

Trials of a star-crossed trio

● DESPITE his appearance as a solid, stolid, canny if irascible businessman, Ian MacGregor's birth chart indicates a temperament more mercurial and rebellious. And 22 weeks of the miners' strike must be testing his staying-powers well beyond their limits. With the Moon the only fixed planet in the chart, and that lying within one degree of Uranus, he loathes standing still, and thrives on too high a level of excitement and variety.

That urge to fly free and unfettered will be stronger even than usual since Uranus started to cross Jupiter in his chart mid-July where it will hover until late-September. It will pull him into overseas ventures, more travel abroad, and a mood of wild optimism, which is likely to be unrealistic.

His chart is a curious mixture of contradictory personality traits. He is drawn to anything new and experimental yet he has a strong resistance to changing his mind and can be quite inflexible, if not fanatical. An Earth Grand Trine - a triangular pattern between the Sun, Uranus, the Moon and Saturn - indicates his great business and financial success, yet he has a vague, unfocused, self-deluded side as well. He can be evasive, dislikes confrontation, and can be attracted to fairly risky financial ventures. He is secretive, intense, ruthless and kindly. He wants total control but dislikes commitment. He veers between exuberant over-optimism and pessimism.

Whether Mrs Thatcher has been aware of the more nebulous side of his nature before, the astrological signs are that she is now looking at him with a colder, more realistic eye. July undermined her confidence in their relationship and since the basic relationship chart shows over-idealisation and illusion in the early stages, a

Marjorie Orr predicts a stormy autumn



MacGregor: anger Thatcher: illness Scargill: defeat?

more realistic appraisal is bound to create disappointment. **St. Tms 1 2 AUG 1984**

All the underlying tensions, ego conflicts and power struggles natural between two such self-willed people will surface during August and September. Pluto moves to square his Moon which could bring heavy emotional confrontations in his life, perhaps with women, when jealousy and anger could erupt.

MacGregor's relationship with Arthur Scargill - at best violent, unstable and deceptive with hard aspects to Uranus and Neptune in the composite chart - worsens through September. He tends anyway to react to his NUM counterpart in a ritualized way and the restricting pressure which builds up from the end of August is likely to lock him even more into a behavioural rut.

This month for MacGregor looks to me fitful, hasty, irritable and imprisoning; September is intense with a difficult patch from the 18th to the 27th of destroyed hopes and coming down to earth with a bump - which coincides with a low point in the Prime Minister's transits. October sees his confidence undermined, perhaps with illness. Then in November certain restricting circumstances disappear. Though he will feel free, disappointment could follow. His life will change a great deal at the end of the year.

● Mrs Thatcher's present unpopularity continues through August though life is marginally less trying than it has been, which is just as well considering what she has to face in the autumn. What looks like bad luck continues to dog her, though it is in fact the result of her inability to see what life is trying to tell her. She ought to be winding up the unfinished business of the past few years, learning to relax and unbend.

There could well be a major crisis for her mid-September, followed by a great deal of strain, anxiety, nervous tension and perhaps a physical illness - maybe a rheumatic condition. Upsets, disadvantages, separations trail through October and

worsen in early November when she is subjected to extreme pressure by others. She broods on her destiny thence to Christmas.

● Perish the thought that the strike should continue through the autumn but mid-October to mid-November is when Scargill's megalomania appears to redouble in volume, more extreme even than in July. His determination and his unwillingness to listen to arguments will be more than ever in evidence. One transit to a midpoint on his chart indicates his turbulent leadership in conflict with the government which is direct from the last week in October to the third week in November, though these transits do sometimes activate early by a couple of weeks. Ebertin's (a German astrologer highly-regarded in his field) interpretation of the aspect suggests he could lose everything, but since there are supportive transits around as well, I would hesitate to suggest total annihilation. The negative transits do show defeat and disappointment through November culminating in a separation and an illness - connected with stress - towards the end of the month.