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● IN THE event of a strike, a trade union leader can ask his members not to cross the picket line. However, if he lays down the law by instructing, instead of asking his members not to cross the picket line, should not that union leader be legally charged with inciting violence if, as a consequence of his instruction, violence takes place?—A. J. Smith, Melford Road, Leytonstone.

● I THOUGHT the letter about Mr G. Buggins had been concocted in your office until I found Hylton-Potts in a solicitors' directory. Their letter is almost as amusing as John Kent's cartoon. — Gabriel Bowman, Elgin Avenue, Maiden Vale.

● YOUR correspondent Mr Peacock, who has trouble buying suits to fit him, might find that High and Mighty, catering for big and tall men, is the answer to his problem.

There are 20 branches nationwide, including one at Reading. — Adrian Woolford, Sales and Marketing Manager, High and Mighty, Broad Street, Wokingham, Berks.



WE ACT for Mr G. Buggins in relation to a cartoon which appeared on Page 6 of the London Standard on Thursday January 2. Our client is the holder of the MBE and as a result of the cartoon has suffered substantial damage and his name, honour and reputation are the subject of derision.

Our client's MBE was awarded in 1969 for services to exports which assist him in his current position as Export Consultant to a Public Company.

Many of the valuable com-

facts our client had are now turning away from him and this matter is causing our client great embarrassment and financial loss.

Our client requires that you publish a full and detailed apology giving it the same prominence as the cartoon and shall require you to pay substantial damages and full indemnity costs.

We look forward to hearing from you please as both we and our client hope legal action can be avoided. — Hylton-Potts, Solicitors, Aldwych, WC2.

Lawyer calls for blocking of fraud cover-ups

A lawyer involved in deals between publicly quoted companies and criminals to cover up computer crime says he wants legislation which would, in effect, ban such agreements.

Rodney Hylton-Potts chair man of the computer law reform committee of Tory pressure group the Society of Conservative Lawyers, revealed this week that the society has urged the Government to introduce legislation compelling publicly-quoted companies to report computer frauds of £20,000 or more.

But in the absence of such legislation Hylton-Potts says he will continue to draw up non-disclosure contracts between companies and employees suspected of fraud if asked to do so by boards of directors.

The Knightsbridge solicitor admits that he has drawn up a number of agreements which allow the employee to escape prosecution in return for paying back part of the money stolen and telling the company how the fraud was committed (Computer Weekly, June 1)

He says he has advised directors that they may have a duty to their shareholders to report the crime.

Tony Collins

Sheik sues over coaches

A SAUDI Arabian sheik plans to sue the National Bus Company, threatening to stop the Government's £100 million-plus privatisation programme.

Sheik Omar Khashoggi, related to arms dealer 'Mr Fix-It' Adnan Khashoggi, ordered 200 second-hand coaches from the NBC last year to take pilgrims to the holy city of Mecca. He claims he specified the

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buses should be air-conditioned — and they weren't. 'Not only was there no air-conditioning, his solicitor said: 'even the windows wouldn't open.'

Sheik Khashoggi is suing the National Bus Company for £13 million — NBC is disputing the claim.

By coincidence, the

subsidiary that handled this Saudi deal — NBC Consultancy Services — has already been wound down and its chief executive, Tom Glass, is off sick.

So far, the NBC has sold off 13 of its 71 area companies for an undisclosed sum. And Omar Khashoggi is in no mood to end up suing an empty shell with no money.

'If the writ does not

get the National Bus Company to the negotiating table', said solicitor Rodney Hylton-Potts, 'we will apply for an injunction to freeze its assets.'

'That could stop NBC privatisation for up to two years, Conservative Government or no Conservative Government,' he added. 'And it won't improve British relations with Saudi Arabia.'

Free-sheet brothers battle on

FAMILY feuding between the publishing Rosser brothers has hit a new high.

Tony Rosser has now served a writ against his former solicitors Laytons, alleging 'negligence and/or breach of oral contract' in the transfer of Goodhead Press to Colin Rosser.

Control of Goodhead (now quoted) was transferred from Tony Rosser's company Techomes in April 1983, bringing the action just within the 'six-year rule'.

He claims compensation for 'loss and damage' from Laytons, now acting for brother Colin and Goodhead.

Tony Rosser's Free Newspapers group was put into receivership by Citibank (owed £5.8 million) in 1986 and Goodhead later bought the titles (Citibank settled in March).

'It is Mr. Rosser's intent to join Goodhead in the action,' says solicitor Rodney Hylton-Potts.