sentence.

Two members of the picket squad who terrorised workers on building sites in Shropshire were sent to prison for a total of two years and nine months.

Three other pickets were given suspended sentences. The six operated during last year's strike by building workers.

Mr. Justice Mais told them at Shrewsbury Crown Court that they had availed themselves of the freedom to strike, but denied others an equal freedom to carry on working.

And he named Warren as the ringleader of the invasion of the sites—an "arrogant and vicious front-runner."

### Affray

Warren, Eric Tomlinson and John Jones were all found guilty of conspiring to intimidate building workers to stop working.

They had already been convicted of unlawful assembly, and fighting and making an affray.

Warren, of Healdon, Denbigh, was jailed for three years on each charge. Tomlinson, 34, of Church View, Wrexham, was jailed for two years on each charge, and Jones, 26, of Chester Road, Flint, got nine months on each charge.

All the sentences are to run concurrently.

The three other men—John Carpenter, 39, of High Town, Wrexham; Francis O'Shea, 44, of Henllan, and John Llŷwarch, 30, of Brony-Garth, Oswestry—were given nine-month suspended sentences for unlawful assembly.

All three were cleared of the conspiracy and affray charges.

Mr. Justice Mais said that the picket squad

caused trouble and damage, and put people in fear.

The judge declared: "Violence is far too prevalent in this country today."

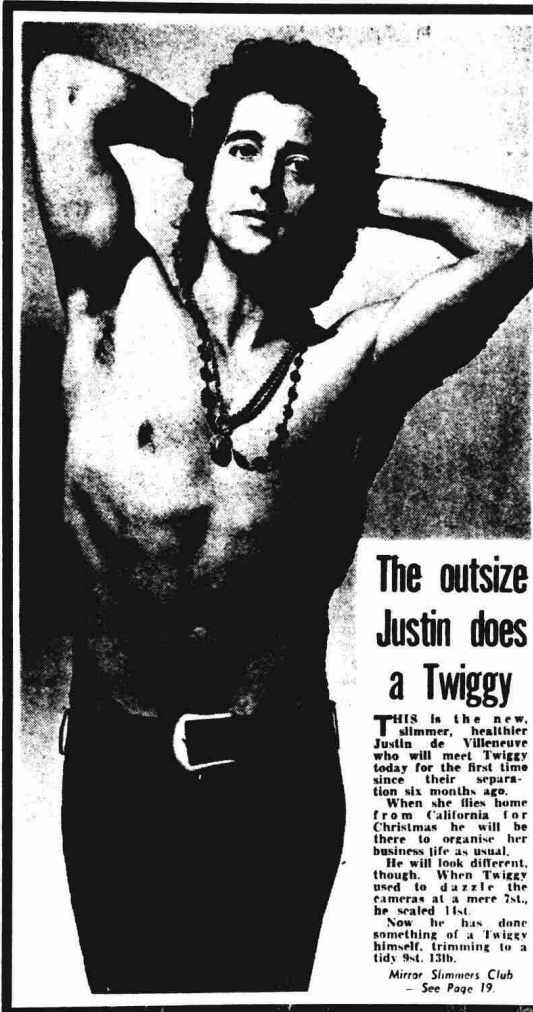
"Many people, if thwarted, impose their views on citizens of this country by intimidation and violence."

Mr. Justice Mais told Warren: "You are no martyr. You are arrogant and vicious and impose your views on others."

The trial was described as "exceptional" by Mr. John Platts-Mills, counsel for Warren. He said: "It might be an example of a warning to the whole trade-union movement."

Appeals are being considered for all six men.

And last night worried union officials were discussing the possible effects of the sentences.



## The outsize Justin does a Twiggy

**T**HIS is the new, slimmer, healthier Justin de Villeneuve who will meet Twiggy today for the first time since their separation six months ago.

When she flies home from California for Christmas he will be there to organise her business life as usual.

He will look different, though. When Twiggy used to dazzle the cameras at a mere 2st, he scaled 1st.

Now he has done something of a Twiggy himself, trimming to a tidy 9st. 13lb.

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## Birth-pills ban is lifted in Eire

**T**HE ban on birth pills and other contraceptives in Eire was lifted yesterday in a historic decision by the country's Supreme Court.

An appeal by 29-year-old fisherman's wife Mary McGet for birth-control aids to be made legal was upheld by four judges out of five.

The ruling means that Irish people may now order contraceptives from Britain.

### 'THINK TANK' CHIEF ILL

**L**ORD ROTHSCHILD, head of the Pomor, Edward Heath's "think tank" is ill. A statement from 10 Downing Street last night said he had been overworking and had been ordered to rest.

## USELESS EUSTACE



"There—now you can revert to your usual grumpy self for another year!"

## CAR EXPORTS IN TOP GEAR

**B**RIAIN got a bumper piece of good economic news yesterday. British Leyland, the car giant, made a record profit of more than £31,000,000 in the last year, largely through exports.

Chairman Lord Stokes said: "This is one of the bright lights in the gloom."

The company's export sales of £21,000,000 were the highest ever by a British company.

### LABOUR CHOOSES MAXWELL

**M**ILLIONAIRE publisher Robert Maxwell was endorsed by Labour's national executive yesterday as prospective candidate for the new constituency of North Bucks.

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