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THE WEEK'S FINANCIAL YEARLY

THE WEEK IN THE COURTS

Lessons pointed by the Angry Brigade trial

BY JUSTINIAN

The following is a record of the principal business and financial engagements during the week. The Board meetings are mainly for the purpose of considering dividends and official declarations are not available unless otherwise stated.

TO-DAY

- COMPANY MEETINGS—
London Hope Plantations, Baltic Exchange,
Green (R.) Properties, Brighton, 5.30.
Hills (A. E.) (Gothwick), Birmingham,
12.30.
Middle Investments, 10, Mincing Lane,
E.C. 2, 12.30.
Investment Securities, Winchester House,
E.C. 10, 30.
London Hotels, Colburn Hotel, W., 12.
Investment Trust, 63, London Wall,
E.C. 4.
Industrial Investments, 67,
London Place, S.W. 12.
London-Perkins, UCM House, W., 11.
London City Merchants Hilton Hotel, W.,
12.
Potteries, Stoke-on-Trent 12.

BOARD MEETINGS—

- Curt Hotels
London Robbenport Deep
Bank
Preston
Construction
Investment Gold Mining
Holdings
(D & J)
West Moist
Exploration
Trust

DIVIDEND & INTEREST PAYMENTS—

- Eric Mart. Con. 5p. p. 1975-77 34p.
Spring SUS20cts.
Charles (David) 2.5p.
Fryer Can. SUS25cts.
January
MI 3.75p.
Ord Motor BDR 34p. 37.5cts.
Woodward SUS37.5cts.
Vulcan Con. SUS44.2cts.
London City 5p. p. 1985-87 24p.
Mobil Oil Con. SUS57cts.
New Zealand Govt. 4p. p. 1976-78 2pc.
London NV Ord. Reg. in name of Nat.
(Rev. Bk.) Fis.0.2. Do. Ord. Sub. Shs
Reg. in other names Fis.0.2.
London Con. SUS39cts.
Security Finance 1974 34p.
London NV Sub. Shs. (Reg. in name of
Nat. Prov. Bk.) Fis.0.56. Do. Sub. Shs.
(Reg. in other names) Fis.0.56.
Potteries 105p.

TOMORROW

- COMPANY MEETINGS—
Alex Prop. 243, Pavilion Road, S.W., 12.
Pillar Invest. Trust, 3, London Wall
14.5p. E.C. 12.
London City 22, Austin Friars, E.C.,
11.30.
London Plastics, Tudor Wells, 12.
Income Tax, 51, Swinburn Lane,
E.C. 2, 4.45.
Newtown (R. W.) Leslie, Newcastle
Road, Tyne, 11.30.
House of Sears, Winchester House, E.C.,
12.
John Ripman Rubber Ests., 85, London
Wall, E.C. 12.
London Prof. Shop Centres, Hilton Hotel,
E.C. 12.
Abercrombie Rooms E.C. 12.
London Tst. Trl. Woburn, E.C., 10.45.
London (Java) Rubber Plants., 35,
Cannon Street E.C. 12.

BOARD MEETINGS—

- London
Concrete Machinery
News
McDougal
Hoffmann and Potford
Knitwear
Newall
Harvey
Street Investments
(Daniel)
Property Investment
(George)
Property Trust
(Fishers)
Holdings
Holding & Investment Trust
Keehan Paul
Carpets
Investment Trust
British Secs.
Walker
Walker

DIVIDEND & INTEREST PAYMENTS—

- Eric Electric and General, 0.5p.
London Hope Plantations, 2.75p.
London A. Ord. 0.2p.
London Entertainments, 1.5p.
London, 811.54cts.
London Hope, 5.25p.
London, 1.5p.
London Goldfields, 2A.2cts.
London Industrial Investments, 2.75p.
London City Merchants, 0.6p.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13

- COMPANY MEETINGS—
London, 27, Mincing Lane, E.C., 12.
Investment Trust, Manchester,
London
London Securities and General
London, 12.
London, 12.
London, 12.

THE LEGAL lessons to be learnt from the Angry Brigade trial may be even more enduring than the political implications. It is not just that the case has been the longest criminal trial this century...

One of the earliest implications, long before the trial had wended its weary way to last week's conclusion, arose from the jury itself. By its verdict, discriminating between the residents of the house in Stoke Newington...

Chord of empathy

But one factor must have been influential towards the apparent chord of empathy that the accused struck up over the 22 weeks of trials with those judging them. The jury was working-class and clearly not committed to the right wing of the political spectrum.

Jury trial has, if nothing else, one virtue. It is a trial by a random cross-section of one's fellow citizens. The right to challenge jurors has never been

widely exercised in England. By contrast in the United States it has developed to the point where each juror is thoroughly cross-questioned about his personal history, opinions and beliefs...

There can no longer be total and unqualified acceptance of the jury system, if trials are either inordinately lengthened by the selection process (involving a costly trial within a trial) or if the representativeness of juries is disturbed by a meticulous screening process.

The trial itself presented acute problems of practice and procedure which went far beyond the ordinary ones generally associated with any lengthy hearing. The time may not be too far off when we will have to institute a pre-trial procedure under which the issues can be defined and narrowed down.

cution nor anyone wished to canvass the question, then the jury would have been told so at the outset of the trial.

Finally, there is the much-discussed crime of conspiracy. No one pretends that the English law is very satisfactory; indeed, that would be an understatement. It is much beloved by prosecutors, and detested by defence counsel. Prosecutors have fondly deployed the conspiracy charge because it avoids the difficult task of having to prove the substantive offence.

Repeated warning

The courts have not been mindful of these dangers. They have repeatedly warned of the dangers of conspiracy counts in an indictment. If there are substantive charges, the Crown should prove them and not complicate matters by adding a conspiracy charge as a kind of long-stop in case the main charges do not stick.

- FRIDAY DECEMBER 15
COMPANY MEETINGS—
Baracora Tea, 82, Fenchurch Street, E.C.,
11.30.
Beryl Trust, 16, St. Martins Le Grand,
E.C. 12.
Birmid Coalcast, Birmingham, 12.
Compo, Edinburgh, 11.
Cassells, 27, Hill Street, W., 11.
Carroll, 21, Great Tower St., W.1, 11.
Cleveland Trust, Middleborough, 12.
Garraway, Birmingham, 10.
Dennis (James H.), Manchester, 12.
London City Commercial Investment Trust,
1, Old Burlington Street, W., 12.
London (Holdings) Connaught Rooms, W.C.,
12.

More expansion planned by Sterling Moulding

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