

All set for the X marathon

ONE of the most complicated pieces of organisation undertaken by any TV company is nearing completion—arrangements for screening Granada's election special, "Marathon '84," which starts on Tuesday.

Preparations for the programme—the only one to enable viewers to see their own candidates as opposed to election day as seen on the television screen—have been under way since the election date was announced.

Candidates from every Northern constituency in the area from Westminster to Stoke and from Wales to

The Wank have been invited to take part. So far 252 have accepted and 81 refused.

But the programme of girls have been working candidates to be at the studios for the marathon which will be screened every weekday until October 12.

At Manchester, where Lancashire candidates will peak, a whole floor of Granada studios has been taken over for the election desk. Yorkshire and North East candidates will speak on another channel transmitted from Leeds.

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Now he has a family who runs in show business too.

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LOOK BACK IN ANGER

TO present a play that has already been seen by millions as a film is not an easy task for any amateur group, but the Alibi Players earn top marks for their production of John Osborne's "Look Back in Anger."

The play is a portrait of a young man, Raymond Woolley, who is a poet and a painter. It is a portrait of a young man who is a poet and a painter.

ALFRED MARKS in a scene from "The Ship" on Granada at 9.30 pm tonight.

back more than 150 years. Their French ancestors were clearing in Napoleonic times, and in Victorian times other ancestors made money by building at Windsor Castle.

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The 'new life' ship sails into mystery

GOLD fever was rife in America. There was a potato famine in Ireland. The 1840s saw a surge of ordinary people take the trip across the Atlantic to seek their fortune in the New World. Quick to realise the potential the ship-

In mid-Atlantic a large steamer, listing to port, with no smoke coming from her funnel, was sighted

● One fascinating series ends with a poignant tale of tragedy

been trapped and delayed by ice. For a time it gave fresh hope.

Small ship

THEN on May 10 the owners were shown a diagram from the captain of the ship *Baldur*. In mid-Atlantic on April 21 he had sighted a large steamer with great beam, hull and funnel black, inside painted drab, with yellow paddle-boxes. The ship was listing heavily to port, there was smoke from her funnel.

The captain, strangely, reported that a small ship came from behind the listing steamer and made off south-east. The *Baldur* set out to investigate a few weeks later. When it was found there was not a ship in sight.

The owners were inclined to accept the captain's description as being on a par with that of the City of Glasgow, except for the fact that the City of Glasgow, being a propeller vessel, did not have paddle boxes.

The captain of the *Baldur* suggested that piracy may have been committed, giving as a clue the small ship that had made off as they approached the listing steamer.

There were also pathetic true stories. In Philadelphia a man, accompanied by his 12-year-old son, called every morning for mail at the Liverpool and Philadelphia Steamship Company's office. He was awaiting news of the rest of his family, who were following them to America on the City of Glasgow.

One letter he had received before the sailing said that his wife and the other children would be sailing on the sister ship, the City of Manchester. But she did not manage to pack in time and had to wait for the next sailing of the City of Glasgow.

The man had acquired and furnished a house ready for his wife and family. A local newspaper got on to the story and for many months emotions closely. They noted that each day as he went out there was still no news of his wife and family.

In July, the paper reported he was taking on a lunatic asylum, "a ravaging man." There were many tragic stories like this.

What had happened to the City of Glasgow and the 40-odd people aboard her? Was it piracy as the captain of the *Baldur* suggested? Since this is the only evidence available it is possible that this was the fate of the immigrants killed by pirates.

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