

Men's Lib! That's DJ Tony's special request

BREAKING UP IS HARD TO PAY



TONY: He wants a better deal for husbands.

DISC JOCKEY Tony Blackburn wants a "Men's Lib" movement to protect spurned husbands.

He said yesterday: "The man gets a most unfair deal now as far as divorce is concerned.

Simply

"Divorce laws seem to be woefully out of date. A man can lose his children, his house — in fact everything he has worked for — simply because his wife walks out.

Tony, 34, is now suing his

By **KEN IRWIN**

actress wife Tessa Wyatt for divorce on the grounds that their marriage has irretrievably broken down. Tessa left Tony last October, after five years of marriage, taking their son Simon with her.

Tony opens his heart about the break-up in an interview in today's Woman's Own magazine.

He said in the article: "This is the worst year of my life. After Tessa and I separated I didn't want to go on.

"To this day I shall never know how I managed to keep up the chat and corny jokes.

"I even thought about taking the easy way out."

Tony also said: "After my ex-



TESSA: She left with her son.

perience of being a loser in marriage, I'd be quite interested in starting a man's rights campaign, like they have in the USA."

He told me yesterday: "I really feel quite strongly about this.

Share

"What is to stop a woman marrying a rich man, then committing adultery and later walking out?"

"By law, she is apparently entitled to a share of what he earns — and this, to me, seems nonsense.

"Why should a man have to go on paying for the privilege of having someone walk out on him?"

Shelved! Jim's bid to soak the rich

By **ALAN LAW**

Chief Industrial Correspondent

PREMIER James Callaghan supported new proposals for a wealth tax yesterday.

But he made it clear that it could not be introduced before the next general election.

The new plan, which aims to raise up to £550 million a year, has been drawn up by a joint Labour Party and trade union working group.

Mr. Callaghan told a TUC and Labour liaison committee yesterday that he would like to see the plan in the party manifesto for the next election.

The working party wants the tax to be levied in this way:

ONE PER CENT on fortunes between £100,000 and £300,000.

TWO PER CENT between £300,000 and £500,000.

THREE PER CENT above £500,000 and £2 million.

FOUR PER CENT between £2 million and £5 million.

FIVE PER CENT above £5 million.

The plan would probably be opposed by the Tories in the Commons, but approved by the Liberals, who have wanted a wealth tax for a long time.

A wealth tax was in Labour's last manifesto in 1974, but it never really got off the ground.

Press chief quits board

MAXWELL AITKEN has resigned as a director of Beaverbrook Newspapers, the Daily Express group which was taken over last month by Trafalgar House Investments.

Mr. Aitken, 25, joined the board in January.

Beaverbrook chairman Victor Matthews stressed yesterday that there had been no boardroom row.

"He is going to help us in future in a number of activities," Mr. Matthews said.

DOWN BLUNDER

A COWBOY was knocked off his horse by a low-flying plane during a cattle drive in Western Australia.

Mrs Gas v Mr Electric

HUSBAND and wife David and Sheila Whitt are keeping their business rivalry a close secret.

For David is manager of the electricity board showroom in Leigh-on-Sea, Essex.

And Sheila is about to be appointed manager of the gas showroom just up the road.

The two high street rivals refused to say anything about their friendly contest yesterday.

And few people in Leigh have any knowledge of the marriage linking the two shops.

A North Thames Gas spokesman said that the couple did not want publicity.

TV girls in top jobs puzzle

By **MARY MALONE**

TV PRESENTER Dilys Morgan's future with the BBC Nationwide programme is in the air.

She may even have already left the current affairs programme.

The uncertainty comes at the same time as former Nationwide girl Sue

Lawley is being considered as the show's new anchorman alongside Frank Bough.

She would replace 29-year-old Dilys's boyfriend, Michael Barratt, who left the show earlier this month.

At present Dilys is on holiday with 49-year-old Michael in the West Indies and not expected back at work until September.

Renewed

A BBC spokesman said yesterday: "Her contract has been renewed with BBC Current Affairs, but we don't yet know what show she will be on.

"It might be Nationwide, or it might be some other programme."

Dilys joined Nationwide two years ago to replace Sue, who moved to the revived Tonight programme.

Now Sue is anxious to get back on TV after taking time off to have a baby last Christmas.



DILYS: An uncertain future.



SUE: Candidate for a top job.

Gay letter sets off a youth club row

A YOUTH CLUB magazine came under fire yesterday for telling a 14-year-old girl she could be a lesbian.

In a fake "problem page" letter the girl says she "can't stand fellas getting too close."

The magazine, produced by the National Association of Youth Clubs, and sent to 14,000 clubs, tells her she may be maturing later or have homosexual tendencies.

John Collier, secretary

of the Surrey Association of Youth Clubs, complained: "To suggest to a young person that he or she may be homosexual can easily do more harm than good."

EUROPUNKS STORM IN FOR LONDON FIGHTS

By **JILL PALMER**

LONDON is fast becoming a battleground for punk rockers and teddy boys from the Continent.

They are crossing the Channel armed with flick-knives, knuckledusters and cut-throat razors, and itching for action.

Yesterday, a special warning was given to immigration men at

Britain's ports in an attempt to stamp out the pitched battles.

The officials were urged to make special searches for weapons when punks and teds arrive in the country.

Consulates were

warned that foreign youths could end up in detention centres if they became involved in street clashes.

The warning came after the fourth consecutive weekend of running battles between British and Continental punks

and teds in King's Road, Chelsea.

"This must stop before somebody is killed or maimed," said Alan Silverman, chairman of Chelsea Juvenile Court.

Among the youths who appeared in court yesterday was a 15-year-old French ted who was fined £5 and sent back to Paris for carrying a razor.