

# THE PENGUIN NEWS



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A NEW FALKLAND ISLANDS NEWSPAPER!

That's Plato the Penguin on the left there, just letting you know that this is indeed the PENGUIN NEWS. This particular plump penguin will be introducing all of the editions ~~and while~~ his cheery beak may ~~not~~ be appropriate for some of the sad and sober news contained herein, we're not going to change it because he's an optimist - and they're hard to come by around here.

We hope Plato will be around for a long time.

Graham Bound (Editor and Publisher).

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## EDITORIAL

This being the first editorial of a new Falkland Islands newspaper, it is perhaps appropriate to devote it to the topic of journalism and the role of the press - in particular that of the new Penguin News - in the Falklands.

Since at least the beginning of this century there has been a newspaper or magazine in production here and, with only one or two exceptions, these have fulfilled the three vital functions of a paper published here; namely: supplying news of interest to local readers, news of interest to overseas readers, and finally, reflecting the views and feelings of the community.

It seems, however, that in recent years the true newspaper (one which satisfies all the above qualifications) has all but disappeared and news, both of domestic and external interest, has taken a very secondary place. For this reason the Penguin News has appeared.

I sincerely hope that the editor of the other local paper, The South Atlantic Free Press, will not take this as personal criticism as I believe that there is a great demand for his publication and others like it. Indeed I have admiration for some of his journalism. For instance, it was the (then) F.I. Times which I believe exposed the illegal occupation of a Falkland Islands Dependency by the Argentine authorities - a commendable piece of journalism in my view.

The fact remains though, that a blank space has been left and I hope that the Penguin News will fill this with unbiased news and an editors opinion confined as much as possible to this column.

These may be lofty ideals and I hope that I shall be able to live - or should I say write - up to them. I can but try!

Your comments or criticisms will be gratefully accepted and, if you wish these will be printed. That is, of course, if they are not too abusive.

So that we can reflect a true public opinion, whether political or otherwise, we would like to hear from you with your views on just about anything relevant to life in the Falkland Islands.

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THE FIGAS "ISLANDER"

The long awaited new addition to the Falkland Islands Government Air Service, a twin engined Britten-Norman Islander, was scheduled to arrive at Stanley Airport on Tuesday the 3rd of October. However at the time of writing on that day the 'plane had not arrived in Rio Gallegos - it's last stop before Stanley.

The secretariat confirmed on the 28th of September that the 'plane had left the United Kingdom on schedule and was working it's way down North and South America.

The Islander hanger which has been under construction by the FWD for some months will be ready for use, although at this stage it is little more than a shell. Alan Mason, the Director of Public Works, informs that it will be another six months at least before the building is completely finished. There is still a considerable amount of work to be done on the concrete apron, workshops, water supply and sewage.

CHILEAN WORKERS ARRIVING FOR GOVERNMENT

Some months ago government began negotiations to employ a number of Chilean workers to supplement the declining local work force. Malcolm Binnie travelled to Comodoro Rivadavia to recruit the men and on Friday the 28th of September the first five arrived in Stanley. The remaining ten or eleven should arrive by the LADE flight of the 3rd of October.

The arrival of the men was delayed by Argentine authorities as it took some time to conclude the "white card" formalities.

Many of the Chilean workers will be known to Stanley people as about 70% were employed by Johnston Construction Ltd., the builders of Stanley Airport.

At a recent Executive Council meeting various revisions to the income tax ordinance were proposed and will come out at a later date in bill form for consideration by legislative council. Other fiscal matters were discussed but as the PENGUIN NEWS was not then in existence we failed to record any details.

The editor recently spoke with the Director of Public Works who informed him that work has already commenced - if in a rather small way - on the highway to Darwin.

Three or Four men are engaged on work at the Pony's Pass area but the full work force will be on the road by the end of October.

Our amazingly mild winter proved many people wrong and inflicted very little damage on the surface; two day's work with a grader being all that was necessary to clean it up.

The Overseas Development Ministry will shortly be sending out an advisor for the road, whose job it will be to track down useful deposits of shale for surfacing.

"Yacimientos Petroliferos Fiscales", the Argentine state owned oil company, is shortly to begin work on fuel storage tanks at the Stanley airport to serve the new Islander aircraft. This was confirmed on the 28th of September by the Chief Secretary. YPF are currently putting the finishing touches to two tanks at the same airport for use by LADE 'planes.

There is still nothing definite about the oil jetty which is to be built with British government money by an Argentine construction group. The contract for the job was put up for tender some time ago

Mr Harold Rowlands, the Financial Secretary, left the Falklands a short time ago for a three week business trip to the UK. Mr Rowlands will be working with the Bank of England, the Crown Agents, the Overseas Development Ministry and the fiscal advisor Mr Richie during his stay in England. He is due to return on the 10th of October.

There's no doubt about it; one only has to look at the LADE passenger lists to realise that we are going through a boom period as regards tourism. The movement of tourists (mainly from South America) has hardly slowed since last summer and with the prospect of a new tourist season just around the corner, revenue from this new and fast growing industry should be greater than ever.

Stewart Wallace, one of two elected representatives on Legislative council will shortly be leaving the country to attend the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association Conference in Wellington, New Zealand.

The PENGUIN NEWS asked Mr Wallace what his intentions were in attending the conference. He said that he pains to "talk to other delegates and explain our problems and aspirations" in the an effort to win their support.

He will pass through Auckland - the new home for many Islanders - and looks forward to seeing a few familiar faces.

The Commonwealth Parliamentary Association exists to strengthen links and understanding between Britain's ex-empire countries. Delegates from most of the countries meet every year.

Mr Wallace held meeting for his constituents on the 28th of September.

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TRANSOCEAN CONSTRUCTION MANAGING DIRECTOR RESIGNS

Neil Reid was the manager and director of TCT, the construction company contracted to build the new school hostel in Stanley, until he left the country some time ago. News was recently received that he has resigned his post and has been succeeded by Mr Wallace an employee of Coalite - the parent company.

TCT are using a new technique to build the hostel which involves spraying liquid concrete onto a steel framework. The project has not, however, been going according to plan and the original dateline for the completion of the building was left behind many months ago. There are now signs though that TCT are at last getting to grips with the task and the latest date for completion of the basic building is the end of February 1980.

UNESCO CHILDRENS PAINTING COMPETITION

Some time ago the Baha'i Community of Stanley organised a childrens art competition to coincide with the United Nations Year of the child. There was a great response from children all over the Islands and the judges had a considerable task deciding which of the paintings should be sent off to the UN for consideration by the compilers of the UNESCO calendar, which features childrens art work from all over the globe.

Recently the Bahai's received a letter thanking the children for their contributions. Apparently six of the paintings will go forward with those of a dozen other countries for the final selection.

THERE BE TROUT IN THEM THAR RIVERS!

The trout fishing season got off to a good start last month with large hauls of fairly large fish being taken from the Malo River. The Murrel, only a few miles from Stanley, has also been

yielding a few offerings. Trout it seems have not been caught in such abundance for the past few years - at least on the East - so perhaps our luck is beginning to change. Remember that to fish for trout one needs to obtain a licence from the Police Station.

THE STANLEY SOCIAL CLUB CHILDRENS PARTY

For some years now the Stanley Social Club have not been able to hold the childrens party due to the enormous expense involved. This year, however, the club decided that the tradition should be revived and the only way to do this was by asking other clubs and organisations to help out with donations of funds. There was a great response to the plea and the club was able to hold the party on the 8th of September.

For the judging of fancy dress costumes the children were divided into four categories and these were judged by Mrs Jackie Morley, Mrs Janet Lamin and Mr Alan Mason. Mrs Parker presented the prizes. The winners were as follows:

0 - 3 years,

- 1st Corrina Goss & Daniel Cork (Kermit the Frog and Miss Piggy)
- 2nd Mark Spruce (Bluebottle)
- 3rd Carl & Rosamund Harris (Clowns)
- Commended, Patricia & Sandra Marciello (Spanish Ladies)
- " , Angela Morrison (Welsh Girl)
- " , Diane Seeley (Scottish Girl)
- " , Joanna Summers (Bride)

4 - 6 years,

- 1st Roy & Donna Summers (Duke and Duchess)
- 2nd Colin & Simon Summers (Dick Whittington & his Cat)
- 3rd Tracy Bowles (Obelix)
- Commended, Jill Watson (Queen of Hearts)
- " , Paula Pole-Evans (PATA Man)
- " , Debbie Guilding & Stephanie Bayliss (Cowboy & Squaw)



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Commended, Shaheen Henricksen (Red Riding Hood)

6 - 10 years,

1st Paul Morrison (Robot)

2nd Craig & Andrew Morrison (Beefeaters)

3rd John Pole-Evans (Witch)

Commended. Michael Gaskins (Aeroplane)

" , Arran Stewart (Robin Hood)

" Eli Sheridan (Pack of Cards)

" Ananda and Rosalyn Cheek (Miss Muffet & Spider)

11 - 14 years,

1st Margaret & Jonothan Butler & Anita Short (Customs man & Tourist)

2nd Christine Peck, Cheryl Hugnes & Julie Thain (St Trinians)

3rd Anya & Tyson Smith & Janet Ashworth (South Sea Islanders & Tree)

Commended, Stephanie McNally (Clown)

" , Patricia Card (Ladybird)

" , Kathryn Ashworth (Lollypop Man)

" , Ralph Harris (Wizard)

Mrs Parker made a short speech congratulating the children and thanked the organizers and judges. She was then presented with a box of chocolates by Rachel Clarke. The party then continued with tea and games, the tea being admirably prepared by Mrs Emily Clifton.

## PROGRESS WITH THE YOUTH CLUB

The Youth Club headquarters, the small building on the west end of Victory Green, is now almost completed. The outside work, apart from guttering, has now been finished and the interior has been lined and fitted with a kitchen area and counter. The building should be ready for use by Christmas.

Some time ago Stanley people will have heard that the weekly

Youth Club meetings in the Town Hall Refreshment Room have been discontinued. This was due to general lack of co-operation and bad behaviour from the members. Club activities should, however, recommence soon.

## SAVE THE WHALE

A dance, provisionally scheduled for the 6th of October, is being organised by Nick Keenlyside. The profits from this "do" will be donated to Greenpeace, the anti whaling organisation based in the United States which actively tries to put a halt to the industry. Greenpeace do not have much faith in simply lobbying the persons involved in whaling and instead try to hinder the ships when they are at work - often at great risk to themselves.

It is, perhaps, ironic that Falkland Islanders should oppose this cruel and unnecessary industry as for so many years whaling was an important source of revenue to the country.

## PEOPLE

## CINDY RETURNS

Cindy Buxton and her assistant Annie Price have just arrived in the Falklands and by the time this paper goes to press they will probably be setting up their camp on one of our western isles.

Most people will remember Cindy, as towards the end of last summer she made a short visit here in order to plan the major expedition later in the year.

Cindy is a wildlife cinema photographer who works for "Survival", part of Anglia TV. The three films she hopes to produce will

deal with the rockhopper penguin, the albatross and the elephant seal.

To avoid wasting time by moving continuously from place to place, Cindy and Annie will concentrate their efforts on the two islands which suit their purposes best; Grand Jason and New Island. As only New Island has any real housing they have gone well prepared with tents, sleeping bags, plenty of food and a two metre transceiver - essential for communications with the mainland.

Many people have expressed their surprise that these two girls should be willing (let alone happy) to go off on their own to the wild and windy West. But it is nothing new for Cindy as she has previously spent many months in the wild with only a camera and a tape recorder to keep her company. She enjoys the life. For Annie, however it will be a new experience but if she had any doubts about the expedition she's keeping them very well hidden!

Happy filming girls, and we'll see you in about six months!

#### DESCENDENT OF BATTLE OF FALKLANDS VICTIM VISITS ISLANDS

Mr Siegfried Sontag recently arrived in Stanley for a three day visit. Mr Sontag, a German who has lived in Buenos Aires for many years, informed me that his uncle was a member of the crew on the German warship "Nurnburg". He saw action off the Chilean coast at Coronel where the British were defeated and a short time later died with Von Spee and thousands of others at the Battle of the Falklands on the 8th of December 1914.

Mr Sontag was understandably most interested to see the Battle Memorial and other reminders of the great naval engagement to be seen around the town.

#### ISLANDER IS AWARDED DEGREE

Ian Tate left the Falklands some years ago with his parents Jock and Sally to settle in England. We recently received news that Ian has gained an honours degree in mathematics from the University of Essex. He is now a

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#### Advertisement

#### OUTWARD BOUND TOURS.

If you are planning to travel next year, why not consider joining the group which leaves Stanley in May for London? In this way you not only save money by avoiding the high cost of hotels and assistance in Buenos Aires but you also have the pleasure of travelling with a group of people you know and at the same time be able to enjoy yourself while someone else takes care of all the problems and worries that go with individual travel. The group will be accompanied all the way by a guide from OUTWARD BOUND TOURS, and of course bookings can be made either one way or return.

OUTWARD BOUND TOURS will also arrange passages at any time of the year and by any international airline operating from Buenos Aires.

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#### THE NEWSAGENCY'S 10th ANNIVERSARY.

Ten years ago this month the NEWSAGENCY opened business in a tiny room on John Street selling magazines, paperbacks and home made fudge!

Today we cover a much wider range of items and with the arrival of the long awaited charter vessel we will be offering BSA Motorcycles, Nikon Cameras, Furniture, Binoculars, Desk Lamps, Slide Projectors, Calculators, Musical Calculators, Watches, Alarm Clocks, Glassware, Tea Sets, Trays, Porcelain Ornaments, Tennis, Badminton & Squash Rackets, Tungsten Darts, Framed Pictures, Jugs, Vases, Pens, Scissors, Knives, Steels, Fishing Rods, Fishing Reels, Footballs, Football Boots, Hiking Boots, Track Suits, Sports Shoes, CAMPARI Snorkel Parkas, Leisure Jackets, Jeans, Cords, Commando Sweaters, Working Shirts, Belts, Woodsman Boots, Rucksacks, Sleeping Bags, Tents, Mens Slippers, T-Shirts, Umbrellas, Imitation Fur Coats, Sweaters, Dresses, Kilts, Briefs, Tights, Sheets, Blankets, Bed Spreads, Towels, BASIL BRUSH Clothing for Children, Knitting Wool, Tea by JACKSONS OF PICCADILLY, Toys and MELTS FUDGE!

ISLANDER IS AWARDED DEGREE (continued)

Trainee Systems Specialist working with Philips Data Systems in Colchester Essex.

Perhaps we'll see you back here some time, Ian?

The Penguin News would like to hear of any other Falklanders who have done well academically.

TOP TV JOURNALIST VISITS

Magdalena Ruiz Guinazu, one of the best known names on Argentine television, was in the Falklands recently. She and her two man camera crew were here to make a short documentary on Island life.

Mrs Ruiz Guinazu has been to England to report on the recent general elections and interviewed both Jim Callaghan and Margaret Thatcher. She also accompanied the Pope on his recent visit to Poland.

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WHAT'S BEEN ON

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COUNCILLOR WALLACE HOLDS PUBLIC MEETING.

As reported earlier in this issue, Stewart Wallace held a public meeting on the 28th of September. Our reporter was there and we are able to give you the following brief summary.

Mr Wallace began by addressing the meeting and outlining his beliefs and what he thinks the government has achieved recently. Some of the major points in his speech follow.

TALKS -- We should be represented at the next talks concerning our future but we should be prepared to compromise with Argentine demands.

FIC -- "The writing is on the wall for them". We must pressurise them to move with the times.

GIVING A HOME TO REFUGEES -- We should take four or five Vietnamese families as we have something to offer them and we need more people.

TOURISM -- We should improve and expand the services that we offer such as travel within the Islands.

FLOW OF CAPITAL FROM THE FALKLANDS -- Government is looking at ways of stopping this with the fiscal advisor Mr Richie. However it will be no easy task.

BANKING -- The need for a commercial bank is recognised and the government savings bank may take a bigger role in this field.

STANLEY ROADS -- £17,000 has been allocated for repairs which will commence later this year. Brandon Road will eventually be rebuilt. The order of repairs will probably be as follows: Magazine Valley, John Street, Davis Street and then the streets connecting Ross, John and Fitzroy Roads.

THE ISLANDER AIRCRAFT -- Captain Allsop has passed all the camp strips that he has seen so far and is very enthusiastic about the new 'plane.

The meeting was then opened to the floor and a most interesting and at times lively discussion ensued. Now follow some of the feelings of the public who were at the meeting.

TAXATION -- The general feeling was that Falkland Islanders are being taxed too heavily and they are not receiving enough in return.

TALKS -- Sentiments were strongly expressed on this topic, both for and against the project. Whilst some saw it as a waste of money which could be more effectively used elsewhere, others believed it to be an essential first step for development.

Many felt that a road system should start with one serving the North camp of the East, and the opinion was expressed that the Falkland Islands Company should have built the road to Darwin years ago.

**L.A.D.E. INTERFERENCE ON THE RADIO** - There was a strong protest about the interference by LADE (the Argentine State Airline) in radio reception. The LADE transmitter often obliterates reception of the BBC and even interferes with the sound of tape recorders and record players. Mr Wallace agreed to look into the matter.

**VIETNAMESE REFUGEES** - A minority voiced the opinion that though we need people in the Falklands we should not accept "any people" and "one only had to look at Britain to see what Asian people have done there by refusing to intergrate into society". This view was opposed strongly and some felt that we should not be racist when choosing our imigrants. It was pointed out that the reason why Asian people do not in general integrate in the UK is because the majority of British will not let them. There was considerable support for the idea of offering homes to several Vietnamese families.

The foregoing is not a complete record of the meeting but merely details some of the more interesting opinions of the Councillor and the public.

Let us hope that other Councillors will follow suit, as such meetings are of great benefit to both the people and their elected representatives in government.

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#### SPORTS by Patrick Watts

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As one would expect, indoor sports have made most of the news during recent months, although it should be said that the rugby club has been active on most Sunday mornings during the winter. A keenly contested series between Stanley and the Royal Marines has been the main feature. The Marines have proved slightly superior overall, although Stanley have had their bright moments.

The darts season has now just about ended. The Rose 'A' regained the Kendall Cup that they had lost to the Rose 'B' team last season. The 'B' side who did the treble last year with Kendall, Knockout and Cinzano titles, achieved a double this time - runners up in the Kendall and the Cully's Heroes in the Knockout. The Rose 'A' also carried off the Cinzano. 18 year old Gary Hewitt in his first season, proved to be their most consistent player throughout the year. Rose 'B' had sorely too much on Jame Lang and Pat Whitney - their two top players of last year. They lost too many games by one or two points.

Cully's Heroes were grateful to James Lee who had a very successful time and he finished high in the individual lists.

Glenda McGill carried off the Ladies Cinzano title beating Valerie Clarke in the final.

Paul Bonner joined a growing list of players who have won the Governor's Cup for the second time (he won in '77) when he beat his uncle Harry Bonner 2-1. He is young enough and good enough to become the first player to win it on three occasions.

James Lang, last year's number one player won the Johnnie Walker £40 prize back in May by beating Les Biggs in a great final by 2-1. Langs form slumped a little later on and he was a shock loser in the early rounds of the Governor's Cup.

At the time of going to press one individual knockout championship still has to be decided.

## READERS LETTERS

Um...Yes, well perhaps we'll have one or two letters for you next month. Feel free to write in. The address:

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## MARRIAGES AND ENGAGEMENTS

Engaged at Hill Cove, Davina McKay and Paul Peck.

Please drop us a line if you would like to have someone's big day noted.

**THIS SPACE FOR RENT!**

Advertising is inexpensive but not ineffective in the PENGUIN NEWS. If you would like to rent a full, half or quarter page contact the editor for details of the cost involved.

For a small advertisement or message (such as the one at the foot of page 14) our rates are cheaper - only 50p for two lines. You can sell or buy anything from a spade to a sputnik in the PENGUIN NEWS.

A FEW OF THE ARTICLES WHICH WE HOPE TO INCLUDE IN FUTURE ISSUES:

Men and woman who have made great contributions to the social development of the Falklands, a Falkland quiz contest and news of the local music scene.

THANKS to Joe King and the FIC for helping with this issue.

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THANKS to all our readers for the wonderful welcome which they gave to issue number one of the PENGUIN NEWS. The response was tremendously encouraging and we were really amazed to receive so many compliments and kind remarks.

Many readers in the camp have written in enquiring how they can obtain the PENGUIN on a regular basis. Well, in response to your queries we have now opened a Camp Sales Department which will be under the supervision of Mrs. Kathy Watson. Kathy will be known to many farm dwellers from her travels around the islands with her husband Robert. If you are a camper and would like to receive one copy or more of every issue, please write to: Kathy Watson, PENGUIN NEWS, Camp Sales Department, Stanley.

The price of the paper sent anywhere in the Falklands is 25p per copy — the extra 5p covering postage, envelopes and other expenses.



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However, please do not send any money in advance as you will be billed after every third or fourth issue.

At this stage we are not able to accept orders for dispatch overseas. However, in the near future we hope to begin this service as well. In the meantime, why not buy a copy for each of your friends and mail them yourself. The PENGUIN is the best way for ex-islanders to keep in touch with current Falkland affairs.

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 EDITORIAL
 

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Congratulations to the Government on the acquisition of a new aircraft for the Air Service. The "Islander" is versatile, well suited for local conditions, rugged and even luxurious. It is in short, something to be proud of.

The Islander aircraft is important not only because of the valuable job that it will be doing but also because it has given a much needed boost to the morale of the Falkland Islanders. This is practically the first evidence that the development programme is working and such tangible results are essential if only to show that we are progressing.

Unfortunately though, we cannot sit back and smugly say "look what we've done" because, of course, the new flying machine was a gift of the United Kingdom Government. The hard truth is that in terms of development we have achieved precious little to gloat over and, after several years of governmental talk concerning little else but development, this is somewhat disturbing.

Of course there are problems and various reasons why our development projects seem reluctant to get under way, let alone reach fruition. The most commonly quoted are lack of funds, manpower and machinery. But there is one other seldom mentioned yet vital factor missing and without it progress will be slow indeed. This is a SPIRIT OF PROGRESS AND A FAITH IN THE FUTURE.

We must all know the attitude, as the many people concerned are never slow to voice their pessimism concerning the imminent doom of one project or another. Worse, the attitude is not only expressed verbally but is also reflected in the long lists of people leaving the country to settle elsewhere.

A by-product of the "we're all doomed" attitude is the negative and destructive criticism which is rampant in the Falklands. So many people are quick to destroy any new ideas with their criticism yet offer nothing to put in its place.

This negative, defeatist attitude is the greatest barrier against progress in the Falklands, yet it is the one which could most easily be broken down. All it requires is for every man and woman to say that he or she believes in the potential of our country and will work towards a prosperous future. It would take so little.

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GREEN PATCH FARMERS SELECTED

The six successful applicants for portions of Green Patch farm were chosen on the 18th of October; these six being chosen from a list of twenty four interested persons. The committee, consisting of Harold Bennett, Bill Goss, Adrian Monk and Bill Luxton, met the previous day to interview the twelve finalists. At the time of writing Government has not revealed the names of the six successful persons but should these be released before publication we will publish them elsewhere in this issue.

The Green Patch scheme was launched some time ago when the Falkland Islands Company - who are by far the largest landowners in the Falklands - agreed to sell the farm to government for resale in six lots to individual farmers. The terms of sale to the six new farmers are generous and most of the units are attractive for farming. Green Patch is seen by many as the beginning of the end of the really big foreign owned farms and the start of a more intensive and just system whereby farm workers can own the land that they labour on.

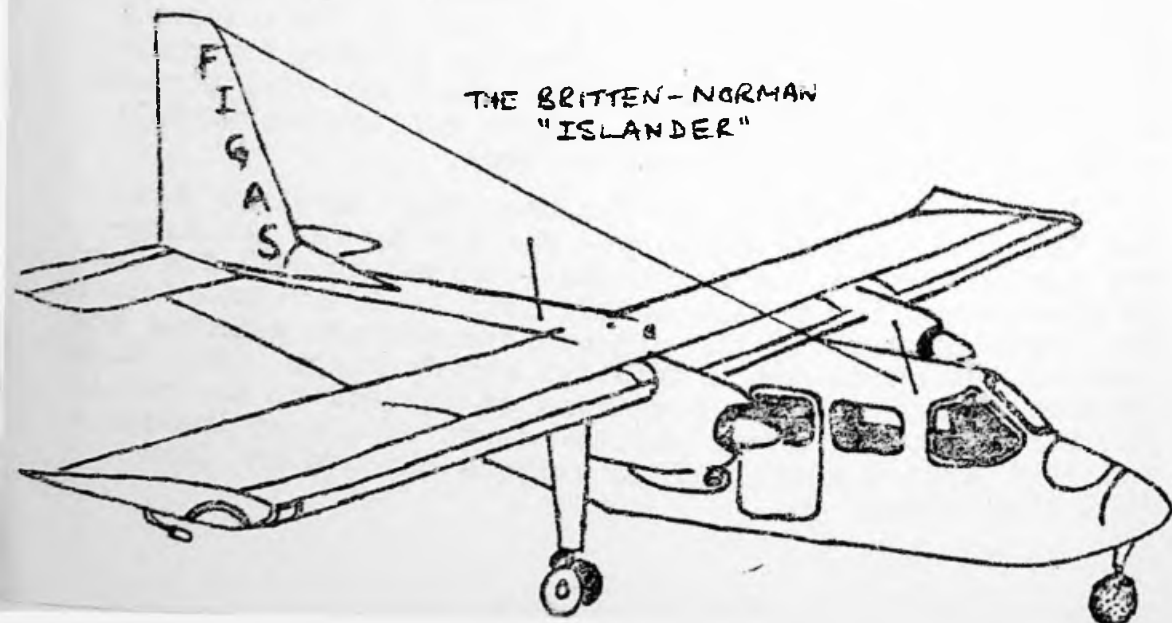
THE NEW F.I.G.A.S. "ISLANDER" ARRIVES

The Britten-Norman "Islander" land based aircraft touched down smoothly at Stanley Airport on the third of October. Piloted from Fort Lauderdale in the United States by an ex US Airforce officer, VP-FAY flew down the west coast of South America making several flights of over ten hours duration. The 'plane crossed the Andes from Chiloe in Chile to Rio Gallegos - it's last stop on the continent. At Gallegos the pilot was delayed for several hours while permission for the flight was obtained from authorities in Comodoro Rivadavia.

Shortly after it's arrival the "Islander" took off again for a proving flight with Captain John Aires at the controls and a FIGAS mechanic as passenger. A further flight was made that afternoon with the Governor as a passenger.

At the time of writing the new 'plane is still testing strips around the Islands but is expected to enter scheduled service shortly.

Captain Andy Alsop is currently working with FIGAS and is assisting with the introduction of the land 'plane service. Captain Alsop normally works as a pilot for Lower Air in the north of Scotland.



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NAUTICAL HISTORY an occasional seriesTHE WRECK OF THE "OROVIA"

The RMS "Oravia", a steam ship of 2440 nett tons, was one of several ships belonging to the Pacific Steam Navigation Company of Liverpool, England, which served the Falkland Islands with a mail and passenger service for many years during the first half of this century. Almost sixty seven years ago, on the 12th November 1912 at 10.20 pm the liner, twenty seven days out from Liverpool, struck the Billy Rock at the entrance to Port William. The following is an eye-witness account of the disaster condensed from the Falkland Islands Magazine and Church Paper of December 1912.

"Cape Pembroke light was sighted at 9 pm and at 10.20 the ship struck the Billy Rock about half a mile distant from the light house. At this time the greater number of passengers were still up waiting until the ship had anchored for the night, which had been the captains intention as it was too dark to enter Port Stanley at that hour.

There was great consternation among the passengers therefore when instead of hearing the anchor let go they felt the ship strike a rock with considerable force. Many parents rushed below to rescue their children, but on the whole there was no panic. Passengers were told to clad themselves as warmly as possible and then to put on their life belts. The weather was bitterly cold, and at the first rush on deck from below many were hardly able to speak through fits of shivering and excitement. On the bridge the captain was at his post calmly issuing orders. The engines were then going full speed astern. The bell was rung for boat stations, the steam whistle sounded and the order for the life boats to be swung out and lowered to the rail was given. A wireless message was sent to the shore station asking for assistance to which a reply was shortly after received from the Governor saying that the tugboat "Samson" and several steam whalers would

leave immediately for the scene of the disaster. During this time the crew were going about their various duties in a calm manner. The state of discipline on board was perfect.

It brought back vividly to one's mind that British heroism was not a thing of the past. Here was a crew worthy of the best traditions of the British Merchant Service and of the Pacific Steam Navigation Company. Captain Poole, his Officers and crew deserve well of their countrymen. They were prepared to sacrifice their lives in upholding the honour of the Red Ensign. "

Well, what was the outcome of the "Oravia" disaster and was British heroism a thing of the past? Find out in part two of this account to be published in issue number three of the PENGUIN NEWS.

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PHILATELY EXPERT ARRIVES IN THE FALKLANDS

Strange as it may seem, stamps are our second most important industry - a fact which is being taken very seriously by the Government. The Post Office now has a philately department, headed by Lewis Clifton, which deals with stamp and cover orders from philatelists all over the world. The department is being assisted for the next three weeks by Mrs. Meirwen Tanock B.A., A.I.P.M., who arrived in the Falklands on the 31st October. Mrs. Tanock, who is thirty eight years of age, is employed at the Philatelic Bureau in Edinburgh, Scotland, and will be advising the Government on all aspects of the stamp business.

The interest in philatelic matters appears to be so great that we have decided to have a section devoted to just that subject - see page 13 for the first of these.

BLAZE IN STANLEY

The town's four fire engine, volunteer fire fighting force was called out on the night of the 25th October

to extinguish a blaze rapidly consuming a part of the property of Bill Poole. Apparently the Poole's hot house had been getting a little warmer than necessary and at about 10.00 pm the small green house went up in flames. Three engines with crews arrived at the scene about fifteen minutes later and the fire was extinguished within ten minutes. The cause is not known but it is more than likely that a spark from the heater ignited the woodwork.

FISCAL ADVISER ONCE AGAIN VISITS

Harry Ritchie, the country's adviser on economic matters, left the islands after a short visit on the 31 October. Mr. Ritchie was working in conjunction with the Financial Secretary, Harold Rowlands (who has himself just returned from a working visit to the United Kingdom) on various fiscal matters. This "shuttle financing" is becoming increasingly important with Mr. Ritchie visiting Stanley several times each year.

LABOUR DISPUTE BETWEEN CHILEANS & LOCALS

A dispute has arisen between the Public Works Department and its employees. This concerns the Chilean workers, recently employed by the P.W.D., whose conditions of employment have upset some of the local work force. The Union objected to the fact that Chilean tradesmen were on the same rate of pay as locals though they had not completed a Falkland Islands type apprenticeship. After discussion it was agreed that Chileans would go on a tradesman rate of pay on proving their skill in an examination. An agreement has not, however, been arrived at concerning another problem. Chileans are given passages back to Comodoro Rivadavia every four months and return passages one week later. The Union requires a wage increase for its men equal to the value of this benefit which is obviously not enjoyed by Falklanders.

EXTENSION TO UPLAND GOOSE HOTEL

Passersby the Upland Goose Hotel on Ross Road will have noticed the construction work going on on the front of the building. The west porch of the Goose has been demolished and the foundation laid for a new reception area and office.

COMPASS RCSE SLIPPED AT IAST

The yacht "Compass Rose" after several attempts, has finally been beached on the FIC slipway opposite the West Store. She will now be inspected to ascertain what damage, if any, has been inflicted to the vessel. "Compass Rose" arrived in the Falklands for the first time some nine months ago captained by her owner American Skip MacArthur and crewed by members of his family. Shortly after putting to sea again the "Compass Rose" capsized and was flooded. After frantic pumping and bailing, the yacht was taken in tow by a Polish fishing vessel and returned to the Falklands. The crew then returned by air to the United States where they are awaiting the outcome of the survey before deciding on the future of their ship.

The "Compass Rose" is a Bermudian Ketch, built of steel in Holland in 1968. She is fitted with an auxiliary diesel engine, two toilets, and six berths. The yacht is fifty feet long by thirteen feet and draws five feet seven inches of water. A veritable dream boat!

GRUMETE YACHT SINKS IN STANLEY HARBOUR

The Grumete yacht "El Mar Nos Une" (which rather disturbingly translates as "The Sea Unites Us") which has been under the care of John Smith, recently sank at its moorings in the harbour. The boat was moored between the hulk "Charles Cooper" and the jetty connecting it with the shore, when an easterly gale on the night of Wednesday the 24th of October swamped it. John says that he hopes to refloat the Grumete on Saturday the 3rd of November. When asked how he hoped to do this John said "I'll tell you Saturday night!" Thankfully though, the boat does not appear to be too badly damaged and the recovery should not pose many problems.

A.E.S. LEAVES GRAVESEND

The new charter vessel MV "A.E.S." left the United Kingdom on its eight thousand mile voyage on the 13th of October and is scheduled to arrive in Stanley on the 10th of November. This is good news for all in the Islands as the last supply ship arrived almost five months ago and stocks

of many essential supplies have been running rather thin. The ship's departure from Gravesend will be good news too for continental visitors, for whom Stanley is normally a shopping paradise. For the past few years the Falklands have been supplied by the "Annette Danielsen" but recently the arrangement with this ship was terminated.

HAVE WE SAVED THE WHALES?

Well the short answer is no, but the dance held in the Town Hall on Saturday the 20th October did raise the sum of £80 which will be donated to the anti-whaling organisation "Greenpeace". The dance was organised by Nick Keenleyside and music was provided by Junkroc (a local rock band) and records jockeyed by Tony Alazia and Nick. The rumour that a "Miss Baleen" was to be chosen at the function was, sadly, unfounded!

VANDALISM ON STANLEY WATER SUPPLY

The large covered reservoir to the south of Stanley has recently been the target of local vandals. The roof of the reservoir has been damaged in two places; a serious matter as this could expose the water to contamination. Part of the structure has to be drained by the Public Works Department and Stanley residents have been asked to use water sparingly for a week or so.

THINGS THAT GO BANG IN THE NIGHT

Recently an American spy satellite keeping a watchful eye on our part of the world reported that a large explosion had occurred in the Indian Ocean, Antarctica or the South Atlantic. Speculation is that the explosion was nuclear in origin but no country has claimed responsibility for the blast. Apparently the United States believe that it may have been South Africa's doing but the racist, right-wing government of that country denies all knowledge of the incident. Other sources say that any one of five countries could have been responsible and some even believe that it may have been the accidental destruction of a Russian submarine. This rather sinister occurrence links up with a clipping from the Daily Telegraph which is reprinted on Page 14.

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 THE PENGUIN POST BOX
 

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31A Shaftesbury Road,  
Soutnsea, Hants.

19th October 1979.

Dear Sir,

It was with great pleasure we read the first copy of the PENGUIN NEWS. How ell I remember the former PENGUIN which was printed when I was just a girl attending (and living directly opposite) the government school. The editor, Mr. Hugh Thomas, used to teach us shorthand in the Continuation Class.

I was recently united with my sister who has been living in South America for over forty years and whilst we were together we recalled so many good old days in the Falklands; our strict but happy childhood, and later the grand dances in the OLD Town Hall. Naturally the Falklands and its people had top priority in our reminiscences and so many nostalgic memories were recalled.

With very best wishes for the success of the PENGUIN NEWS, I remain, Yours sincerely,

Christine M. Smith.

Ed.- Mrs. Smith will be better known to many as Bessie. Thanks for the complimentary remarks Mrs. Smith, but I'm not so sure that I'm grateful for the revelation that I borrowed the name of this publication from a previous and much respected newspaper. I thought I was being original!

Port Howard,

29th October 1979.

Dear Sir,

Political intrigue - even of the strictly parochial kind - is an animal bearing a striking resemblance to the octopus; while tackling one problem arm the other seven are curling menacingly round to trip and tangle, and finally crush.

So it is with considerable trepidation that I take up my own inky cudgel in the cause of free expression. Trepidation that is enhanced by own ignorance of the total picture, and the little man in my head who keeps telling me that the clever, informed people of our island will be - even as they read this - busy honing their tentacles and reaching for their pens.

But take up my own I must, because the growing disquiet I have been feeling in recent months over the unhealthy trend currently prevalent in the Falkland Islands/Argentina squabble, has turned to distinct nausea.

The word 'squabble' is not here used lightly. Certain elements of our society seem hell-bent on setting Islander against Islander by labelling those folk who recently took a free holiday in the Argentine with that most foully evocative of titles, 'traitor'.

I have always felt that privacy is an essential human right common to every man, woman and child on the face of the Earth. But it is a right that can be forfeit, even in a democracy, simply by invading someone else's. All the same it is no part of my duty to examine motives, nor to question the right of one group of people to malign another. Even if the first group does include a certain likeable young Councillor who, in his exposed position would have been well-advised to keep the cover on his typewriter.

For his may be the greatest sin. Coupled with the fact that he spent not one week but TWO YEARS across the water with the so called enemy he quite simply, as a member of the most responsible body in the Falklands, should have known better than to indulge in adolescent name-calling, as he did in a recent letter to the TIMES.

Particularly so as in that same letter he calls attention to the fact that to underline our faith in our own cause we should invest our money right here in the Islands. Question. What happened to the money paid by



Government for Green Patch? Was not the honourable councillor on the council at the time the deal was finalised? And was that money not permitted to leave the Islands? How much tax did government levy? And so on.

And what about the folk who 'caused' all the fuss and went to see what the Argentine is all about? Was it really their intention to sell their nationality and their birth right for a mess of pottage? (In this case a free trip). Patently, the councillor is barking up the wrong witch-hunt. The people who went, many of them youngsters who have never before been out of the Islands, went with the simple intention of enjoying themselves and learning something about the great big world. In their eyes there were no strings attached. The majority of them are as committed to keeping the Falklands British as anyone on, or off, the Falkland Islands Committee.

In case the good councillor still has difficulty in believing in the integrity of his compatriots let him look at the situation in its simplest form. Much of the depopulation of the Islands is due to the younger generation, anxious to see something of the World before settling down, saving up their money and leaving for the United Kingdom as soon as they are of age. Any first hand view of the outside world - be it of Argentina or the Arctic - must be useful in helping them to assess their own particular wants in life. Taken to its extreme, such a trip might even have convinced the odd waverer that the grass isn't always greener elsewhere.

Evidently the councillor has also failed to study military and political history. Ever heard the maxim 'know thine enemy'? That applies to the folk who went. How about this one, 'Divide and conquer'. I'll wager an apple to Argentina the gentlemen across the water are well acquainted with it. And in the councillor's case it appears to be working.

Finally, it seems to me that if the councillor really is looking for a scrap and not merely seeking public approbation for a popular attitude, he could do worse than have a root in his own back yard. How about a few rounds with

government over the obvious anomaly of spending some £100,000 on overseas passages and only £15,000 on training for Islanders? Try taking a poke at absentee landowners. Get in a few solid smacks at devising a financial system that keeps money that belongs to the Colony in the Colony. Swing at H.M. Government over the Argentine issue until you bruise your official knuckles. But please, please play fair with the little man who had no more thought of selling his country than you did when you went over there.

Before writing the next septic letter ask yourself simply where healthy loyalty ends and vicious obsession begins.

Tony Burnett.

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#### PHILATELY

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As reported on page 6, Mrs. Meirwen Tanock is now in the Islands. It will be interesting to see what suggestions she will be making to the Stamp Committee and to Government.

The next issue of stamps will appear on the 25th of November and these will commemorate the accession to the Universal Postal Union. The three stamps in the issue will feature mail delivery by sea, plane, horse and schooner.

The Sir Rowland Hill issue has been very successful and the Crown Agents sold the last of their stocks some time ago. The Stanley Post Office is also running out of these stamps.

A special Christmas aerogramme, suitably decorated and with the inscription "Christmas Greetings from the Falkland Islands" was placed on sale on the 5th of November. These aerogrammes have been produced at the Government Printing Office in Stanley.

A special cachet was applied to all mail to and from Fox Bay East on Monday the 5th of November to commemorate the first mail to be carried by the "Islander".



PRESS CLIPPINGSFROM THE GREENOCK TELEGRAPH, 27.9.72 (EXTRACTS)

Addressing the General Assembly of the United Nations, Argentine Foreign Minister, Brigadier Carlos Washington Pastor, said:

"My Government .. reiterates its firm decision to persevere in the search for a prompt and just solution to this (Falklands) problem. But the Argentine decision cannot be unilateral. It has to be matched by a similar spirit on the part of the British authorities".

He thanked the non-Aligned Movement for its consistency in supporting his country's legitimate claims.

FROM THE DAILY TELEGRAPH, 2.9.79 (EXTRACTS)

Russia is believed to be pressing Britain to accept electronic listening posts to monitor nuclear tests under a comprehensive test ban treaty.

The demand was made at negotiations in Geneva involving the Soviet Union, the United States and Britain.

Russian negotiators were said to have conceded there was "not much point" in having ten stations in Britain and have alternatively suggested they should be sited in places like Hong Kong and the Falkland Islands.

KIDS KORNER

First of all, we want to say that this is your corner so we want you to help us with it as much as possible. The editor likes to have a rest sometimes so why don't you lend him a hand and write something for next month's issue. We would like to receive almost anything, but in case you're stuck for ideas what about a short story, a poem or even a few jokes.

YOU TOO CAN WIN A CLOCKWORK HOPIING FROG !!!

What's that you say? Why a frog? Well, we're fresh out of Penguins! But getting back to the prizes, all we want you to do is answer the questions in the simple

quiz which follows. This is a quiz more for the older children of Stanley. Next issue will contain a similar one for Camp kids. And strictly no asking Mums, Dads, big brothers or sisters for help, because of course they would be able to answer the questions quite easily(!)

Whoever sends in the first correct set of answers will win a fabulous and frantically hopping frog and a box of sweets.

1. Who, at the Battle of the Falklands, said "then send the men to breakfast" when notified of approaching Germans?
2. What is the common name of the Striated Cara-cara?
3. What is the longest running programme on the F.I. broadcasting service?
4. What was the fate of the four Port Louis murderers who were arrested and taken to England?
5. Name the five types of penguins found in the Falklands.

Send your answers to the Editor, THE PENGUIN NEWS.

DREADFUL JOKES DEPARTMENT

What do you get if you put a budgie through a paper shredder? Answer: Shredded Tweet!!! (Groan).

AND HAVE YOU READ ...

How Battles Are Won, by Doring de Woh  
Holidays in England, by A. Pauline Weather  
How to Make Yourself Rich, by Robin Banks

By the way, these are not available in the library!

LATE NEWS

The Falkland Islands Company's West Store, was broken into on the night of Saturday the third of November. Neither the FIC or the Police were willing to comment on the incident but it is believed that property worth a considerable amount of money was stolen.

PEOPLE

FRED HETHERINGTON has for some time been working in the Coast Guard Service in Britain. Shortly he will be part of a team of Coast Guard men giving a display on cliff rescue at the London Boat Show. Nine members of the guard have been chosen and by a coincidence, TONY ARDEN, an ex Royal Marine who served with Naval Party 8901 in the Falklands, has also been selected.

Fred is married to Shirley the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Wallace Hirtle of Stanley.

GEORGE BETTS recently obtained his Mate's Home Trade ticket at Greenhvie Nautical College near Gravesend in England. George has now returned to the Falklands after several months of study in the UK and will be returning to the M.V. "Monsunen" as Captain.

MICHAEL ALLAN is an ex-Islander who has been doing well academically, and he recently gained five 'O' level passes. He has also represented Hampshire in sailing and won his school's seamanship award.

Yet another Islander doing well in the nautical field is ROBIN ROSS, who recently obtained his Master 'A' certificate. Robin did especially well considering that most of the exams were in Danish - a language which he has been studying for only a short time. He will now go back to sea as a mate on a ship of the Ther line.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHSDEATHS

Brian Ormonde BARNES, on the 14th September, aged 56.

Wickham Howard GILBERTS, on the 19th September, aged 79

We extend our sympathy to families and friends.

MARRIAGES

On the 23rd of October Royal Marine Anthony Lang and Brenda Fogerty.

NOTICES OF MARRIAGE ON THE REGISTRAR'S NOTICE BOARD

Gerald Morrison and Kay Anderson.

Len Stanford McGill and Teresa Ellen Dobbys.

Martin William Woodham and Judith Margaret Ford.



We apologise for a mistake in the last edition of the Penguin. On page 5 we printed "one of two elected representatives on Legislative Council". This should have read: one of two elected representatives for Stanley on Legislative Council.

SPORTS REPORT by Patrick Watts

The darts season came to its end with the playing off of the Individual Knockout Competition. This, as always, was played in the Victory Bar and involved eight of Stanley's best players. This competition began back in May with the commencement of the season, and is played round for round over the next four to five months. A novelty of the event is that players have to draw before-hand the double on which they have to start each leg.

On the night James Lang proved that he is still one of Stanley's top players. He came up against the Governor's Cup Champion Paul Bonner in the final, and triumphed by a 2-1 scoreline. It was a good game with Lang just having the edge throughout. He played some exciting darts in his three matches on the night, and it would have taken a very good player to have beaten him. Paul Bonner is a good player, but was not quite good enough this time. Earlier on there had been some good games. Les Biggs scored the maximum of 180 in his game with Harry Ford, and this left Ford with too much to do and he lost by 2-1. James Lee & Les Biggs were the other semi-finalists, and they played off for third place and a crate of beer. Biggs paid for the beer.

Joe King covered the games for Stanley Radio and he was very enthusiastic about the standard of play throughout the evening.

Local League soccer gets underway shortly, and already several practice games have been played. A new Youth Team has been formed, and the eighteen year old's and under are very keen to take on all opposition. To date they have played twice, losing to the Royal Marines, but beating an over thirty side by 2-0. Glen Ross scored twice.

Stanley teams have taken on the Royal Marines twice, winning both games by 5-0 and 4-0. Anton Livermore scored twice in the first game and Patrick Watts hit a hat trick in the second. The second game was marred by some rough play from the losers. Several new players are already

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As usual the NEWSAGENCY is expecting a very large consignment of annuals for the Christmas Season. There is an annual for almost every age group and they make ideal gifts. We suggest that you place your orders soon as we expect these books to sell rapidly.

Humour: Buster, Cor, Shiver and Shake, Knockout, Whizzer and Chips, Mickey Mouse, Disneyland, Beano, Dandy, Beezer, and Topper.

Boys: Lion, War, Battle, Tiger, Valiant, Victor, Hotspur, Warlord.

Girls: Tammy, Jinty, Pony Book, School Friend, June, Tina, Mandy, Bunty, Judy, Jackie, Diana, Debbie.

Juniors: Jack and Jill, Playhour, Bimbo, Twinkle.

Teenagers: Pink, Fab 208, Blue Jeans.

Adults: The Peoples Friend. Sport: Shoot!

SPORTS REPORT Continued from page 18.

making their mark on the local scene, and one of these, Bill Hughes, is also involved with Club affairs, being the new Secretary. He succeeds Frank O'Reilly. Mike Luxton takes over the Treasurer's position from Trevor Shaw.

The Rugby Club continues on its way, and will shortly be playing matches on its new field situated in the Dairy Paddock. The Club Secretary, Terry Peck, says that some more work is required before the field is ready for use. Matches are planned for most Wednesdays during the summer evenings.

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SLIP-UP'S ETC.

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As you will have noticed on page 17, even the PENGUIN NEWS lets a mis-print through its clutches every now and again. But thankfully, very few are quite as serious (or hilarious!) as the few examples which follow ...

"Earlier the same afternoon Mrs. Jackson slipped off a bus and bruised a ship." From the Uxbridge Weekly Post.

"Brian Saunders has been awarded the RSPCA bronze medal for rescuing a car trapped up a tree". From a Berkshire paper.

"A roast chicken an American woman had bought as a gift to a friend in Brixton Prison was found stuffed with cannabis resin, South Western magistrates were told yesterday.

A second chicken was similarly stuffed but refused to say who it was intended for." The Daily Telegraph.

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A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

Well, seven weeks since the last issue of the PENGUIN NEWS appeared on the news-stands or in your post box, we are once again in print. No doubt our multitudes of faithful readers will be looking for an explanation for this breakdown in communication, and so here it is - no idle excuse we promise you!

The M.V. 'A.E.S.' hit Stanley in a big way around the middle of last month with a veritable avalanche of mail and freight that must have registered a mighty eight or nine on the Richter scale. The Editor found himself and other workers at the Newagency, all to suddenly up to their extremities in crates, invoices and Snorkel Parkas!

No sooner had the mountain of mail (an estimated two tons) and freight been housed in shop and warehouse, than the tourist season began in earnest and the mail bags and boxes on the doorstep were replaced by packs of shopping-crazed and penguin-thirsty South American visitors.

And now, of course, we are well into the last furlong of the mad gallop towards Christmas and are immersed in the bustle that this inevitably brings.

Thus it has been a busy few weeks since the PENGUIN last hit the streets and little time has been available for journalism. Not that I'm complaining, mind! It's just that I thought deprived readers may appreciate this explanation and will perhaps view with a little more understanding those allusive mistakes that (you can bet your boots on it!) will appear somewhere in these pages.

Never mind! Busy though it is I for one like the excitement of the approach of Christmas and the genuine good will and celebration that it eventually brings along. While still on a cheerful note I think I had better look for a full stop and wish you all a very sincere and hearty MERRY CHRISTMAS!

SPORTS REPORT by Patrick Watts

Of the outdoor sports, football seems to be the most active at this time of the year with matches being played most

Sundays and mid-week. Good attendance by supporters has been one of the features this season, and already several of the teams have their regular supporters. Redsox seem to be the most popular, and their ace goal-scorer Chunky Philp appears to get most of the cheers.

Philp deserves this praise as he has already banged in 10 goals in the league. This puts him very far ahead as the top goal scorer in the championship. He is well supported by Grieve up front and Hughes and McLeod in the midfield. Redsox are at the time of going to press enjoying a five match unbeaten run and have joined Mustangs at the top. These two sides played out an exciting 3-3 draw recently, with Philp scoring all 3 for Redsox, and Cork equalizing for Mustangs in extra time.

Rangers and Dynamos languish at the bottom of the League with only one victory each to their credit. Rangers lack strength in the midfield, while Dynamos have never been able to field a full strength side. However, they did hold Redsox to a 3-2 defeat which probably would have ended up a draw were it not for a disputed penalty robbing Dynamos of a point.

The HMS 'Endurance' called at Stanley and played two matches; beating the Marines 4-2 but losing to Stanley 4-1. Neither match was in the 'official' Shield series. The match against Stanley was notable for pre-match excitement as two players, Hughes and Watts decided not to play after being selected. This came about because midfield Frank O'Reilly was dropped by the selectors for reasons no-one seemed quite sure of. Having played in all four practice matches, O'Reilly was not even listed as a substitute, and a spokesman for the selectors, when asked, said that the team had been picked on a basis of merit. A vast majority of the team agreed that O'Reilly should have been included and the selector later changed his mind and said that he had been dropped because he was 'too old' and it was time to field younger players. However three other players selected who are approaching the age of forty, and it was revealed that one selector had said some time ago that O'Reilly would simply not be chosen for the game. Personal likes or dislikes are of course not supposed to influence the selectors in their choice of players. Selection should be based on merit alone.



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 EDITORIAL
 

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Perhaps it is a characteristic common to all British colonies and ex-colonies and is something and we should accept; but racial prejudice is disturbingly common in the Falklands.

It is not a very well known fact that the colour of one's skin is considered before a person is given a work permit by our government. It is worrying that this most irrelevant of facts should be considered as we can expect now to be mentioned in the same breath as Southern Africa.

Racist feelings also exist in the public. At a recent public meeting in Stanley the possibility of offering a home to several families of the Vietnamese "Boat People" was discussed and a large proportion of the speakers felt that "we do not want to lumber ourselves with the same racial problems that are prevalent in the United Kingdom". What few at that meeting seemed to realise was that racial problems are not caused by immigrants but are caused by the people who refuse to accept them. Immigrants do not willingly form minority groups and ghettos but are forced into them with narrow minded prejudice and cruelty. Provided that any immigrant to the Falklands with skin colour other than white is accepted as a Falklander and not as a "Black", a Pakistani or a Vietnamese and as an equal, then there will be no problems.

By maintaining our population of British origin we are making a grave mistake and are developing a sense of bigoted racial superiority in our people. We have much to gain and (as long as racism is excluded) nothing to lose from admitting settlers of any race. We desperately need people.

In the particular case of the "Boat People", we would be well advised to invite four or five families to settle here. These unfortunate persons are professional people: engineers, doctors, architects and so on. These are the skills which we need especially. Another "plus" is that the refugee division of the United Nations would assist us with the settlement of such people - probably even with the donation of houses and special teachers. One other point to bare in mind is that we would gain enormously in sympathy from the other countries of the world, as our offer would be seen as a noble gesture. With only four

or five immigrant families we would probably find ourselves with the most "Boat People" per capita of any country and an example to the rest of the world.

If and when we receive these families we will have to ensure that they are given every assistance to settle and learn our language. One thing is sure; we would have the full cooperation of the immigrants as they would have so much to gain by intergrating into our society and being accepted.

Let us leave our doors open to the world and keep the ugly spectre of racial prejudice out of the Falklands.

The PENGUIN NEWS would like to hear readers views on this subject and will be pleased to print your comments - space providing.

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### NEW SHIPPING COMPANY FORMED IN STANLEY

Julian Fitter recently announced the formation of a new company, Penguin Shipping Ltd. This company is registered in Stanley and it's primary purpose is "the development of tourism and tourism facilities in the Falklands".

The company proposes to replace the existing shipping service provided by the F.I.C.'s Coastal Shipping Ltd which operates a freight only vessel around the Falklands. The new company intends to replace Coastal Shipping's 'Monsunen' with their M.V. 'Fitzroy' which will carry forty passengers and 20,000 cubic feet of cargo. Naturally the success of the new venture will depend upon the cooperation of the F.I.C. as both ships will not be able to operate economically. Mr. Fitter hopes that, should the 'Monsunen' service be withdrawn, the crew of the ship will be employed on the 'Fitzroy'.

Penguin Shipping will charge passengers £420 for a one week cruise around the Falklands during which the tourists will visit settlements and wildlife areas. The company would expect to move about 1000 passengers per year.

The Company needs to raise a capital of £200,000 before it can become operative, and invites the purchase of shares by the public.

Indirectly the Falkland Island Government will be a major share-holder in the new company and Mr. Fitter acknowledges the invaluable assistance that they have given. The Falkland Islands Company is also expected to be a major share-holder.

For the nautically minded, some technical details concerning the M.V. 'Fitzroy':

Passenger facilities - forty in two berth cabins.

Crew - accommodation for twenty but will normally carry less.

Dimensions - 160 feet long and draft 10 feet draft.

Freight - two holds, one forward and one aft, both divided into 'tween deck and lower hold. One lower hold will be refrigerated and 'tween decks will be suitable for carrying livestock. Total capacity: 20,000 cubic ft.

Penguin Shipping Ltd. hopes to be operating in the Falklands during the 1980/81 summer.

#### COUNCILLOR RETURNS FROM NEW ZEALAND CONFERENCE

Councillor for Stanley, Stuart Wallace, was the Government's representative at this year's Commonwealth Parliamentary Association Conference which was held in Wellington, New Zealand. The three week conference is an annual event attended by parliamentarians from Britain's colonies and ex-colonies.

Mr. Wallace said that the conference was most profitable for the Falklands as he had many opportunities to explain to other delegates our problems and aspirations. Several, he said, asked for more information. He was however depressed by the amount of parliamentarians at the conference who did not even realise that the Falklands existed! Councillor Wallace addressed the conference on the subject of "The Security of the Smaller Countries of the Commonwealth" and was able to speak for about eight minutes on the particular case of the Falklands.

Prior to the actual conference, he travelled around North

and South Island meeting many Falkland Islanders now residing there. All of those whom he met were happy and pleased with their new life.

The Councillor is convinced that these opportunities should not be missed as they are our only means of expression in an international forum.

#### TREASURY INITIATIVE GETS COOL WELCOME

The Government Treasury recently launched a cheque book scheme for account holders - a major improvement in the service offered by the only bank in the Falklands. The books of twenty five cheques cost account holders one pound but a balance of at least fifty pounds must be maintained in the account.

However, though this makes life much easier for many people, the cheques were not welcomed by some local businesses. The Falkland Islands Company's West Store was quick to announce that their terms were "cash only" and therefore treasury cheques could not be accepted. Although the terms of the West Store have been known for some time, most considered that this applied to the discontinued credit service. The ironic and, to many people, offensive part of this is that cheques on United Kingdom banks have been, and still are, gratefully accepted.

Two other stores have refused to accept the cheques from Stanley residents.

#### NEW PILOT RECRUITED FOR F.I.G.A.S.

The Secretariat recently announced that a new pilot has been employed for the Air Service. He is Ian White, thirty three year old son of the late Captain Freddy White who was for many years Master of the "Fitzroy" and the "Darwin" - vessels which plied between Stanley and Montevideo. Mr. White has been living in Canada recently and gained experience in De Havilland "Beaver" aircraft there. He is currently seeing to business in that country and will be arriving in the Falklands shortly.

The arrival of Ian White will mean that F.I.G.A.S. has three pilots for its two Beavers and one Islander.

# ENQUIRY INTO ALLEGED POLICE BRUTALITY

Len Minto of Stanley recently complained that he was badly treated whilst in police custody. As a result of Mr Minto's complaint an enquiry was made into the matter. The Chief Secretary Dick Baker, Harold Bennett and Chief Medical Officer Peter Sumners examined the evidence and have now submitted their report to the Governor. It is expected that Mr Parker will decide on what action should be taken before Christmas. Although the report was apparently inconclusive, unofficial reports suggest that the Chief Police Officer and the two other officers concerned are not happy with the findings.

# NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN HOUSING SCHEME

Efforts are being made by government to alleviate the acute housing shortage in Stanley. Several of the very large houses slightly to the west of the Battle Memorial on Ross Road are being subdivided into semi-detached dwellings and land has been surveyed on the east end of Davis Street to the south of the "White City" as a possible site for four or five new buildings. £100,000 is available for the building of five new houses but it has not yet been decided from where they will be purchased.

The new dwellings may be arranged around a central "plaza" or grass area - an attractive new idea in housing in the Falklands.

# BATTLE DAY CELEBRATIONS

The sixty-fifth anniversary of the Battle of the Falkland Islands was celebrated on the 8th of December in the usual way. A church service held in Christ Church Cathedral followed by a ceremony at the Battle Memorial on Ross Road. An impressive parade was attended by Falkland Islands Defence Force members, Sailors from HMS Endurance, Royal Marines and Boys and Girls Brigade members.

The Battle was one of the most important naval actions of the

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If man has to resort to the lavatory for social comment ...  
... The writing is on the wall!

STOP PRESS:- AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING SLEIGH  
HAS BEEN SEEN FLYING  
IN THE VICINITY  
OF MOUNT OSBORNE!!

# KIDZ KORNER



Hi kids!

This month we've got an easy way for you to win a prize. Get your pencils out, colour this picture in and send it to the Editor. The one considered by the judge to be the best will

receive a surprise prize. Sorry, but this is for under 9's only!

The quiz for Camp kids will be featured next month.

Congratulations to all of you who raised money for the local charities by participating in the sponsored walk to the Camber. Between you, you raised the fantastic sum of £313!!

We still want your poems, jokes or stories for this page so drop us a line today. We will be pleased to print your contributions if possible.

\*\*\*\*\*A HAPPY CHRISTMAS TO YOU ALL\*\*\*\*\*

# PHILATELY

This year's Christmas present from the Falklands to stamp collectors is the Universal Postal Union Centenary issue. This is a colourful set consisting of three stamps depicting  
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first world war and was a prestigious victory for the British after the humiliating defeat which they suffered at the hands of German warships off Coronel in Chile.

The eighth of December is traditionally a national holiday in the Falklands.

#### ROAD REPAIRS BEGIN

The patching of Stanley roads has begun with a small P.W.D crew working on Fitzroy Road. This is good news for Stanley motorists who are finding the cost of new springs crippling!

#### QUESTIONS IN THE COMMONS

Mr. James Johnson: What steps are being taken to reverse the decline in the population of the Falklands?

Mr. Nicholas Ridley: Her Majesty's Government's aim is to give the Islands a viable economic and political future. We have made available £7 million of capital aid in recent years.

Johnson: How many vacancies are there in the agriculture industry of the Falkland Isles?

Ridley: There are at present some vacancies in the agriculture industry of the islands. The main requirement is for skilled mechanics. Major development projects currently in progress also put strain on available labour.

Mr. Biggs-Davison: On receipt of the study by the White Fish Authority, will a statement be made about the development of fishing by British trawlers in Falkland Islands waters?

Ridley: The study has not been finalised. When complete, it will be published.

#### O.D.M. MEN VISIT

Two officials from the Ministry of Overseas Development visited the Falklands a short time ago. They visited the various development projects and are reported to be more satisfied with the progress of the School Hostel. However, a date has still not been specified by the contractors for the completion of the job.

#### BAHA'I'S CELEBRATE SILVER JUBILEE

The Bahai's of Stanley recently celebrated the twenty fifth anniversary of the introduction of the Faith to the Falklands. A reception was held for Bahai's and many guests in the Upland Goose Hotel on the 12th of November to commemorate this milestone. There are twenty one Bahai's now living in the Falklands.

#### ARGENTINA AND UK TO RESTORE FULL DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS

On November the 17th the two countries announced that they would shortly be exchanging ambassadors after a four-year gap.

Argentina withdrew it's ambassador from London in October 1975 and asked Britain to recall its envoy the following January because of the intensifying of the dispute over the Falklands. However, the two countries did not break off diplomatic relations and their Ambassies have been run by charges d' affaires.

Britain's new ambassador to the Argentine will be Anthony Williams, who will take up this appointment at the end of January.

The Argentine envoy to London will be Carlos Ortiz de Rosas, who has been his country's representative at the United Nations,

#### NEW GOVERNOR IS NAMED

Governor James Parker recently informed the public that he would be leaving the country in the new year. It was subsequently announced that his successor would be Mr Rex Masterton Hunt.

Mr. Hunt who was a fighter pilot in the R.A.F. stated his career in the Colonial Service by serving in Uganda. He then moved to Malasia and after joining the Diplomatic Service, served in Turkey and South Vietnam. He was evacuated from the latter country after the communist victory there.

He will be arriving in February or March 1980.



BUMPER WEEK FOR STANLEY AIRPORT

Stanley Airport had a record week for traffic recently.

Acting Airport Manager, Walter Felton, gave the following figures to the PENGUIN NEWS. From Monday the 10th to December to Friday the 14th there were nineteen take-offs and landings by FIGAS, LADE and private aircraft. The sum of £122 was raised by departure tax meaning that sixty one people left the country by air. The immigration department informed us that fifty-one persons arrived at the airport on international flights.

THE PENGUIN POST BOX

Walker Creek.  
1st December 1979.

Dear Sir,

I read with interest Mr. Burnett's letter in Issue No. 2 but feel that he has missed the point I was trying to make about the free trip to the Argentine.

He is quite right that many young people here wish to see something of the World and I would encourage them to do so - to go away overseas for a while and see if the grass really is as green as some say - including travelling around and getting to know Argentina and the Argentine people - it can only do good in the long run. The point is, however, that this should be done in the usual way of business trips or private holidays as one does anywhere else in the World.

But for people to accept a free trip to a country that is claiming your country and birthright - a trip all organised and paid for by the government of that same country, is being naive to say the least and makes the job of your own Government trying to persuade the World that we have a right to determine our own future that much harder. That job is hard enough as it is with the biased nature of the United Nations which is supposed to support human rights being so opposed to our rights without some of our own people cutting the ground from underneath us.

Mr. Burnett is quite right in that I spent two years in Southern Patagonia, the point is that I was working there

for a British owned sheep farm and any travelling was paid for by myself or the farm - at no time did I receive Government "free" trips.

I am worried that someone should suggest that elected Councillors should keep quiet on certain subjects and the covers on their typewriters - surely isn't it the job of Councillors to speak their minds - I hope that it is what people elected me to do anyway. The other sort of government is just the sort that is across the water and the one which we are trying to avoid.

Regarding the money paid by F.I.G. for Green Patch, had we insisted that the money had to be re-invested in the Islands, there would simply not have been a sale. Therefore, we were faced with no alternative since we wanted to get the idea of small farms going, than to pay up and hope that the sellers would see the point and that their conscience will encourage them to re-invest the money locally. Actually only 1% of it has been handed over - the rest does not go so I understand, until the first of April.

A Sales Tax would I think have been pointless - had there been one it would have been included in the purchase price and so we would have had government taxing government - to the benefit of nobody other than the paper suppliers.

Tim Miller.

OBITUARY

The Late Henry Thomas Luxton joined Government as a messenger in the Post Office in 1942. During his thirty seven years with Government he also worked as a clerk in the Post Office and as a Customs Officer in South Georgia, before returning to the Post Office as a clerical officer.

He was appointed Postmaster in 1960. From 1967 - 73 had a spell from postal work with an appointment as Customs Officer and Harbour Master plus Officer-in-Charge Agricultural Department. In 1973 Henry returned to the Post Office as Officer-in-Charge of the

Posts and Telecommunications Department and Postmaster; a position he held until his untimely death last month.

Apart from his employment, Henry found time for many other interests, and was for some years a keen member of the Boys' Brigade, and also a member of the Falkland Islands Defence Force, holding important positions such as Sergeant Major and latterly as a Lieutenant.

The Stanley Sports Association was another organisation to which he devoted a good deal of time.

Not the least of Henry's qualities was his faith. He was an active member of Christ Church Cathedral where he had often been a member of the Church Council and was a trustee of the Church.

To the bereaved we extend our deepest sympathy in their sad loss.

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#### NAUTICAL HISTORY an occasional series

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#### THE WRECK OF THE ORAVIA part 2 of an eye witness account.

"About half-an-hour after the ship was stranded, several small steamers' lights were sighted bearing down on the ship. It was a cheering sight to the 261 passengers on the doomed ship, who had no idea how long it would be before the ship went to pieces. They realised that the ship was in a very precarious position and might at any moment slip off the rock and sink in deep water. Owing to the rough sea none of them could come alongside the ship, and to make matters worse, the wind increased in violence and thick raining weather set in.

Four life-boats were lowered into the water and were filled with women and children, who were transferred to the steam whalers. Whilst this was proceeding the Government launch "Penguin" managed to get alongside and the remainder of the women and children and some men embarked in her. The next to come alongside was the tug boat "Samson" commanded by Captain Thomas who handled his boat with consummate skill and deserves great praise for his daring act in placing a boat of the "Samson"s size alongside a ship around, with a heavy sea running and breaking on rocks nearby. The remainder of the passengers, numbering about two hundred, were then embarked and she cast off and

steamed away for Stanley.

All this time the "Oravia" was surging and grinding on the rocks. Her stern being afloat, the heavy seas caused her to strain badly and the water-tight bulkheads to give way."

The final part of this narrative will appear in the January edition of the PENGUIN NEWS.

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#### BIRTHS

To Debbie and Don Youngquist of Port Stephens on the 30th of November, a son, Stephen Allan.

#### MARRIAGES

Gerald Morrison to Kay Anderson on the 10th November.

Len McGill to Teresa Dobbins on the 17th November.

Michael Bleaney to Alison Macintosh on the 8th December (at Pebble Island).

#### DEATHS

On the 27th November, Henry Thomas Luxton. An obituary for Mr. Luxton can be found on Page 13. We offer our sincere condolences to family and friends.

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Whatever gifts may come your way this Christmastide, one thing is certain - the best gift can come not from Husband, parent, friend or any person; it can come only from God. Christ is this gift, and if you will receive Him as your Lord and Saviour, you will receive everything. Thanks be to God for His unspeakable gift.

This was submitted by Rev. A.C. Queen who further says: "What better way, what better occasion, to wish all of you who read the Penguin News, a Very Happy Christmas."



PHILATELY continued

methods of mail delivery through the years. The three pence stamp portrays a bright red Beaver float 'plane over a settlement; the eleven pence, horses and rider crossing a river, and the twenty five pence stamp, a dark and romantic looking schooner. The stamps were designed by Mike Peake of Stanley.

This issue should help us to beat last year's record of £225,000 raised from stamp sales in the country and overseas

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N E W S Continued

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LEGCO TO CONVENE

Legislative Council are due to meet on Thursday the 20th of December. During this meeting (which is open to the public various bills will be brought before the council for their approval and the most important is expected to be an amendment to the income tax ordinance. This was proposed by Executive Council at a meeting on the 6th of December. Councillors will also be able to ask the British administration questions for which the answers are prepared before hand.

A full report on the meeting, which is expected to continue on Friday, will be contained in next months PENGUIN NEWS.

EDITOR OF BUENOS AIRES HERALD QUILS

Robert Cox, the well known and respected editor of the Argentine English-language newspaper the Buenos Aires Herald, left the Argentine for an unspecified period of time.

Cox, whose paper has sided with neither party in the dispute over the Falklands, was well known as a defender of human rights while at the same time deploring terrorism. As a result he was looked upon as a Marxist by the Government and as supporter of the fascist Government by left wingers. He received many death threats and the last straw was when a Montoneros warning was received by his young son. Robert Cox is a sad loss to a (up till now) outspoken and internationally respected publication.

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## EDITORIAL

1980 - TIME FOR A CHANCE

The seventies have stepped gracefully into the history books and we will never again see many of the things which made the last ten years the decade it was.

For the Falklands the seventies was a decade of significant change and some progress. In the sixties the sovereignty problem was brought into the open. Of course it had always been there but in the late sixties several events occurred which revived the strong "Malvinas" feelings in Argentina that had lain dormant for so long.

These patriotic acts - the chief of which was the hijacking of an Argentine airliner and the subsequent holding of hostages here - also brought home to the Falklanders the precarious nature of their existence, and we began our fight to remain British.

Lord Chalfont visited the Falklands in 1968 and must have been somewhat taken aback at the massive pro-British feeling which he encountered.

The problem came out into the open then in the sixties and all three sides settled down for a long dispute behind their respective slogans: "Keep the Falklands British, "The Islands will not be handed over without the consent of the people" and "The Malvinas are Argentine".

However the seventies began with a change of policy and negotiations began between the Argentine and British Governments over the Falklands. As a result in 1972 the famous, or, to some, infamous Communications Agreement was signed and by this document the Argentine Government was handed a major portion of the control of the Falkland Islands. By this agreement Argentina was given a complete monopoly in the sale of petrol and other fuel here and a large tank farm was subsequently built. They were also given the sole right to operate an external air link and LADE began services almost immediately.

According to the agreement Argentina was to build a temporary airstrip and Britain was to provide a permanent one. The

British Government also agreed to provide a shipping link for passengers and freight (a promise which was not kept). The offensive "white Card" was introduced. This was in effect an Argentine issued visa which all travellers to the Falklands required before they could board the LADE 'plane - the only means of reaching the Islands.

These developments have brought about significant changes to the Falklands, and it cannot be denied that in some ways life is more comfortable now than it was ten years ago. However, we have paid an extortionate price for these improvements and it must not be forgotten that as a result of Britain's weakness, the fascist government of our giant neighbour has a rope around our neck which would take very little effort to tighten.

At the moment Britain's policy of appeasement of Argentine passions shows no sign of disappearing and, if present trends continue, we can expect an unpleasant solution to the sovereignty issue within this decade.

So, there is no time to waste. We must make the eighties ten years a real progress by taking the blinkers off our eyes and dispelling this blind faith in the British Government. We can trust the British Government as little as we can trust the Argentine Government and feeble cries of "Keep the Falklands British" and other cliches will win us no support or sympathy.

Instead we should look to ourselves and proclaim that the Falklands belong to us and not to Britain, Argentina or any other foreign country. We could set ourselves the greatest goal that a people can have - independence; and by the beginning of the next decade we could say goodbye to reliance on Argentina or Britain. Fluttering proudly above our heads could be, not the Union Jack, but the flag of the Falkland Islands Republic.

## NEWS

SHUTTLE JUSTICE STRIKES AGAIN

The Falklands visiting judge Sir Peter Watkin-Williams arrived in Stanley on the 9th of January and found several cases await-

ing his judgement. The most controversial of these was the case against John Jones who pleaded guilty to the assault of Tony McLaren. Jones badly injured McLaren who was helplessly drunk. The judge chose not to pass sentence on Jones but warned that should a similar incident occur to him, then his behaviour would be viewed more harshly. This shocked some citizens of Stanley as Jones had been involved in a similar incident a year or so earlier and it was felt that a harder line should have been taken.

The visiting Justice also listened to the case of Alan Cusworth who was convicted some time ago of the theft of several thousand pounds worth of goods from the West Store. Cusworth appealed against his sentence of one year's imprisonment and the judge reduced his partially completed sentence to nine months.

A decision on the case between the Government and Charles Rowe of Buenos Aires was withheld and a decision on this is expected soon. Charles Rowe, who inherited the Globe Store, the Globe Bar and the other property belonging to the late Ernesto Rowe, has disputed the Government's right to dispose of the property to pay long outstanding debts. Rowe, who has rarely visited the Falklands and never made his home here, was represented by his lawyer.

#### LINDBLAD EXPLORER RUNS AGROUND AGAIN IN THE ANTARCTIC

The M.V. "Lindblad Explorer", a small Swedish owned luxury cruise ship, was reported on the 28th of December to have run aground near Anvers in the Antarctic. The passengers, who were mostly very wealthy Americans, were transferred to a Chilean vessel and along with the majority of the crew were taken to Punta Arenas.

Information has been hard to come by, and it is not known if the vessel has been towed to a South American port or not.

A similar incident occurred to the "Lindblad Explorer" some years ago and on that occasion the ship's company spent an unpleasant few hours in lifeboats.

It is to be hoped that the ship is soon repaired as she is a frequent visitor to the Falklands.

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NO, BUT SERIOUSLY FOLKS ... by "RAPSCALLION"

I just can't understand it! I've looked in the Guinness Book of Records under "Great Acts of Folly" and checked up on the Seven wonders of the World, but nowhere can I find any reference to the marvellous and surely unique undersea radio station which is supposed to exist in the damp depths somewhere north of Stanley and South of the Camber.

The existence of this strange edifice was brought to my attention only recently when the Government, wishing to picture it on a future postage stamp, appealed for photos of the "old wireless station at the bottom of the harbour".

Since hearing of it's existence I have lost a lot of sleep over it and have even contacted several experts on this sort of thing. However, I flatly refuse to believe Erich Von Daniken's theory that it is "without doubt the last remnants of a previous civilization and that it was a fuelling station for flying saucers". Jacques Cousteau may be able to shed some light on the matter though.

If indeed this mystery construction lurking in the depths of Stanley Harbour is a wireless station, the product of our civilization, then it answers a few questions. For instance it is now obvious to me why so many ships refuse to poke their sharp ends through the narrows and remain in the inhospitable Port William. Yes, you guessed it! They are scared of ripping their bottoms off on submerged radio masts and entangling their propellers in aerial cables.

Assuming again that there is a wireless station sitting in the silt of our harbour, then one question persistently comes to mind. Why is it there at all? Well it seems to me that there are two possibilities: A/ It's sole purpose was to communicate with Her Majesty's submarines, or B/ The contractors, in the best tradition of building, didn't pass their 'O' level map reading and sunk the foundations (excuse the pun) on the wrong side of the shore line. If 'B' is the case, and I rather think it might be, British pride would have dictated that the whole farce should be officially forgotten about; so explaining why so few people know of the Building's existence and why the stamp committee stands about as much chance as a choc-ice in a Rayburn of finding a photograph of it. Yes, indeed, it's a fishy business and makes one think a bit. I can't wait to see the stamp!

ISLANDER DAMAGED

The Falkland Islands Government Air Service "Islander" aircraft was damaged whilst landing at Green Patch on 21st December 1979.

Apparently the front wheel hit a small hillock and the under-carriage was bent towards the rear of the 'plane. This meant that it was not possible to steer on the ground and, though the "Islander" was flown safely back to Stanley, the FIGAS engineers were faced with a considerable problem.

Bill Hughes travelled to England to consult with the manufacturers and returned with an expert from the "Islander" factory - who assisted with repairs to the aircraft.

FIGAS "Islander", VP-FAY, is now back in service.

PARKER DEPARTS THE ISLANDS

Governor James Parker completed his tour in the Falklands recently and left Stanley with his wife aboard HMS ENDURANCE on 31st January.

The Governor made a somewhat emotional farewell speech over the Falkland Islands Broadcasting Station the evening before, in which he sounded genuinely sorry to be leaving the country. He expressed his belief that the future for the Falklands was good and that during his term of office, we had made good progress and begun a number of projects that would benefit the country in the long term.

The new Governor, Rex Masterton Hunt, is expected to arrive in Port Stanley towards the end of February.

LOCAL ARTISTS HOLD EXHIBITION OF WORK IN STANLEY

Four Falkland Islands artists, Sonia Paul, John Smith, Duffy Sheridan and Tony Chater, exhibited their paintings and drawings in the Town Hall Refreshment Room on the 25th and 26th of January.

The show was marked by the great variety of subjects depicted in the works of the four artists and perhaps for this reason

there was such a great response from the public. At times the exhibition was crowded out with people enjoying the rare opportunity to view good original art work.

Sonia Paul, who was born in the Falklands, has recently returned and hopes to spend the next few years painting the fauna and flora of the Islands with a view to compiling a book.

Duffy Sheridan, who has been living in the Falklands for several years now, is a full time painter and will shortly be spending two weeks in Mar del Plata, Argentina, where he will be exhibiting his work as a guest of the Argentine Automobile Club.

BLAZE AT DOUGLAS STATION

A fire destroyed the home of the Gaiger family at Douglas Station on 24th December 1979.

The cause of the fire, in which no-one was injured, is not known.

TRANS-GLOBE TWIN OTTER AIRCRAFT VISITS STANLEY

A "Twin Otter" twenty seat aircraft belonging to the Trans-Globe Expedition, arrived at Stanley Airport on 29th December.

The aircraft was not expected on that day and spent some time flying at a very low altitude around Stanley awaiting the arrival of the authorities at the airport.

The 'plane, which is fitted with skis and wheels, will be assisting members of the expedition which is crossing the globe by land and sea via both poles. This journey has never been made before, and may well be one of the last enterprises of its type.

STUD HORSE DIES

Pampero, the imported quarter horse stud which belonged to Ronald and Diana Turner of Kincon Grande, recently died. This valuable animal had only been in the Falklands for a few years.



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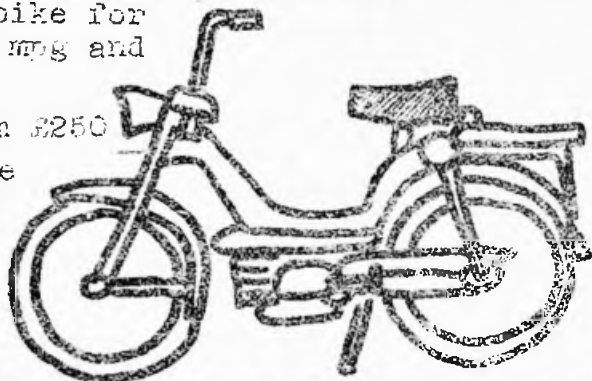
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Although the NEWSAGENCY will continue to import the popular titles we can no longer deal with special orders from camp and Stanley customers. As from the next consignment received the magazines will be sold on a first-come-first-served basis from our premises on Barrack St. We would suggest that, should camp customers wish to continue receiving their magazines (and we hope they will), they arrange for friends in Stanley to collect them and arrange postage. We would be pleased to charge papers to campers accounts as we always have done.

Dear Son,

I'm writing this letter to you care of the PENGUIN NEWS because it is the most popular paper in the Falklands and as I don't know where you are, it's the only way I can contact you. I am writing slowly because I know that you can't read very fast.

You won't know the house when you come back because we have moved. There was a washing machine in the house when we moved in, but it doesn't seem to work very well. I really don't know what's wrong with it but last week I put half a dozen shirts in it, pulled the chain, and I haven't seen them since.

Your sister had a baby this morning. I don't know yet if it's a boy or a girl and so I can't tell you if you are an aunt or uncle. Which reminds me, your uncle Bill drowned in a vat of whisky last month. Some of his work mates dived in to save him but he fought them off bravely. We cremated his body which took three weeks to put out.

About your father, he has a good new job with five hundred people under him. He is cutting the grass at the cemetery. Dad didn't drink too much at Christmas. I put a bottle of castor oil in his Tennents and it kept him going until New Year.

I went to see the doctor on Friday, He put a tube in my mouth and told me not to open it for ten minutes. Your Dad offered to buy it off him.

The weather has been terrible. It rained twice last week, once for three days and once for four days. It was dreadfully windy as well and on Monday it blew so hard that one of our hens laid the same egg three times.

Your loving Mother.

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 A NEW SECTION DEALING WITH NEWS THAT DOESN'T QUITE MAKE HEADLINES
 

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Fate didn't seem to be with HMS ENDURANCE as she left Stanley on 31st January carrying Her Majesty's envoy. No sooner had she left Cape Pembroke astern than red distress rockets were spotted coming from a small yacht. ENDURANCE immediately altered course to lend a hand and found that the master of the little sail-boat's only distress was that he could not post his mail! Tempers must have been suppressed and the intrepid yachtsman's letters home were accepted. However, I doubt very much whether tempers were suppressed as the two vessels bade each other Bon Voyage for at that moment Endurance's engine decided to break down. No doubt the lone sailor made off as fast as his spinnaker would carry him.

The Navy Lark hadn't finished, incredibly, later that night when a citizen of Stanley spotted more rockets splitting the heavens. Forrest went out to investigate only to find that ENDURANCE, her engines by this time churning away merrily, was conducting an exercise with her helicopters. Perhaps they were looking for the yachtsman!

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Vandalism cannot be ignored for much longer in Stanley. In the past few weeks (and these are only causes that the Editor knows about) two dinghies have been set loose and lost, three motorcycle seats have been slashed and one defenceless person was viciously assaulted. There must be some underlying cause.

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1980 got off to a terrific start, weather-wise, and on New Year's Day the temperature reached a very high 22° centigrade. The first of January seems to be traditionally a hot day, as, if my memory serves me well, New Year's Day '79 was a scorcher as well.

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Browsing through that most fascinating of volumes "The

Guinness Book of Records" I found that the Falklands break no less than two records. That we have the most cinema seats per person of any country in the world is common knowledge. But did you know that our little metropolis is the most southerly administrative centre in the world? Another interesting fact, though I think it has escaped the G.B.R., is that Christ Church Cathedral here in Stanley is the most southerly cathedral in the world. I must drop them a line; they might send me a free pint!

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 FROM THE WORLD'S PRESS
 

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THE TIMES, LONDON. 14th January 1980.

From Lord Shackleton and others.

Sir, By injecting controversy and speculation into his article of December 17 on Oil in the Falklands, your correspondent, Michael Frenchman, not only gives a misleading picture on the current situation, but more importantly does not pay informed regard to the true interests of the Falkland Islanders themselves. We would like to set the record straight on a few points.

First, there is no justification for postulating at this stage the size of possible hydrocarbon deposits in the Malvinas sedimentary basin between the Islands and the Argentinian mainland. The results of the recent seismic surveys indicate only that in some areas the structure and size of the sedimentary section are such as to justify proceeding to the next stage of exploration - i.e. drilling.

As recent disappointing exploration of the east coast of the United States has shown, until drilling has taken place, it is quite impossible to put forward any credible estimates of possible oil reserves for the offshore area of the Falklands. All responsible professional opinion would reject the estimates in the 1975 Geological Survey to which your correspondent refers, based as they were on a series of quite unsustainable hypothetical assumptions.

Secondly, contrary to the claims of consultants quoted by Mr. Frenchman, although the servicing of any offshore drilling

activity in the Malvinas Basin may be most conveniently conducted from the Falklands, it does not have to take place from the Islands.

The major consideration in deciding to what degree such activity should be based there, and how it would be operated must be the subject for a difficult and sensitive judgement on the part of the Islanders. From the 1936 Economic Survey Report and from other enquiries they are mostly well aware of the impact which oil exploration and production activities has had on the residential industries of Shetland and these islands have a native population of 17,000 compared with the 1,900 in the Falklands.

We would therefore strongly urge a cautious approach by the United Kingdom and Falkland Island Governments to offshore oil exploration. Speculation of the kind indulged in in Mr. Frenchman's article can only further unsettle a community already disturbed by years of political and economic uncertainty.

Yours etc.

LORD SHACKLETON, HR WARREN, RICHARD JOHNSON.  
House of Lords, January 10.

Editor's Note: Lord Shackleton was the leader of the famous Economic Survey in the Falklands in 1976 and Michael Frenchman too has visited the Islands as a Times correspondent.

#### THE FALKLAND ISLANDS NEWSLETTER, LONDON. NOVEMBER 1979.

Dr. Fernando Mendoza, Secretary General of the Association of Latin American State Oil Companies, has said that the waters between Argentina and the Falkland Islands are an area for likely exploration in the near future.

Dr. Mendoza was speaking at the recent "Offshore Europe 79" exhibition in Aberdeen, where he likened the potential and conditions of Falkland waters with those of the North Sea.

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#### NAUTICAL HISTORY an occasional feature

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This is the final part of our serialisation of an account of the wreck on the Billy Rock of the steamship "Oravia". The Oravia was a vessel belonging to the Pacific Steam Navigation Company of Liverpool, England and hit the Billy Rock on 12th November 1912. The full version of this account was originally published in the Falkland Islands Magazine and Church Paper in 1912.

"The passengers arrived alongside the Stanley public jetty aboard "Samson", "Penguin" and one steam whaler, where they were met by the inhabitants of the town. It was then raining heavily and it was with relief and pleasure that they took shelter in the Customs Shed nearby. H.E., W.L. Allardyce and his staff and most of the leading people of Port Stanley were present and by 3 am all the passengers landed from the "Oravia" had been billeted among the different houses and hotels.

Later on in the day, mail and baggage were recovered from the wreck, but at 5 pm an urgent wireless message was sent by the Captain saying that the ship had to be abandoned at once. At 6 pm the crew were transferred to the "Samson", Captain Poole being the last to leave the ship. The Officers were taken to the town and the crew to the Camoer which had been prepared to receive them.

All the passengers were loud in their praise of Captain Poole and his Officers and were surprised to find that their luggage and even unpacked items had been recovered.

At the time of writing the "Oravia" is still on the Billy shoal but is much lower since she struck. The after part is above water and the forward end is submerged. The first easterly gale will break her up."

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Despite the fact that the writer of the preceding article thought that Captain and crew "deserved well of their countrymen", most of the blame was laid squarely on Poole and his Officers. Captain Poole, in the opinion of the court of enquiry, was too confident that his position was correct

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## SPORTS REPORT by Patrick Watts

THE RESULTS OF THE STANLEY SPORTS ASSOCIATION 67TH ANNUAL RACE MEETING, HELD ON THE 26TH AND 27TH DECEMBER, 1979.

The first, second & third names listed indicate winner, second & third respectively.

Maiden Plate - Reinbeau, S. Halford; Pollanise, R. Morrison; Long Island, K. Whitney.  
200 Yards (foot) - S. Townsend; G. Hardcastle  
Kelper Store Plate - quicksilver, T. Summers; Tina, O. Summers; Sapphire, R. Binnie.  
West Falkland Plate - Easter Hero, O. Summers; Lillian, T. Summers; Diddle Melodian, S. Halford.  
One Mile (Foot) - J. Lacey; A. Livermore; Paul Peck  
Trotting Race - Lady Godiva, S. Morrison; New Year, R. Binnie, Sally, H. Pettersson.  
Colville Chase - Patience, R. Binnie; Cuero, T. Summers; (tie) Whisky, N. Watson and Little Mo, W. Morrison.  
Pony Race - Prince, Kia Miller; Telstar, N. McPhee; Toby, D. Jennings.  
Chief Secretary's Plate - Patience, R. Binnie; Easter Hero, O. Summers; Fencer, S. Morrison.  
Governor's Cup - Diddle Melodian, S. Halford; Sapphire, R. Binnie; Orequena, R. Morrison.  
E.G. Rowe Memorial Race - Long Island, K. Whitney; Reinbeau, S. Halford; Pollanise, R. Morrison.  
Musical Chairs (mounted) - H. Jennings; R. Binnie; S. Halford  
Rincon Grande Plate - Lillian, T. Summers; Easter Hero, O. Summers; Sapphire, R. Binnie.  
Ladies Trotting Race - Beauty, D. McKay; Pirri, N. Stephenson; Sally, T.D. Pettersson.  
Relay Race (mixed foot) - N. Luxton & D. McLeod; S. Rose & Robin Gregory; G. Watson & D. Jennings.  
The A.G. Barton Prize - Patience, R. Binnie; Tina, O. Summers; Fencer, S. Morrison.  
Stepping the Hundred Yards - Lucinda Watts; A.F. Alazia; Paul Betts.  
Berkeley Sound Plate - Easter Hero, O. Summers; quicksilver, T. Summers; Bombardier, S. Morrison.

The Mile Open - Easter Hero, O. Summers; Lillian, T. Summers; Sapphire, R. Binnie.  
Trotting Race - Beauty, D. McKay; Mistake, Jan Clifton; Andy, S. Morrison.  
Andrew Bruce Trophy - Long Island, K. Whitney; Tina, O. Summers; Oracana, R. Morrison.  
100 Yards (foot) - Gavin Hardcastle; Brian Bell; Paul McKay.  
Troop Race - Patience, R. Binnie; Cuero, T. Summers; Blowhard, S. Morrison.  
Veterans Handicap Race - Murdo McLeod; A. McLeod; S. Cletheroe.  
Chartres Plate - Easter Hero, O. Summers; Reinbeau, S. Halford; quicksilver, T. Summers.  
440 Yards (foot) - G. Hardcastle; A. Livermore; D. Boyd.  
Port San Carlos Prize - Blowhard, S. Smith; Mr. Softie, W. Morrison.  
Defence Force Club Race - Patience, R. Binnie; quicksilver, T. Summers; Tina, O. Summers.  
Ladies Race (foot) - Christine Peck; Rowen Miller; Pat Luxton  
Junior Gallop - Patience, Kia Miller; Dorrie, L. Molkenbuhr.  
David Smith Plate - Long Island, K. Whitney; Easter Hero, O. Summers; Bombardier, S. Morrison.  
Scillionian Stakes - Patience, R. Binnie; Cuero, T. Summers; Fencer, S. Morrison.  
Ladies Gallop - Sabre, M. Clausen; Blowhard, S. Middleton.  
Home Charm Young Jockey's Challenge Cup - quicksilver, T. Bonner; Mister Softie, T.D. Pettersson; Ascot, D. McKay.  
Long Jump - G. Hardcastle; A. Livermore; Brian Bell.  
Consolation Race - Ding Dong, T. Summers.  
Junior Rincon Grande Plate - Little Mo, Kia Miller; Whisky, D. Jennings; Dorrie, Lisa Molkenbuhr.  
Salvador Prize - Easter Hero, O. Summers; Long Island, K. Whitney; Lillian, T. Summers.  
Woolbrokers Plate - Patience, R. Binnie; Tina, O. Summers; quicksilver, T. Summers.  
Association Race - Whisky, G. Butler; Blowhard, S. Smith.

The Champion Jockey - OWEN SUMMERS.

Patrick Watts' comments on the sports overleaf.

UTTERLY USELESS INFORMATION DEPT ... The longest moustache on record belongs to an Indian gentleman. It grew to a span of 8 feet 6 inches and cost £13 a year to upkeep.

With several top jockeys absent through injury, and the Betts family of Pebble deciding, probably quite wisely, not to subject their horses to the long trip to Stanley, the 1979 meeting went better than most would have expected. Entries were decidedly down on recent years, but generally an average of six went to the post. The first day's events were spoiled as persistent rain made racing and watching uncomfortable. The second day saw warm, dry weather with good attendance and good racing.

The big surprise of the meeting was the shock victory of George Smith's "Diddle Melodian" in the premier event, the Governor's Cup. Ridden by Sharon Halford, "Diddles" came through in the final hundred yards to sweep past the other horses as if they were going backwards! Unfortunately, this horse did not produce the same sort of form in other races and it would appear that it takes something special to make this foal off the Argentine imported stud "Don Geronimo" shake off his lethargy and run.

Gus Perry's 'Long Island' proved to be the best "maiden" of the meeting. Jockey Keith Whitney had the Maiden Plate at his mercy only for the horse to shy badly in the last hundred yards, and allow 'Reinbeau' to come past and win.

This latter animal will also figure prominently next year and some interesting battles are in prospect. The Champion Race proved to be just a bit too ambitious for 'Long Island' who was beaten by Owen Summers' 'Easter Hero'.

In the shorter locally bred Champion Race, Ron Binnie brought 'Patience' away for another easy win. Patience was the only unbeaten horse of the meeting, and has a remarkable record in Stanley over distances from 300 to 600 yards.

Finally, youngster Kia Miller deserves special mention for riding three winners during the meeting, all in the fifteen years and under events. A possible Champion Jockey of the future?

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The next issue of the PENGUIN NEWS will contain football news.

# CHILDRENS CORNER

## FUNNY STORY COMPETITION.

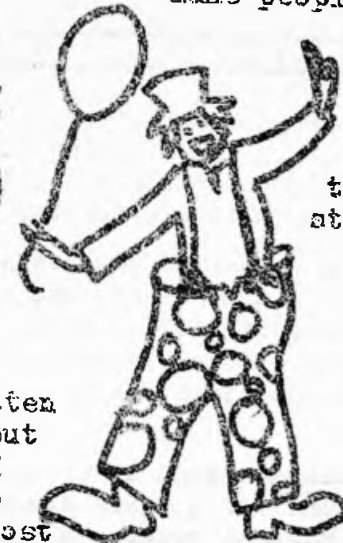
These three clowns, CLEMENTINE, BAGGY and CO-CO, are about to go into the circus ring and make everyone laugh. I would like you to write a short story about what they do and the funny things that make people laugh.

The best and most original story will be published in the next Kids Corner and we will award a prize to the writer. So let's of stories from all of you!

WRITE  
CLOWN  
STORY

When you have written your short story put your name, age and address at the top of each page and post it to PO Box 140, Stanley. Come on kids; show us what you can do!

The winner of the colouring competition in the 1st issue was JUNE JAMTRAY at Walker Creek. Your prize, a packet of coloured pencils is on its way.



THE WRECK OF THE "DRAMIA", Part 3 continued.

and he was ordered to pay one half of the cost of the investigation.

While the local boats and seamen involved in the rescue were praised, little mention was made in the account of the Norwegian steam whalers which were also involved. This could be because (according to one person's memories) the Norwegians had been making the best of their stay in Stanley and were somewhat enebriated! Local boats apparently spent more time avoiding the unpredictable Scandinavians than they did doing anything else. It has been suggested that the crew remained on the ship to the last minute mainly to make sure that the whalers stayed off!

The two local boats mentioned in the account are now beached and lie not far from Stanley. The "Samson" is in Whalebone Cove and the "Penguin" at the Canache.

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THE PENGUIN POST BOX

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Sir, I am writing to the PENGUIN NEWS to express my annoyance at an item in the latest edition of the Falkland Islands Times. I am not writing to the Times because I do not consider the publication in any way suitable for the purpose.

The item in the idle gossip column so obviously referring to Andy Alsop of Loganair was an unnecessary and unfounded remark. I would like to take this opportunity to convey my opinion that any - in his short stay - probably did more good for the Islands than the Editor of the Times has done, is doing or ever shall do.

The Times and associated publications in my view are composed by a number of Neddy Seagoons for a small minority of like mentality. The papers do however receive a humorously tolerant acceptance by many, possibly in the belief that as the Editor is English he must be smarter than they are, and misinterpretation of blatant insolence as relative travesty. Too often individual expatriates convince themselves that they stand alone in championing our cause, usually spending so much time fighting amongst themselves that they do not realise that the Kelper doesn't give a monkey for them ... any of them!

My initial reaction was one of quiet anger and I considered giving the Editor a better understanding of G-forces! As further words in this direction would be pointless, the idea has not completely slipped my mind.

E. Anderson, Jnr.

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NEWS Continued

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MARINES ESCAPE JUSTICE

Word reached the PENGUIN NEWS a short time ago that one or two Royal Marines were known to have killed two protected birds on Grand Jason Island. We contacted Moody Brook to try and ascertain the facts behind the allegation and discovered that this occurred some time ago when M.V. "Forrest" was taking Annie Price and Cindy Buxton to the Jasons.

According to Major Lade, the Commanding Officer, two Marines (whose names he did not reveal) were carrying equipment for the two girls when they were "attacked" by two Johnney Rooks (Striated Cara-cara's). One of the men returned to the ship for a .22 rifle and shot the two birds. Major Lade further claims that the two men reported the crime to the Police on their return to Stanley and permission was given to the Major to deal with the case. The men were then disciplined but not fined or punished in any way.

The PENGUIN NEWS also contacted the Police who said that they had no knowledge of the incident although they said offences committed by Marines are normally referred to their Commanding Officer.

The penalty for killing the Johnney Rook, one of the rarest breeding birds in the Islands is twenty pounds. In this case the Marine or Marines should have been ordered to pay a fine of forty pounds.

STOP PRESS --- F.I.G.A.S. ISLANDER

The F.I.G.A.S. 'Islander' aircraft sustained damage to the port undercarriage fairing at Hill Cove today the 12th.



TRAGIC ACCIDENT AT HALLEY BAY

The Director of the British Antarctic Survey notified the Government on 4th February that a serious accident had occurred at Halley Bay.

On 2nd January at 11.40 GMT a Twin Otter aircraft of BAS was making a low pass over Halley Bay base personnel prior to landing the pilot apparently misjudged his height and the Base Commander, Miles Mosley, was hit by the undercarriage of the aircraft and killed instantly. Colin Morel, another BAS employee, was injured but the base doctor believes that treatment in the hospital at Halley should be successful.

Miles had been working in the Antarctic for a considerable time and will be known to some people in the Falklands. In December last year he and some other BAS men spent about three weeks in Stanley living in Stanley House.

NEW PLANS FOR PENGUIN SHIPPING

Julian Fitter, Managing Director of Penguin Shipping, in a letter to Outward Bound Tours recently said that the project (to bring a vessel to the Islands to conduct cruises around the archipelago) has developed considerably since he was last in the Falklands.

It will take a lot longer than anticipated to get enough money together to carry out the main project and he has therefore reverted to a previous scheme until sufficient capital has been accumulated.

He now hopes to operate two smaller vessels in the Falklands during the 1980/81 summer. One of these which will be based on West Falkland, will be 70 ft. in length and will have five double passenger cabins. The other will be 50 ft. in length and will be available mainly for day trips from Stanley. It would however be able to accommodate a few passengers in cabins.

Julian Fitter hopes to return to this country in March to make final arrangements for the introduction of Penguin Shipping's scheme.

Harry Milne of the Falkland Islands Company Ltd. recently wrote to the PENGUIN NEWS and asked the Editor to emphasise that the FIC would not support a combined tourist/cargo operation.

DISPUTE WITH CABLE AND WIRELESS

There would appear to be an internal dispute in the Cable and Wireless organisation in the Falklands. Cable & Wireless is the firm responsible to a large degree for the Falklands' external communications and employs a number of Stanley residents.

The Manager, Iain Stewart, was reluctant to give any details to the PENGUIN NEWS but said that most of the employees of the Company had signed an agreement and negotiations were continuing with only a few individuals.

The fact that the Manager was reluctant to discuss the matter would suggest that a delicate situation exists between the Company and at least some of the employees.

Unofficial sources indicate that paid passages to the U.K. being provided for some employees and not for others is at the base of the trouble.

BIRTHS

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| 24.1.80 | to Paul and Vera Bonner - a Son, <u>Alan Paul</u>                  |
| 26.1.80 | to Kenneth and Josephine McKay - a daughter, <u>Jennifer Coral</u> |
| 28.1.80 | to Michael and Jeanette Clarke - a son, <u>Jan Michael</u>         |

MARRIAGES

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| 19.1.80 | Martin Woodham (R.M.) and Judith Ford |
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DEATHS

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| 19.1.80 | James Watson Peck, <u>aged 79.</u>          |
| 2.2.80  | Miles Mosely at Halley Bay, <u>aged 32.</u> |

We extend our sincere sympathy to families and friends.



## PEOPLE

The new Pilot for F.I.G.A.S. arrived in Stanley on the 6th of February. He is IAN WHITE who lived for many years in the Falklands. He will be spending the next few years flying our Beavers and Islander around the Islands.

Ian, who is married with two children, has spent the last few years flying in Canada and he told the PENGUIN NEWS reporter that he spent some time "fire bombing" often in ancient second war bombers! "Fire Bombing" is apparently one of the more exciting forms of flying and forrest fires are literally bombed with chemical solutions which retard the fire. The rest of his time was spent charter flying in, amongst other aircraft, Beavers and Norseman.

Ian's mother, Mrs. Nell White, is also in the Islands for a short visit.

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LORD AUBREY BUXTON paid a short visit to the country recently and spent some time travelling around the Islands. He is the father of Cindy Buxton who, as most people will know, here to make several wildlife films for the Survival Company.

Lord Buxton was a founder of Anglia T.V. and was made a life peer for his services to television. He is still a director of Anglia and is Cindy's boss in her work for "Survival", a Division of Anglia which makes wildlife films for world-wide distribution.

Whilst in the Falklands, he was the guest of GOVERNOR PARKER.

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Barry Ford with his wife GLENDA and their two children left the Falklands a couple of years ago to begin a new life in the United Kingdom.

Barry's mother, Mrs. Dolly Ford, recently told a PENGUIN NEWS reporter that Barry, who lives in the West Midlands, will shortly be leaving his job as prison officer and entering as partner in a printing business.

## SCIENCE

The following article is condensed from the American magazine "Science Digest".

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### 'YOUNG COAL': BIG BOGS OF PEAT YIELD AN OLD ENERGY SOURCE.

Two new energy projects are working to tap an unused reserve of power greater than all our oil, natural gas and uranium combined.

This resource is peat, more than fifty million acres of it, in bogs that could supply the energy of 240 billion barrels of oil. It burns without causing serious pollution, and mining it might leave valuable farm and timber land where nothing useful now grows.

The U.S. has the third largest supply of peat in the world, exceeded only in Russia and Canada. More than half of it lies in Alaska, where it is inaccessibly frozen, and the remainder is scattered across the northeast and coastal regions with small deposits in other locales.

In Minnesota, the Minnesota Gas Company has applied for a 25 year lease on about 200,000 acres of peat and the company has spent the last four years planning a 250 million cubic foot-per-day synthetic gas plant for the site.

The second peat mining venture is being developed by First Colony Farms, a giant agricultural organisation on the North Carolina coast. They plan to exploit a 372,000 acre area of peat bog. The farm's peat could fuel four 400-megawatt power plants for forty years.

Just what peat is, even geologists find hard to pin down. It forms when vegetation dies, falling into a thick mat, and is covered by water part way through decomposition. This blocks the growth of aerobic bacteria, slowing decay so that most of the plant carbon is retained. Peat, many geologists say, is simply "young coal".

As a fuel, peat has greater heating value than wood, about half that of coal itself. It is low in sulphur, so burning poses relatively little threat of air pollution.

Both operations are still in the planning stage and a good many technical problems remain to be solved. First Colony, for example, still doesn't know how it's peat will be used.

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The final part of this article will appear in the next P.N.

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SLIP-UP'S ETC. (the continuing saga)

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Following our article on journalistic blunders in issue number two of the PENGUIN NEWS, we received a letter from Mr. M.W Biggs. Enclosed with his letter (in which he thanked us for the publication of the paper and wished Plato the Penguin and other P.N. staff the best for 1980) Mr. Biggs enclosed an interesting, and not to say amusing, cutting from an English provincial newspaper.

The article concerned literary gaffes and quoted one or two collectors items, such as this gem from the Manchester Evening News: "For sale; one Lotus Elan complete with rape recorder". Another paper once advertised a "Lotus Flan"!

It is difficult to believe that some really are accidental. Take for example the case of another provincial paper which printed "Salisbury magistrates gave a Bulford man a conditional discharge because they were impressed by the way he was trying to help himself". Could that not have been the result of some cub reporter having a quiet giggle?

Send in your favourite slip-ups and we will be pleased to print them - providing, of course, they were not found in the PENGUIN NEWS!

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THIS MONTH'S PENGUIN NEWS .....

- + INTERVIEW WITH FIC'S FRANK MITCHELL
- + REPORT ON A COUNCILLOR'S RECENT  
PUBLIC MEETING
- + MORE VIEWS ON THE INDEPENDENCE QUESTION
- + CURRENT AFFAIRS IN THE FALKLANDS

As you will have gathered from the preceding partial list of contents, The March PENGUIN NEWS is once again full of interesting reading for everyone concerned about Falkland affairs.

Last issue's Editorial proved to be controversial to say the least and it has been gratifying to be challenged on the issues which were involved. It has always been the PENGUIN's intention to reflect all shades of opinion and so we will be pleased to print (when possible) your views on independence or anything

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else. Be a devil and write to the PENGUIN NEWS!

The past month or so has held several developments for us. Firstly - and most important - we acquired ourselves a duplicating machine and while it hardly incorporates all of the latest advances in duplicating technology, it does the job! We have also obtained a reliable source of stencils and paper, so it would seem that the PENGUIN NEWS' begging days are over. On the distribution side, we now sell the paper from the Post Office as well as the Newsagency and we would like to thank the GPO counter ladies for their valuable help.

Plato the Penguin and the Editor hope that you find this issue interesting. Remember, if you have any advice or (heaven forbid) complaints, do drop us a line or give us a ring.

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#### EDITORIAL

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#### THE HOUSE THAT MIGUEL BUILT

There has been a lot of talk recently about a scheme to build a house in Stanley for the use of the local manager of Lineas Aereas del Estado - the Argentine State Airline.

It would seem that the Argentine government has applied for land and permission to build the house, and Executive Council has virtually given the Argentines the go-ahead. As some reports have it, surveyors have already begun pegging out the site and the document for lease of the land has been sent to Buenos Aires for the perusal of the relevant people there.

Public outcry has been loud and widespread, and ExCo is being pressurised from all quarters not to let the project go ahead. It is difficult to see how the British Administration (who undoubtedly support the Argentine argument in this case) and the local Executive Council, can ignore public opinion to such an extent and allow the building to be erected.

The argument which is put forward by LADE is that the three men who live here with their families have to rent houses locally and that, due to the housing shortage, these are hard to find. If LADE owned their own premises it would at least make one more house available to the public, so relieving slightly the housing situation. This argument seems to have been accepted by the Government.

What most of the Islanders are worried about is that once the Argentine government are property owners here then their influence will be considerably increased and their position in the Falklands will be consolidated that little bit more. Islanders also realise that the house will be a great propaganda exercise as the building will almost certainly be on a par with Government House and possibly even grander.

The Administration and ExCo do not appear to see the above, really rather obvious, points and apparently do not even see that this is the thin end of the wedge: if permission is granted for the building of one house now, then they will be able to come up with no reasonable excuse to deny that same permission when our neighbours decide they wish to build a further half dozen.

ExCo and the new governor should consider all aspects of the scheme very carefully before they give it their OK. Apart from the obvious disadvantages of having Argentine owned houses in Stanley, they would have to face the anger of the vast majority of the public. If the LADE house goes ahead, the faith that Falklanders have in their government and governors will quickly disappear.

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In the last issue of the PENGUIN NEWS we suggested that John Jones had been convicted of an offence or offences previous to his recent appearance before visiting judge, Sir Peter Watkins Williams. This was incorrect and we apologise for this error.

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#### WORDS OF WISDOM

If you are captured by cannibals in the jungle, do try and keep cool, calm and collected. There is no sense in getting in a stew.

Always borrow money from a pessimist. He never expects it back.

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### COUNCILLOR HOLDS PUBLIC MEETING

Councillor Stuart Wallace held a meeting for Stanley residents in the Town Hall Refreshment Room on the 20th February. There was a good turn out of about sixty people and there was lively discussion and exchange of views on many topics. No doubt the Councillor gained a valuable insight into public opinion from the meeting - the second he has organised recently.

The meeting began with a lengthy address by Councillor Wallace and we detail now his views on some of the matters covered in his speech.

**THE SOVEREIGNTY DISPUTE.** We are going through a quiet time at present but with the appointment of a new governor and new British and Argentine Embassadors things may begin to unfold. Previously we were not loud enough in voicing our feelings (for example in the case of the communications agreement) and we must in any future proposals make sure that our basic principles remain above all else.

**THE L.A.D.E. HOUSE.** We should not allow them to build here yet. Rather than allow them to build houses we should if necessary provide them with government owned houses.

**THE ROLE OF COUNCILLORS.** Once elected, a councillor should involve himself with every aspect of community life. At present Councillors are consulted over proposals stemming from talks between British and Argentine governments. Confidentiality is necessary with some of the issues dealt with by the government.

**THE FALKLAND ISLANDS DEFENCE FORCE.** There is a use for a defence force but at present it is hardly functioning and in it's present state it is a waste of money.

The meeting was then opened to the public and what follows are details of some of the opinions voiced on some of the subjects discussed. Topics dealt with ranged from the trivial to the vital and we have not attempted to arrange these in order of importance.

**THE LADE HOUSE.** According to some persons, surveyors have al-

ready surveyed the plot and Executive Council have given the scheme their approval. Although all at the meeting appeared to be against the scheme, the Councillor mentioned that he had spoken to one or two people who were in favour of it. Legislative Council's permission does not have to be sought and it is a matter for the Governor and Executive Council. It appeared that the house currently occupied by the Vice Commadore is already owned by LADE and that if permission is granted it will not be long before LADE and/or YPF request sites for more.

**EXTERNAL AIR LINKS.** LADE aircraft are generally arriving full and this is bringing an increase in revenue. It has been rumoured that a Chilean domestic airline is interested in starting a service to Stanley but some at the meeting were doubtful that there is any reason why they should be interested in such a venture.

**MEDICAL SERVICES.** One person suggested that some people are virtually given the choice of being treated in the UK or in Argentina while the majority are automatically sent to Buenos Aires or Comodoro Rivadavia. In his case Argentine treatment had not solved his problem yet he was not being sent elsewhere for treatment.

**HOUSING.** In response to questions from the floor, Councillor Wallace said that £100,000 had been voted some time ago for the construction of houses and at present government is waiting for information on prefabricated buildings and 'mobile' homes. Some people expressed their surprise that so little progress had been made in such a long time. One person thought it was wrong that the Officer Commanding the Royal Marines should have a house made available to him by government as the post is an 'unaccompanied' one and therefore the officer is not expected to bring his family. If he does it is his responsibility to find accommodation. The Councillor agreed that this was unnecessary use of a valuable house.

**THE RADIO DIFFUSION SYSTEM.** (This is the system by which speakers in Stanley houses are connected to the studios of the Falkland Islands Broadcasting Station by a system of cables.) There were many complaints but many agreed that it was the antiquity of the system which is much to blame. 'Box' licences do not by any means pay for the service and it was suggested that a small F.M. transmitter may be a viable alternative to the present system.

**P.W.D. DECORATING POLICY.** One or two felt that paint schemes used on the exterior of government property are garish and in bad taste.



Some, however, believed that the town is brightened by such colour schemes.

DEPENDENCIES. There was some shock that all of the revenue from the F.I. Dependencies goes to the United Kingdom Government.

IMMIGRATION POLICY. Councillor Wallace said, in reply to questions, that the committee does not have any policy to exclude from the Islands any particular nationality or race. There had not however been any progress with the proposal to offer homes to some Southeast Asian refugee families.

NEATNESS OF STANLEY. It was felt by many that more attention should be paid to greens, the cemetery and grass verges by, if necessary, employing more men to keep the grass trimmed. Many people were also shocked that some visitors appear to be stealing flowers from graves. It was suggested that government might begin an anti litter campaign and place litter bins in strategic places around the town.

EDUCATION. Some people attending the meeting did not agree with the apparently new policy of allowing children to involve themselves in such community projects as painting public property and working in the future Hostel garden. However, others felt that there was some justification and some suggested that more supervision was needed in these activities.

We stress that the above is not a complete account and we have simply aimed to report the most interesting aspects of the meeting.

#### BUMPER MONTH FOR STANLEY AIRPORT

The Air Traffic Controller at Stanley Airport, Gerald Cheek, told the PENGUIN NEWS that January had been a record month for the Airport. There had been 63 landings and take-offs by LADE, FIGAS and private aircraft. February was slightly less busy with 60 landings and take-offs.

#### EYE SPECIALIST VISITS

Dr. Figari, who normally works in Comodoro Rivadavia, left the Falklands recently after a short working visit. Many people with eye problems consulted him in Stanley or during his visits to the farms. He was assisted during his visit by Sisters Elaine & Margaret who are known to many ex patients of the YPF Hospital.

#### THE PENGUIN POST BOX

Hill Cove,  
21st February, 1980.

Dear Editor,

I would like to add a few comments to your editorial in the February issue of the PENGUIN NEWS in which you seem to regard some sort of Falkland Islands independence as a real solution to what can only be described as social, economic and political problems. Unfortunately, independence for the Falkland Islands can only come under one heading: independence as a self-governing colony of Argentina.

The Falkland Islands could in no way survive otherwise without having to rely on one nation or another, be it Britain, USA or whoever and the colony as it is today would soon be on it's knees scrounging cash from wherever it could find a donor, as it would be impossible to keep the colony functioning with just wool and stamps as sources of outside revenue,

This factor is not the fault of the Falkland Islands. The Islands are just plain unlucky that the economy is reliant on outside aid. Face facts, it's true. We can't export peat, diddle-dee, frozen mutton, etc! Because exports are the sole survival kits of any nation, the Falklands would soon wither and die as an independent country with no exports. Forget about fish, forget about oil. The money to set those things up as a viable and profitable industry with export potential is out of reach of our government's pocket. It looks as though the Union Jack will still be fluttering in the 15-knot dawn breezes for a few decades yet, unless of course we drift under the auspices of the blue and white banner! I am proud to be an Islander, but I am not too proud to greet British aid in any form with anything less than a big thankyou.

Yours sincerely,  
'MONARCHIST'

(The Editor's answer follows on Page 8.)

And a letter just received: Dear Editor, Have you noticed that some platforms of public expression have become the unpurposeful tools of fools; or is this just a sign of THE TIMES?

Yours faithfully,  
Eddie Anderson, Jnr.



# The Editor's Reply

Dear Monarchist,

Thank you for writing, though it is a shame you chose not to reveal your name. I am afraid that you have taken an all too typical, negative stance on the issue - something which is not entirely your fault, as we have been encouraged by many years of colonialism into thinking that we are as dependent on Britain as an unborn baby is on it's mother.

The first point you raised is not logical. Independence as a self governing colony of Argentina is not even a remote possibility as we are already considered by that government to be part of the province called "Tierra del Fuego y las Islas del Atlantico del Sur". That sort of independence was, in any case, far from my thoughts.

You are right in that we would have to obtain aid from some quarter - I did not suggest that we would not. We should not be ashamed to receive aid as in the world today there are two types of country; the aid givers and the aid receivers. All underdeveloped countries rely on financial assistance and we would have no problem in finding larger countries or organisations such as UPEL or the EEC to assist us if we declare our independence. Today no one sympathies with a colony, as we have seen in the UN.

The Islands are not "just plain unlucky" in the export business. Luck does not come into it and the reason why our industries and subsequently our exports are so few is considerably nastier. We could have an oil and a fishing industry if only the British government wanted us to. However, they don't and give us instead just enough money and advisors to keep us (or some of us) content. If we take our future into our own hands, however, we can easily encourage international companies to invest here and so diversify our economy.

There is one fundamental fact that most people do not see or, if they do, would rather ignore. Britain does not want us and they are going to get rid of us one way or the other. There are only two ways they can do this: Give us our independence or give us away. Surely the first is the better of these alternatives?

## PHILATELY

Pictured on Page 2 are the stamps which make up the Porpoises and Dolphins set which came on sale at Stanley and Fox Bay Post Offices on the 25th February. These rather attractive stamps were designed by Ian Strange and portray Peale's Porpoise (3p), Commerson's Porpoise (6p), Hour-glass Dolphin (7p), Spectacled Porpoise (11p), Dusky Dolphin (15p) and Killer whale (25p).

Printed by Harrison & Son of London the issue has already come in for some praise from philatelists who are pleased to see stamps with practical values and free of sales gimmicks such as souvenir booklets and sheetlets, etc.

It occurs to the Editor that the post office seems to spend far too much time gloryfying its own history on stamp issues. For example in the past year or so we have seen the U.P.U. issue, the Post Offices issue and the Sir Rowland Hill issue. All of these of course were related to FI postal history. It would be interesting to know how other philatelists feel about this.

## ADVERTISEMENT

The NEWS AGENCY will be receiving by the next 'AES', due to arrive in late March, a further consignment of BSA motorcycles. For the town commuter or housewife we can offer the famous "EASY RIDER" moped. This machine is simplicity itself to ride and, with petrol consumption in the region of 100 mile per gallon, is extremely inexpensive to run. We also offer the "TRACKER" 175cc trail bike which, with its six gears and extreme lightness, is just the thing for the camp!

ORDER A B.S.A. TODAY!

The NEWS AGENCY will also be receiving a HUGE range of "CAMPARI" clothing.

## NEWS Continued

NEW GOVERNOR ARRIVES

Rex Masterman Hunt, who succeeds James Parker as governor of the Falkland Islands, arrived in the country by scheduled LADE flight on Wednesday the 27th February.

He was sworn in as Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Falkland Islands and Dependencies in a ceremony in the Court and Council Chamber that afternoon, at the same time assuming the role of High Commissioner of the British Antarctic Territory.

At approximately four o'clock Mr. Hunt inspected the Falkland Islands Defence Force and Royal Marines detachments which were drawn up outside the Town Hall.

At the swearing-in ceremony the Chief Secretary, Dick Baker, made a short speech welcoming the new governor. In this he said that the governor would find a warm hearted people and a tranquil but absorbing way of life. Many of the problems of modern city life, he said, would not be found here and it is a way of life which we consider worth preserving. He reminded the governor that it is the preservation of the way of life here which is such a crucial matter at this time. He added that the governor had assumed his duties at a most interesting time when we are paused on the threshold of new development. He stressed that we are already involved in a comparatively ambitious development programme. He also mentioned the external problems of the islands, stressing that the way ahead was not clear.

His Excellency answered the Chief Secretary's speech, thanking the latter for his words of welcome. He said that he considered it a great honour to be entrusted with the responsibilities of his post, and he would do his utmost to discharge those responsibilities in the best interest of the Falklanders.

On Friday the 29th the Governor began his tour of the Islands by flying to Hill Cove where he attended the sports for a few hours and had lunch. That afternoon he flew to Goose Green where he was expected to present the Sports prizes that night.

WEEK OF FUN BEGINS FOR CAMPERS

Monday the 25th February saw the beginning of the traditional camp

"Sports Week". The major farms on the East and West take it in turn to host the festivities and this year it was the responsibility of Hill Cove and Goose Green/Darwin.

The week consists of horse racing, foot events, gymkhana, polo, archery, football and other sports, as well as dances and films in the evenings. Sports week is the major social event in the camp calendar.

We hope to print the results of both sports meetings in the next edition of the PENGUIN NEWS.

#### TRAGEDY AT GOOSE GREEN

Tony Kirk died in Stanley on the 3rd March as a result of an incident which occurred in the early hours of the 1st at Goose Green. Although the facts behind the tragedy have been difficult to ascertain, it is believed that his death resulted from a knife injury. There were no doctors present on the farm at the time and so little medical treatment could be given for some hours. Although Tony was flown to Stanley for emergency treatment at the KEM Hospital, his injuries were too serious and, sadly, he died on the afternoon of the 3rd.

A man is believed to be in police custody in connection with the incident at Goose Green.

#### WORLD DISCOVERER MAKES LAST VISIT OF THE SEASON

The German owned cruise ship "World Discoverer" made it's last call at Stanley for the 1979/80 season on the 4th March.

The ship had been chartered by Guillermo Schiess, a Chilean businessman, and it's passengers were mainly Chilean. Several notable persons were on board, including Mr. Schiess himself who is interested in developing the tourist industry here and improving the relationship between Chile and the Falklands. Another interesting person on board was Gordon H. Barrows, President of the International Petroleum Institute in New York. The PENGUIN NEWS reporter spoke to him and he is very interested in the prospects for oil near the Falklands. He believes that exploration here cannot be delayed for much longer.

#### HERE AND THERE - NEWS THAT DOESN'T QUITE MAKE THE HEADLINES ....

Vice Comodoro Eduardo Canosa and his family have now left the Falklands to take up a new post with LADE in Comodoro Rivadavia. He has been succeeded as LADE chief and principal Argentine representative by Vice Comodoro Hector Gilobart who is 43 years old and will be residing here for the next few years with his family.

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The Stanley Horticultural Show is scheduled for Saturday the 8th March. As usual many camp residents will be sending in their finest examples of garden and kitchen produce. This year one or two new classes have been introduced into the show and a special prize is being offered for the best kept and most attractive flower garden.

We hope to have a report on the show in the next edition of the PENGUIN NEWS.

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LADE were cursed with problems on Friday the 22nd February and throughout the following weekend. The scheduled F27 developed brake trouble upon landing at Stanley and the return flight was not able to leave that day. Subsequently the town had more visitors than hotels could handle and some had to spend the night in private houses. The next day a relief 'plane carrying mechanics and spare parts also developed problems after landing on the airstrip. However it was then possible to repair the first aircraft and it took off with it's quota of passengers mid-morning. A further F-27 arrived on Sunday carrying spares to repair the second aircraft and this left the same day. By Monday the second F-27 was airworthy again and no doubt sighs of relief were heaved all 'round when the apron was, for the time being at least, devoid of aircraft.

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A movement is afoot in Stanley to set up a "watchdog" committee. This will be called the "Stanley Reform League" and will be a revival of a similar society which existed some years ago.

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A memorial service was held in Christ Church Cathedral on the 18th February for the late Miles Mosley, who was tragically killed in an accident at the British Halley Bay Base in the Antarctic.

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A new X-ray machine is currently being installed in the King Edward Memorial Hospital. This was purchased by the Falkland Islands government with the aid of a "soft" loan of £32,000 from the British government.

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A troop of Argentine Boy Scouts recently spent a week under canvas just outside Stanley. They told the PENGUIN NEWS that they did a lot of walking and exploring in the area and said that they were struck by the unusual beauty and richness of the Falkland coasts. They wished to thank the authorities and all people who had made them welcome. The scouts left by a special LADE flight on the 21st.

When will some enterprising and energetic person revive the scout movement in the Falklands?

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REFUSE COLLECTOR WANTED. No experience necessary - you pick it up as you go along.

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The Editor apologises that Kids Korner, and a few of our other features have been omitted from this issue. The last part of the article on Peat Mining will also not appear in this issue but will be in the next. The omission of these articles has been necessary due to shortage of space.

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#### THE PENGUIN INTERVIEW

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A recent visitor to the Falklands was Frank Mitchell who is the Managing Director of the Falkland Islands Company, the largest commercial concern in this country. The Editor interviewed him recently and we have pleasure in printing the resulting dialogue here.

BOUND. The new ownership of the FIC is Coalite. How is this new ownership affecting the policies of the business? Do they play an active role or do they merely sit back and watch the profits coming in?

MITCHELL. No, they are playing a more active role in the Company's affairs than any previous company which has owned the FIC since 1972 when we ceased to be an independent company.

B. Does Coalite really influence the Company? Are they really interested in sheep farming out here and do they have their personnel involved in the Company?

M. Yes, we've got two of the Coalite people on our Board. It's certainly the odd man out as far as Coalite are concerned, the FIC, it will take them a little while to get used to the responsibilities that we have to the Colony.

B. Coalite is basically a fuel company isn't it; they supply fuel in the British Isles.

M. That's right, although by acquiring Charringtons they acquired interests in warehousing, haulage, the Dormobile people, fuel and oil distribution other than coalite, and they are a diverse group now. Although we don't fit in with the pattern, they take an interest in us; it's obviously in their interest that they support our policies which are based really on the theory that what is good for the Company is good for the Colony and vice versa. In our responsibilities here we always look upon the good of the Colony in as much as we need people here. I often say to Coalite and to their predecessors, the most important asset we have in the Falklands is people. You can invest 150 million pounds in the Colony but if the people are not there then that is valueless. It is the same with our farming activities, particularly where the most valuable asset we have is people. There's no question about it.

B. Bearing that in mind, that people are so important, and really they are leaving fairly fast, does the FIC have any plans to try and halt that flow?

M. Yes. I'm very distressed. We can't obviously replace a Falkland Island family that leaves because they have developed skills and knowledge of the Islands which are irreplaceable. What we can do and are trying to do is to meet our labour shortage not by the easy way of recruiting single people. For instance we have recruited



from Chile but I regard that as a short term solution. We could recruit single people from the UK; I don't believe that is the right solution either. It's quite clear to me that the stabilising influence on the farms is families and we are pursuing this policy of recruiting families. I'm very encouraged that the three families we recruited in 1979 and in January 1980 are settling extremely well. This recruitment is based on the man having a farm skill and, in each case, the wife undertaking teaching duties.

B. Moving now to the Green Patch scheme, What was it that made the FIC decide to sell Green Patch farm?

M. It was quite clear that following the publication of the Shackleton report, pressure was mounting for some action of this nature. No question about it.

B. Pressure from the government here?

M. No, no pressure whatsoever from the government; pressure of public opinion. I respond to that as best I can. It must be common knowledge that the company does not believe that small scale farming in the Falklands is viable. But nonetheless, it was quite clear that to satisfy the pent-up demand for ownership of land, something had to be done. In fact I think the pressure was really placed on government because the FIC took voluntary action, offered Green Patch on the condition that it was only offered for sale for sub-division. We didn't want to sell it and if the government hadn't accepted it we would have been quite happy to continue farming at Green Patch.

P. It has been suggested by some that it wasn't really a very economical farm and that it wasn't paying for itself anyway and had to be subsidised each year by Fitzroy. What's your opinion on that?

M. No, that isn't true. Green Patch includes the model farm of the 1920's. It's our newest farm inasmuch as it was granted to us, but I can't recall it making a loss; it's always made a profit and I think the answer is in a previous question; we didn't want to sell it.

TO BE CONTINUED NEXT MONTH.

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Here we are again with another edition of the Falklands most popular news magazine.

Every now and again we have a bumper issue and this is surely one of them, with twenty packed pages including two with photographs. We have managed to include the regular columns which we were forced to omit from number five and so, fans of 'Sports Report' and 'Kid's Corner', you and your twenty pence have not been parted in vain.

Of major interest in this issue will be the second part of the PENGUIN NEWS interview with the FIC Managing Director Fran Mitchell. A large portion of the first part of the interview was subsequently broadcast by the FIBS on their 'Newsmagazine' programme.

We always like to hear from our readers in the Falklands and overseas, and so if you have any comments to make, please feel free to write to the Editor. If you do not wish to reveal your name, that is perfectly alright. We always respect the writers anonymity if he/she so wishes.

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 EDITORIAL
 

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Tourism is without doubt the Falklands newest industry and its growth over the past four or five years has been truly phenomenal. The number of visitors stepping onto the tarmac of Stanley Airport or onto the timbers of Stanley's docks has probably been doubling each year and the amount of revenue flowing into Government from the tourist industry in 1979 must have been in the region of £150,000. If it is allowed to continue growing at this rate, tourism could, within a few years, be bringing into the country as much wealth as the sheep farming industry.

However, this exciting new source of income has reached a crucial stage where it cannot grow further without the development of new facilities and infrastructure. The most obvious needs are more flights and more hotels. The few Stanley hotels and guest houses are invariably full during the summer and are only a little less full during the winter months. Quite serious problems can arise when an unanticipated number of tourists are in Stanley (usually due to the non-departure of LADE flights) and, hotel space not being available, kind families usually help out with their own houses.

Almost certainly if a modern and fairly large hotel were to be opened in Stanley the owners would make a lot of money. Likewise any aspiring restaurateur would make a healthy profit with an establishment producing quality food and service.

One of the major problems faced by people in the tourist business is the great difficulty that exists in moving visitors to the many attractive places some distance from Stanley. Overland travel can rarely be considered, as the average middle-aged tourist is unwilling or unable to suffer the discomfort which it entails. Julian Fitter's scheme, important though it is, will only cater for those who desire a week long cruise and so the only viable means of transport at the moment is the Air Service. However, it is often impossible for a tourist to obtain a passage on what may be the only day he is able to travel and visitors enjoy no priorities in FIGAS. Indeed, the visitor is discouraged from flying in as much as he is required to pay double the mileage charge payable by a resident.

It was stressed when the request for the 'Islander' was made to the Overseas Development Ministry that the 'plane would help with the development of the tourist industry. Let us hope that the aircraft really is used for this purpose, as well as serving Islanders.

The Government could and should do a lot more to encourage the growth of tourism in the Islands but often they seem to be hardly aware that the industry exists. The best thing they could do to benefit tourism would be to borrow an idea from Ushuaia in Tierra del Fuego (a city very similar in size and appearance to Stanley) where the government built a first class hotel and then rented it to a company running a chain of hotels to manage. They could also promote the Falklands in other countries so that more people become aware of the Falklands' attractions. A tourist office situated in the centre of Stanley helping visitors with their problems and queries is also necessary, while an active and enthusiastic tourist board is essential.

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### RRS 'BRANSFIELD' HOLED IN THE ANTARTIC

Royal Research Ship 'Bransfield', which is operated by the British Antarctic Survey, recently sustained damage near Rothera Base on the Antarctic Peninsula.

'Bransfield' was proceeding towards Rothera on 27th March and at about 13.20 GMT hit a submerged rock. About five seconds later the ship encountered a second rock and was stopped. She soon took on a 20° list to starboard and it was evident that the vessel had been damaged.

Soundings were taken, ballast tanks were trimmed and several attempts were made to refloat the ship. This was finally achieved at 17.25 GMT and the captain set course for Rothera, arriving there at 18.10 GMT where mail and some cargo was offloaded. She then moved about twelve miles north to firm ice where a safe mooring could be made.

HMS 'Endurance' left Stanley on Saturday 29th March to lend assistance should it be necessary and the American ship RV 'Hero' also proceeded to the scene.

The latest reports to reach the PENGUIN NEWS indicate that divers from the 'Hero' inspected the damage and it is not as serious as was feared. 'Bransfield' is seaworthy and will continue working in the south for a short time. She will however, return to the United Kingdom, via Stanley, earlier than planned.

BURGOS TRIAL SET FOR APRIL

Following the tragic death at Goose Green of Tony Kirk, Francisco Burgos was remanded to stand trial and charged with murder. Judge Sir Peter Watkin Williams will preside over the trial and a seven person jury will be involved. The Judge, who has presided over many cases here in the past, is expected to arrive shortly.

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We have just received a very large consignment of the popular and fine quality CAMPARI clothing, rucksacks, etc. Apart from the practical 'Snorkels' we have many other leisure coats and jackets for all the family.

Remember that we are also stockists of BSA motorbikes.  
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SEDGE ISLAND OFFERED FOR SALE

Sedge, a small island of the north west of the Falklands, was offered for sale on 17th March. The island has been the sheep farm home for many years of the McBeth family.

POST OFFICE REFUSES TO SELL RIVAL PAPER

Postmaster Bill Etheridge recently decided that the department would not continue to sell the Falkland Islands Times for the Editor, David Colville.

The decision was made because of the inclusion in the latest issue of what most people consider to be an extremely callous and hurtful remark concerning a recent death.

TOWN HALL CINEMA SOLD

The cinema which has been owned and managed by Peter Short for the past few years, was recently sold to Val Berntsen.

12.3.80

Dear Sir,

I would be very grateful if you could publish this letter in your newspaper.

I am afraid I feel so strongly about the attitude of FIGAS to flight bookings that I just had to get my thoughts down on paper, and would be interested to hear other people's views.

The Falklands to me have always conjured up visions of peaceful, unspoilt islands, but I am beginning to wonder whether corruption is behind the favouritism that FIGAS seems to harbour for certain of its passengers.

I feel that I am voicing the opinion of many of the islanders but, as I am leaving and so escaping penalisation, I am one of the few safely able to do so. Does FIGAS keep no record of the dates bookings are made and, if so, why are these totally overlooked? Class-conscious people are beyond my comprehension and it would appear that in many cases preference is given to the so-called hierarchy who may only have booked on the previous day. I could quote examples from both parties but, quite honestly, find FIGAS the root of all trouble and not those making bookings.

This letter will, no doubt, bring no result whatsoever but I hope that, if I do ever return, the situation will be vastly improved - although I expect an exception will be made for me!

Yours, still waiting,

Janty Calvert

Editor: As Government is unlikely to reply to this letter, I contacted the Chief Secretary to find out what is the official position concerning the carriage of passengers by FIGAS.

There is a priority system and Government officers and Councillors travelling on duty are unlikely to have to wait long for a passage. However, no person travelling for private reason should have priority over anyone else.

Andy Alsop in his report suggested that any priority system should be abolished and passages should be sold on a first-come-first-served-basis, as with any other airline.

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Newstead,  
Launceston 7250,  
Tasmania, Australia.

20.2.80

Dear Editor,

I was interested in your paper especially in the article on the 'Oravia'. I am the only one of the 'Samsons' crew left now. I was lent to the tug 'Flym' with Captain H. Jones and engineer J. Evans and on arriving at the wreck Captain Thomas (of the Samson), ordered 'Flym' to go on the port side while he took 'Samson' to the star-board. He loaded passengers and baggage and left again at midnight. 'Flym' loaded all the mail and left at 1.00AM. Mr. V. Harding came aboard and also a young man who had been found in a cabin. A south-west gale and heavy swell made the 'Flym' top heavy with the deck load and so Captain Jones anchored at the Top William Island until about 4.00AM when we got underway again. We passed 'Samson' returning with the 'Nimrod' with the FIC gang to salvage the farm animals and crew's gear. 'Flym' unloaded at the Public Jetty and then returned with Captain W. Ratcliffe senior to 'Oravia'.

Captain Ratcliffe spoke to Captain Poole (of the 'Oravia'), the Harbour Master and Captain Thomas and they decided to try and tow her off the Billy and beach her at Sparrow Cove. A tow rope was secured and two whale catchers and 'Samson' tried at full speed to tow her off. 'Oravia' didn't move but the formast had lifted about eight feet from the deck.

The 'Samson' had struck what was thought to be a reef during the attempt but the blacksmith, Mr. McNichol, later said that the hole was caused by a tallow barrel that was dumped off the 'Oravia's' foredeck to lighten her. On the way back to Stanley 'Samson', towing the 'Nimrod' started to leak. Mr. F. Atherton the engineer got the big salvage pump and kept the flow under control. 'Flym' then towed 'Nimrod' to Stanley and 'Samson' returned to 'Oravia' which was making water fast.

It was decided to abandon the ship and all hands got aboard the 'Samson'. 'Oravia' slipped off the Billy, the bow sinking and the stern staying above water.

## HORTICULTURAL SHOW 1980

THIS YEAR'S EXHIBITION TOOK  
PLACE ON SATURDAY THE 8<sup>TH</sup> MARCH  
ENTRIES WERE UP BY 200 ON  
LAST YEAR.

➡ OVERALL CHAMPION  
(WITH 234 POINTS) AND  
STAR OF THE SHOW, KENE  
SEWLANDS, WITH SOME  
OF HER TROPHIES.



GOVERNOR R.M. HUNT ➡  
AT THE SHOW WITH  
THE HORTICULTURAL  
SOCIETY'S CHAIRMAN, NEVILLE  
BENNET (RIGHT)



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JOHN SANDISON



So the crew and passengers were safely landed and cared for by the folks of Stanley. The crew were taken to the Camber by 'Flynn'.

After the rescue I returned to the 'Samson'. Captain Thomas got a case of port wine given to him by the Furscr but he didn't declare it and got fined £50. The passengers and crew made a collection to pay the fine, but we never knew what became of the port. But why worry!

Two weeks later the PSNCo ship 'Victoria' called and took all the crew and passengers to Punta Arenas.

The Chilean vessel 'Rio Gallegos' also came with two divers to save anything worth while. They recovered the bell, propellers and some other things. The divers found five other wrecks on the Billy: the 'City of Philadelphia', the 'Sydney', the 'Dagos' and two others which were not known.

Philip Summers sends the Penguin to Tommy at Gosforth NC. and he sends them to me. I send them on to Ida and George in Sydney and they think it is the best since the Church Magazine packed up. So Keep the good work up.

I don't know for sure if it is Mr Bound who prints the paper, but we all had great respect for Mr and Mrs Bound on Saunders Islands.

Cheerio for now, sincerely,

Joe P. Lanning

Editor: Thank you so much for writing, Mr. Lanning. It was really very interesting to hear from one of the courageous people who took part in the rescue on 12th November 1912. The Mr and Mrs Bound of Saunders Island that you refer to were my grandparents.

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#### SPORTS REPORT

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##### THE WEST FALKLAND SPORTS 1980

The meeting, which took place this year at Hill Cove, was as enjoyable as ever with high standards of competition in all events. The weather was rather cool towards the end of the week, but this did nothing to spoil the enjoyment of the meeting.

Everybody who helped with the organisation should be thanked, including the judges, starters, clerks of the course and the MC's  
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#### KIDS KORNER

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We had quite a good response to the story competition which we told you about in issue number 4. John Sandison had quite a job deciding which of your stories was best, but he finally decided on this one by JACKIE O'REILLY who is nine years old and lives in Stanley. Well done Jackie. Your prize will reach you shortly.

##### THREE SILLY CLOWNS - by Jackie O'Reilly.

Once there were three clowns named Clementine Baggy and Co-Co. Clementine had a nose 75cm long. Baggy had trousers that were miles too big for him and Co-Co always drank co-coa all the time so he smelled like co-coa and even looked like a co-coa bean.

One day Baggy went into the circus ring to make people laugh. He had four balloons, a nice cake and a bucket full of water. There was a step ladder there for him. Baggy did not know that there was a pot of paint at the top. Baggy put the balloons at the bottom of the step ladder and he was just going to climb the step ladder when he tripped over the ladder. The paint fell on Baggy's head, the bucket of water was knocked and Baggy put both his feet in and got stuck and then the balloons gave such a bang and Baggy got such a fright that his face plunged into the cake. Clementine and Co-Co ran into the ring laughing their heads off at Baggy. Then Clementine fell over his nose. Of course Co-Co had some co-coa in a mug. Just as he was going to drink the co-coa he tripped and his co-coa went flying onto Clementine's nose. Now it was Baggy's turn to laugh. Then the silly clowns all started arguing (they were really playing) as they went out of the ring. All the people started laughing. The monkeys came in for the next act. The monkeys and the clowns looked alike. What a laugh!

John says a big thankyou to all the other children who sent in entries. Bye for now kids.

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#### ONE FOR THE RECORD BOOK

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The Stanley meteorological station recently reported that March 1980 was the wettest March on record. There was 116.8 mm of rainfall.

NEWS continuedANDY ALSOP MAY RETURN

The Chief Secretary, Dick Baker, recently confirmed for the PENGUIN NEWS, rumours that pilot Andy Alsop wishes to return to the Falklands to fly for the Air Service.

Andy Alsop has been in contact with the Secretariat by telephone and telex and the Overseas Development Ministry in London will consider him when the next pilot vacancy occurs. This is likely to be shortly when Jim Kerr, the Superintendent of Civil Aviation retires. Of course the new pilot would not necessarily take over the job of SCA.

Very many people would be pleased to see Andy Alsop back in the Falklands as he spent some time here during 1979 to assist with the introduction of the new 'Islander' aircraft. He pioneered many of the air strips around the Islands and used his many years of experience with 'Islanders' to great advantage.

He is presently working as senior pilot with the Scottish line Loganair.

TABERNACLE SALE OF WORK

The annual Tab. sale of work took place in the rooms behind the Church on Saturday 5th April starting at 3 PM. Stalls included: Sewing and knitting, cakes and candies, vegetables, Sunday School products, teas, books and jumble.

NEW ROYAL MARINES ARRIVE

The new detachment of Royal Marines arrived on HMS 'Endurance' on 24th March. The 1979 detachment were due to leave shortly afterwards but their departure was delayed as 'Endurance' was required to leave at short notice to aid RRS 'Bransfield' in the Antarctic. At the time of writing the old detachment is still in Stanley.

Major Lade, the departing Officer Commanding, told Patrick Watts in an interview on the FI Broadcasting Station that he hopes new barracks will be built shortly. It has been decided that the present barracks are unsuitable and two possible sites have been chosen for new ones. Permission to build them has not however, been obtained from the United Kingdom Government.

GREEN PATCH HANDED OVER TO GOVERNMENT

Green Patch farm was officially handed over to Government on 1st April. The presentation of the individual sections will take place at a ceremony in Government House shortly.

Councillor WH Goss is to be the administrator in Stanley on a part time basis while there will be a full time Government representative at Green Patch. He will be responsible to Mr Goss.

The six new farms that have been created out of Green Patch are being sold on easy terms to six persons who were not previously landowners. The demand for the sections was great and there were some twenty applications.

'ILEN' DAMAGED

The FIC owned coastal ship 'Ilen' was recently damaged. The small ship was working in the region of the Tyssen Islands in the Falkland Sound when a connecting rod broke through the casing of the engine and damaged the wooden side of the vessel.

No one was hurt in the incident and the 'Ilen' was towed into Stanley for repairs by another local ship, the 'Monsunen'.

ODA EXPERT INSPECTS DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

John Hodges who is an engineering advisor to the Overseas Development Administration arrived in Stanley on 15th March for a stay of one week. While here he concentrated mainly on the Stanley/Darwin road but also looked at the site of the future School Hostel - the progress of which has disappointed most people.

YFF NEW OPENING HOURS

The YFF "Planta Antares" petrol and paraffin plant has changed its opening times. They are now as follows: Monday - 3.00 to 5.00 pm; Tuesday and Thursday - 3.00 to 5.30 pm; Friday - 3.00 to 6.00 pm.

GOOD SALES FOR SILVER JUBILEE COINS

All five hundred sets of the special Silver Jubilee coins held by the Treasury have now been sold. Selling for £12.50 per set, they realised the sum of £6.250 in revenue for Government.

### SHEEP SHIPPED TO CHILE

The Chilean ship 'Corceveda' departed Goose Green in mid March with 3,500 sheep aboard. All of the animals were sold to a Punta Arenas businessman for U\$S 3 each and will be slaughtered for mutton.

At the time of writing the ship is once again at Goose Green loading more sheep. It is expected that a third voyage will be made.

### EXCO MEETING POSTPONED

The Executive Council meeting which was scheduled for 26th March was postponed and will now probably take place on 10th April. This is so that councillors can be present at the special ceremony which is to be held to present the new Green Patch farmers with their property.

### SHEEP TO BE FLOWN FROM AUSTRALIA

An Australian breeder of Corriedale sheep is looking into the possibility of flying a consignment of thoroughbred sheep to the Falklands from his country. If the demand is here a Hercules, or other large aircraft would be used to carry the animals.

### NEW DEPENDENCY STAMPS

A new definitive issue of stamps for the FI Dependencies will be issued towards the end of April. They are printed by John Waddington of Kirkstall Ltd and the face value of the set is £5.50.

They depict the following:

1p - Map of Dependencies, 2p - Shag Rocks, 3p - Bird and Willis Islands, 4p - Gilbrandsen Lake, 5p - King Edward Point, 6p - Shackleton Memorial Cross at Hope Point, 7p - Shackleton grave at Grytviken, 8p - Grytviken Church, 9p - Coaling hulk Louise at Grytviken, 10p - Clerke Rocks, 20p - Candlemas Island, 25p - Twitcher Rock and Cook Island, Southern Thule, 50p - RRS 'John P. Scott' in Cumberland Bay, £1.00 - RRS 'Bransfield' in Cumberland Bay, £3.00 - HMS 'Endurance' in Cumberland Bay.

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WRONGLY NUMBERED. THEY SHOULD BE 6 AND 15.

at the dances. The sports took place during the week beginning 24th February.

RESULTS (first, second and third names indicate 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes)

Shearing competition: Adrian Lowe.

Dog trials: Open - J. Forster (Pam), R. McKay (Butch), Novice - J. Forster (Speck), D. Pole-Evans (Snow).

Steer Riding: Adrian Lowe

600 yds Maiden Plate: B. Hewitt (Flicker), R. Evans (Clint)

600 yds Maiden Plate Open: B. Hewitt (Silver), R. Anderson (Bosun)

500 yds Jockeys under 25 years: T. Bonner (Lucas), S. Betts (Anita)

600 yds Pebble Plate: R. Anderson (Spinaway), T. Bonner (Lon)

800 yds FIT: M. Betts (Sundance), S. McGhie (Anita)

600 yds Open: M. Betts (Sunshine), R. Evans (Lucas)

One Mile Trot: S. McGhie (Twilight), B. Hewitt (Annabel)

400 yds Ladies Open: M. Betts (Sunshine), J. Felton (Chisper)

700 yds Governors Cup: M. Betts (Sundance), S. McGhie (Anita)

300 yds FIT: W. Luxton (Sheba), T. Bonner (Lucas)

600 yds FIB Ladies: M. Betts (Sundance), J. Felton (Chisper)

500 yds FIT: B. Hewitt (Silver), S. Betts (Burger)

800 yds FIB: M. Betts (Sunbeam), F. Marsh (Brenda)

Half Mile Trot Ladies: O. Evans (Hazel), M. McGhie (Queen)

600 yds FIT: W. Luxton (Sheba), R. Anderson (Spinaway)

600 yds Port Howard Stakes: M. Betts (Sunshine), S. McGhie (Anita)

400 yds Troop Race: B. Hewitt (Hurricane), J. Forster (Odette)

600 yds Ladies Open: J. Felton (Nisma), S. McGhie (Billy)

400 yds Consolation Race: B. Hewitt (Fritz), P. Robertson (Lucyrose)

600 yds FIB Champion: M. Betts (Sunshine), R. Anderson (Spinaway)

600 yds Open Champion: S. McGhie (Anita), M. Betts (Sundance)

The Champion Jockey was Marion Betts of Pebble Island with Brian Hewitt a close second.

Regrettably we do not have sufficient space to print Patrick Watts's regular football news, but soccer fans can rest assured that there will be something for them in the next PENGUIN NEWS.

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### YET MORE UTTERLY USELESS INFORMATION

The longest time for which a modern painting has hung upside down in a public gallery unnoticed is 47 days.

The longest word in Hungarian is LEGMEGEGEDELMESEKEDHETETTENSEGESFEIDE-TEKERT. It means "because of your continued greatest disobedience."

## PEOPLE

The Falklands were recently privileged to be visited by a legendary name from the world of motor racing.

JUAN MANUEL FANGIO arrived in Stanley with a small delegation from the Argentine Automobile Club on 2nd April for a stay of two days.

Based on the World Drivers Championship (inaugurated in 1950) FANGIO is the most successful racing driver ever. Born in Buenos Aires on 24th June 1911 of an Italian family, he was World Champion five times. He won this title in 1951, 54, 55, 56 and 57. He retired in 1958 having won 24 grand prix races. He was also the oldest person to become world champion.

He told the PENGUIN NEWS that his career had not been free of accidents and early on he crashed in a race from Buenos Aires to Caracas, his co-driver being killed. Later, at Monza he again crashed and damaged his back. As a result he spent some time in hospital and was unable to race for a year.

Also in the delegation was Juan Manuel BORDEU, another ex racing driver. He became Argentine champion but retired from racing in the early sixties after an accident in England in which he was seriously injured. He spent six months in hospital following the accident - three of them in London.

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Most people will remember DENNIS OVERTON who spent about a year in the Islands some time ago. Dennis recently wrote to the Editor with some rather complementary remarks about the paper (thanks Dennis!), and said that his overland trip back to the UK through South America had been enjoyable. He had at least one rather amusing experience. While in Santiago he stayed in a modest little hotel across the road from the city gaol. The day after he left sixty prisoners completed their tunnel which had run under the main road and up into the hotel. They left notes for the guards telling them not to bother with supper! General Pinochet said in the papers he didn't think that was very funny at all!

Dennis is now studying agriculture at Aberdeen University.

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## PEOPLE

HERE, THE FALKLANDS NEW GOVERNOR, RAJ HUNT INSPECTS THE DEFENCE FORCE FOLLOWING HIS ARRIVAL ON 27th FEBRUARY 1980. THE SOLDIERS ARE FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: MAJOR LAKE, DICKARKE, FLEE, L. BIGGS AND L. HARRIS.

ELIZABETH ANN SIMS IS ANOTHER RECENT ARRIVAL. SHE IS A CALIFORNIAN AND HOPES TO SPEND SOME TIME IN THIS COUNTRY.

PHOTOGRAPHS FOR THE PENGUIN NEWS BY JOHN SAGE JON





BIRTHS

To Michael and Cherry Ford, a son, Darrel on 1st March

MARRIAGES

Derek Clarke and Kathleen Dobbys, on 16th February

Nigel Hart and Sheena Ross, on 23rd February

Peter Hayward and Marjorie Sacket, on 15th March

DEATHS

Anthony Kirk at Stanley on 3rd March

Elizabeth Howatt at Gosport, England on 7th March

Donnie Howatt at Portsmouth, England on 14th March

We extend our sincere sympathy to families and friends.

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THE PENGUIN INTERVIEW

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The second part of a conversation between FIC Managing Director Frank Mitchell and PENGUIN NEWS Editor Graham Bound.

BOUND - You've said that you don't think small farming is viable here, but in the case of Green Patch do you think that these five or six small farms are going to succeed?

MITCHELL - I'm on record as saying in the UK that if it is going to succeed it will be through these people. I think the selection committee have done a magnificent job. I couldn't better them in any way. Whenever I meet them (the Green Patch farmers) I tell them that I hope they will come to the FIC if they need help at any time.

B - When do you anticipate leasing or selling more of your land?

M - No immediate plans. We really want to see how this develops. I don't believe there is going to be any failure through effort.

B - So you don't think the Falkland Islands Company will be offering more of its land to the Government or to anybody else for some considerable time?

M - I think we should wait, because we've seen what happened in Chile where sub-division took place on a large scale and

sadly and adversely affected the industry, and that is being reversed now. In the present state of the Falkland Islands economy I think that we should tread very carefully on issues such as these.

B - If the land is farmed much more intensively, because really the FIC runs very few sheep per acre, wouldn't it be possible to make the small farms pay a lot more?

M - The trouble is that effort alone doesn't bring reward. There are plenty of hard working people who have failed in business because of under capitalisation. And this will be the problem now. The Falkland Islands Company has the resources to develop its land and the cost of production through large scale farming is much lower than for the individual. The individual, if he is working for himself is happier working for a lower return as he derives a great deal of satisfaction from working for himself. I'm questioning whether he is going to have the resources to develop the land as is necessary. We are carrying out grassland development now which looks the most promising development ever as far as we're concerned - certainly within my recollection - at Hope Cottage Rincon, where in an area of 8300 acres we'll increase the sheep carrying capacity from 2300 to 3300. In three or four years time we'll know whether it is a permanent success or whether there is going to be a reversion. But it looks extremely encouraging.

B - If this is a success will that knowledge be passed onto individual farmers?

M - Oh, definitely. In the Company we've got nothing to hide.

B - Is the Company interested in diversifying its interests here. Would they like to introduce other forms of farming and get involved in other industries?

M - Yeah, very much so. I've pledged the Company to look at every recommendation of the Shackleton report and we have done so. Within the Colony we are looking at possibilities all the time. We tried to introduce air dried fish here. We spent a lot of money on it and I'm not convinced that it is a failure. I find the Islanders a little conservative in their approach to new development.

B - Personally I think the reason for that could be the psychological effect of having the FIC involved in everything.



Although in one way I want to see the FIC investing here because they have the capital and the means to develop things, I am a little bit tired of seeing all the efforts being taken by the FIC and, consequently, all the profits. People don't like to see the initiative coming from outside and the money going elsewhere as well. I think that could be why people are a little bit conservative or apathetic about these things.

M - Yes. A lot is said about the withdrawal of profit by the FIC, but if you take internal development, it is not in the interest of the Colony that we plough money back into the Colony willy-nilly, because the financial strength of the Company has supported the Colony through bad times in the past and will do so in the future. We need to make sure that money we spend in the Falklands is used to good advantage and benefits the Falkland Islands economy. But what worries me is the lack of opportunity for young, ambitious people here. We have been criticized for not encouraging Falkland Islanders; no one could criticize me for that because I've always preferred a Falkland Islander to anyone. On the farms we encourage Falkland Islanders to take responsibility. It's not easy and some take a little persuading, but once they assume responsibility they succeed.

B - Moving on to a slightly different subject, will the FIC support Julian Fitter's Penguin Shipping venture?

M - With Julian Fitter's latest proposals which are more modest and which will augment the existing facilities, I think we would not be risking a great deal and I think the revised venture should be tried. When I've looked at the detailed figures I would hope the FIC's board will support the venture.

B - The future of the 'Monsunen', then, is pretty much assured?

M - Yes, that's right. The 'Monsunen' does a magnificent job. It's getting on a bit and we must look to replacement in the fairly near future, but it does a good job and it's absolutely ideal for the Falklands. There are problems now with some settlements not being visited by the 'Monsunen' as often as they would wish and this is one of my fears with a combined tourism and cargo venture; that there would be a clash of priorities. I think the 'Monsunen' or that type of vessel is ideal.

B - Is there any possibility in the future of introducing a vessel more like the old 'AES' on the London to Stanley run? i.e. one that could carry passengers.

M - I wish we could, but they're not being made any more and they're not economical to run. Passenger ships these days, even cargo passenger ships, are terribly uneconomical. Southampton ten years ago was a hive of activity, but now if you go through the docks as I do occasionally it's like going through there on a Sunday. The days of travelling by sea are no longer here.

B - Some people would say that the FIC do not treat their farm employees very justly and that the system here is rather feudal. Recently I believe that £100,000 was spent on a new house for the Colonial Manager of the FIC at Goose Green. I've heard that this house is really quite palatial while the single men in the bunk-house live in, what I've heard of as, rather primitive conditions. One wonders if some of that money couldn't have been spent on improving the bunk-house and also making a community centre or something like that?

M - It's twenty-seven years since I first visited Goose Green and one of the things that depressed me was the failure of the Company to discharge its responsibility to employees after working hours. We've gone a long way since then. If you go to Goose Green nowadays the atmosphere is totally different; we've got the Social Club, a little Disco for the teenagers, we've got a snooker club - a full size snooker table - there's a bar, dance hall, darts. It's a village atmosphere now. I'm very impressed with what's been achieved at Goose Green and the one thing - or the major thing - that concerns me now is the standard of accommodation at the bunk-house. It's been the subject of long discussions between London and our General Manager over the past year. However, I shouldn't link it too closely with the replacement of the Darwin Manager's house where the figure that you mentioned of £100,000 is quite inaccurate. It would be about £65,000. But then you see, the Manager has to discharge the accommodation for all manner of visitors. There is rarely a week passes by without the Manager having to accommodate people. In these days a labour saving modern house is absolutely essential.

B - Trans-Ocean Construction and Trading is an FIC subsidiary. TCT as we all know has not really been working very well on the Hostel, perhaps it is not their fault, but they haven't been making too much progress. Why is this?

M - There were initial problems. The changing of the site - the building was swung around and in swinging it around, the found-

ations, when they were dug, were found to involve rock and this caused delay as the foundations had to be different. There were also labour problems, internal difficulties which you will be well aware of - a clash of personalities - and the weather has been against us all along. I am encouraged that at last we are making progress and people are beginning to see that we should have one of the strongest buildings in the Falklands.

B - Do you think that the technique is still quite good for use in the Falklands?

M - Yes, I am convinced of it. It was probably too new for the Colony, this method of construction, but I hope some good is going to come out of it.

B - Moving to Stanley, what does the FIC plan to do with much of the underdeveloped land it has in town. For example behind the Company's offices there are, I would think, several acres of unused land, and it would seem to be good land for building on.

M - Well, we are going to need that land if the economy of the Falklands is developed. We are short at this moment, for instance of warehousing accommodation. Also, if tourism develops we will need hotels. I don't think that by retaining this land we are holding back housing development.

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### SCIENCE

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The final part of our article on peat mining which appeared originally in the American magazine 'Science Digest'.

" The First Colony peat mining enterprise have been negotiating for about a year to furnish one power company with enough fuel to operate four 150 - Mw generators for 45 years. They have also considered gasifying it. However the big question is how much it will cost to harvest the peat and dry it.

It has been found that peat converts to hydrocarbon gasses about twice as efficiently as coal and four times as efficiently as lignite, the other major candidates for gasification.

No one is sure what the environment impact of the two major US mining projects will be, but strong opposition is hard to find. In general some of the bleakest terrain in the country, peat bogs attract few admirers."

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Once again we must thank our rapidly growing readership, both in the Falklands and overseas, who made the last edition of our news magazine the most successful yet.

Readers comments, both verbal and in letter form, are very encouraging and from your response we feel that the PENGUIN NEWS fills an essential niche in our society.

Our main aim, of course, is to report on current Falkland affairs, and whilst we do our very best, there must be the occasional item that escapes us. So if YOU see, hear or even make news, then why not share it with us?

## LETTERS

What of them, you may say. Well, we feel that we ought to say a few words on the anonymity of correspondents. Apparently

some people feel that newspapers and magazines should not print their readers' letters unless they are signed or at least the writer's name is supplied to the Editor.

The PENGUIN NEWS does not subscribe to this view. We feel that as long as the viewpoint expressed is valid then the origin is not important. Of course we reserve the right to print only those we feel are of interest, and slanderous letters would not be considered at all.

## WORDS FROM THE GOVERNOR

READ THE PENGUIN NEWS INTERVIEW WITH GOVERNOR HUNT

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## EDITORIAL

The news that a fresh round of talks between the British and Argentine Governments concerning the future of the Falklands must have been welcome to the majority of Falkland Islanders.

More welcome, however, must have been the revelation that one of our elected councillors will be sitting on the British side of the table in New York.

This is the first time for several years that a member of our government has participated in negotiation; a good development for a number of reasons.

Perhaps most important, we can now be fairly certain that decisions contrary to our wishes will not be taken.

Also, our pleas for 'self determination' will now carry some credibility. Up until now it could have been argued by our opponents that our desire to determine our own future could not be very strong if we did not even wish to participate in negotiations to which we were invited. Now, by sending one of our people to New York, we have demonstrated that we do care.

It is, at least a beginning. Perhaps in the future we will have the representation at these functions which is rightfully ours, and there will be a Falkland delegation as well as the two regulars.

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## DISCUSSIONS RESUMED IN NEW YORK

It was announced from Government House on 15th April that a time and venue had been decided upon for the next round of negotiations concerning the Falkland Islands, between the British and Argentine governments.

They are to take place in New York from the 28th to the 30th April and will be attended by Adrian Monk - Legislative Council member for East Falkland.

Mr Monk spoke to a PENGUIN NEWS reporter a few days before departing for the United States, and said that he would be

a fully participating member of the British team. He said that "only by being a full member can you influence the delegation's views."

The Argentines were, he said, aware that a Falkland Islander would be participating, but he did not know if there had been any reaction.

Mr Monk said that he would not be prepared to compromise in any way on the sovereignty dispute.

The talks are to be purely exploratory, an effort to achieve a basis for future meeting, and it is very unlikely that any decisions concerning the future of the Falklands will be made.

Apart from Councillor Monk, the British team will consist of Nicholas Ridley, Minister of State for the Foreign Office, the British Ambassador to Buenos Aires, and one or two other senior Foreign Office men.

The Argentine delegation will consist of Comodoro Cavendole and other Argentine Foreign Office officials.

## PENGUIN SHIPPING

The Managing Director of 'Penguin Shipping', Julian Fitter, returned to the Falklands on 18th April for a stay of about three weeks.

He informed the PENGUIN NEWS that plans are now well advanced for his company's two small passenger ships to begin operations around the Islands on 5th November of this year.

Both vessels are converted Scottish motor fishing boats and one of these will be based on the west of the Falklands while the other will operate day and over-night excursions from Stanley.

Mr Fitter has already begun promoting Penguin Shipping, both in Europe and the United States, and has produced an extremely attractive brochure, colourfully depicting various aspects of the Falklands.

He expects a maximum of twenty people per week to arrive in the Falklands to make use of his cruises, although he thinks it may take a while to reach this figure.

Other local tour operators will almost certainly make use of Penguin Shipping's short excursions from Stanley.

FIRE AT DARWIN SCHOOL

A blaze in the Darwin Boarding School generator building on 9th April knocked out the building's electricity, heating and cooking facilities.

No one was hurt in the fire but as an alternative generator with sufficient output could not be easily obtained, the school was closed and all students returned to their homes.

The school has since been opened as a day school for local children and students living on other settlements are being given home work to be supervised by travelling teachers.

Government hope to lease the FIC's Stanley House for use as a Boarding house so that Darwin School boarders can study at the Senior School in Stanley until the situation at Darwin has been rectified.

BURGOS TRIAL

Following the arrival in the country of Judge Sir Peter Watkin Williams, the trial of Francisco Burgos took place in the Court and Council Chamber of Stanley on 28th April.

Burgos was charged with the murder of Anthony Kirk due to an incident which occurred at Goose Green in the early hours of 1st April this year. However, following a plea by Burgos' defense council Raymond Checkley, the charge was reduced to one of manslaughter, to which the accused man pleaded guilty.

According to the evidence placed before the court, Burgos had been struck earlier in the evening by Kirk, breaking his nose. A doctor testified that this would have been painful for some hours. Burgos, who had consumed a certain amount of alcohol during the night's festivities, was helped back to the bunk-house where he was encouraged to sleep but he decided that he would return to his home at Walker Creek and left to saddle his horse for the journey. However he did not leave immediately and a short time later returned to the bunk-house in his riding clothes (which, as was pointed out in the court would have included a knife). Upon entering the corridor he met several men and a short time later Tony Kirk also entered the passage, allegedly to apologise for the earlier fight. Burgos then wounded Kirk in the abdomen with his knife.

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HERE 'N' THERE  
NEWS THAT DOESN'T QUITE MAKE THE HEADLINES

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The Local Branch of the Falkland Islands' Committee organised a dance in the Town Hall on Friday 25th April. Though poorly attended the function raised the sum of £271.00 which will be used to assist the Committee's 'Keep the Falklands British' campaign in the United Kingdom.

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The Queen's Birthday, which is a public holiday was celebrated in Stanley in the traditional way on 21st April.

Members of The Falkland Islands Defence Force, The Girls Brigade and Royal Marines paraded during the morning and were inspected by Governor Hunt.

A large audience watched the ceremony, a considerable proportion of which was made up by tourists enjoying the rare opportunity to view British pomp & circumstance.

A reception was held at Government House that evening.

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A golden wedding anniversary was celebrated in Stanley on 26th April. This very special milestone belongs to Liz and Ruzz Spencer who were married in 1930 - all of fifty years ago! Our congratulations to you, Mr and Mrs Spencer.

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April has been a month of uncommonly wintry weather. The 14th saw the first snowfall of 1980 and, though the snow did not lie for long, temperatures have been consistently low since then.

After last year's extremely temperate winter, Falklanders are preparing themselves for one which may prove to be wild rather than mild!

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Apparently some Stanley residents were not happy with the outcome of the Francisco Burgos trial. On 29th April the Speedwell Store's windows (proprietor D Ryan) were filled with notices proclaiming such sentiments as "It was all cut and dried" and "Bon Voyage, Sir Peter". Some graffiti connected with the trial also appeared on a hangar facing the airport road.

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Kirk, according to witnesses, went outside where he collapsed. Nursing Sister Diane Brown, who was on the farm, gave him first aid and a doctor was summoned urgently from Stanley. Dr Summers arrived at Goose Green later that day and a more complete medical team flew out later.

Kirk was flown in to Stanley as soon as was possible but all efforts to save him failed and tragically he died on 3rd March.

Following the stabbing Burgos gave up the knife and was taken quietly to the Manager's house. According to his defence council Raymond Checkley, Burgos suffered a memory lapse and could remember nothing definite from the time of the first fight until after the stabbing.

Judge Sir Peter Watkin Williams felt that the accused had been severely provoked and that the incident was a lapse of character for Burgos who, as defense lawyer Checkley emphasised, was normally a quiet, reserved, non-violent person.

The judge said that if it were permitted by Falkland law he would have given Burgos a conditional discharge, but as this was not possible he was sentenced to nine months imprisonment for his crime.

THE PENGUIN INTERVIEW

Governor Rex Masterman Hunt has been in the Falkland Islands since 27th February this year. On 24th April PENGUIN NEWS Editor Graham Bound interviewed him at Government House. Excerpts from the conversation follow.

BOUND - Today a representative of the people of the Falkland Islands is going to New York to attend talks concerning their future. Do you think this is a good development and what would you like to see achieved at these talks?

GOVERNOR HUNT - I think yes, this is a good development. I think that talks with the Argentines are necessary. In the past when talks have broken down, then relations have deteriorated. As you know our Ambassadors were withdrawn after talks broke down in 1976.

We now have a new government in Britain and the Argentines are showing signs of renewed cordiality with Britain; we have exchanged Ambassadors, they have said they would welcome talks and, as with other problems like Rhodesia and Gibraltar, I think the present Conservative Government also welcomes the opportunity for talks.

B - And what would you like to see achieved at the talks?

H - Well, ideally I would like to see the Argentines renounce their claim to the Islands but I don't think that this is being very realistic. What I would hope is that between their position and ours we can find some mutual ground that is beneficial to us both. The big hope here is in economic cooperation, because we have all heard about the off-shore potential, both fisheries and oil, but we are not going to be able to attract the heavy capital needed to invest in those industries until we have some accommodation or agreement with the Argentines.

B - Do you think that both parties will have to give in in small ways on their demands?

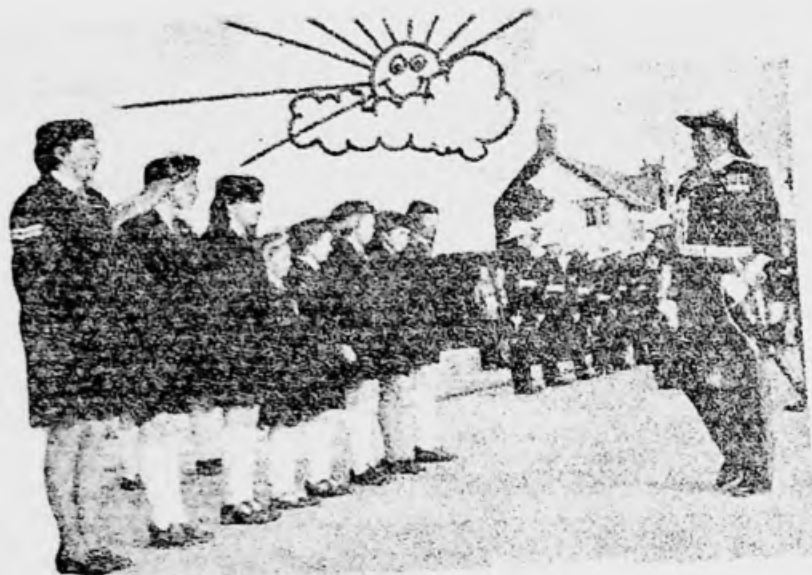
H - I think that is the whole point of talks; but this is very much a preliminary, exploratory round coming off in New York on the 28th.

B - If an agreement is made with the Argentines on economic development, do you foresee a boom for the Falklands? Do you think that oil companies would be interested in coming here straight away to search for oil and likewise fisheries?

H - Well, I think it's a slow business. I think that over the next five years, if we were able to have some agreement with the Argentines on economic cooperation, then we would see an expanding interest in the off-shore and in-shore fisheries and, in fact, in salmon ranching which has been proposed. Also, of course, in oil exploration. Much more research is needed on all of those things. But I think that if the next five years produce the results that we would hope, then I foresee a boom coming after that.

B - Many people, especially some of the Falkland Islanders, feel that our links with Argentina are too many and too strong. Do you think that this reliability on Argentina is desirable and how do you think our relationship with them should develop?

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## THE QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY PARADE



THE GIRLS BRIGADE BEING INSPECTED BY GOVERNOR MONT  
FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: XENIA BARNES, ANITA LEE, SHEREE ALAZIA, JENNY  
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I think you have probably answered that last part of that question already.

H - I think that it is a fact of life that your next-door neighbour is the Argentine and, whether some of the Islanders like it or not, like every neighbour, you have to learn to get on. It is in the interests of the Islanders to have close and cordial relations with the Argentine because they can help so much in the way of medical facilities, schooling, communications and so on.

B - Here's the big question. Does the conservative government in England wish to retain the Falklands as a Colony or would they rather they were no longer their responsibility?

H - I think that the government have made it very clear - this government and the government before - that they recognise their responsibility towards the Falkland Islands and the Islanders. They recognise that the Islanders are British, that these Islands are the responsibility of the British government, and they are fully prepared to discharge that responsibility. I don't see any government in Britain doing anything about the Falkland Islands that would be unacceptable to the Islanders. They have said that no agreement on the future of the Islands will be accepted by Her Majesty's government unless it is also acceptable to the Islanders.

B - But would the British government prefer not to have the responsibility of us any longer? Do they really want to keep us?

H - I don't think it is a question of wanting to keep you. I think there is a responsibility - an historical responsibility - which the government, as responsible people, wish to discharge in the best interests of the Islanders. No doubt that's why they spend money on sending people like me here, and that's why ODA spend money on development here - that is, to look after the interests of the Islanders; to discharge the responsibility that this government, and the previous one, willingly accepted.

B - Some people feel that eventual independence may be the answer for our country. What is your opinion of this?

H - It would have to receive, I think, a lot of support from the U.N. People have said, ever since the end of the war, that certain countries could not become independent because they would not be viable. But the lie to this has been shown in many places

where countries which were once thought to be too small to be independent have not only survived but have done very well since they have become independent. I think if this were the wish of the Islanders - if they said in a referendum that they wished to become independent - then the British would proceed towards the independence of the colony. There would have to be, I think, some pretty massive aid, because with a population of under two thousand I think it would be difficult to be economically viable without large external help - whether it were British or international help.

B - What is the British government's policy for aid with regard to the Falklands?

H - The Falklands, as with other dependent territories, are our number one priority. The ODA have suffered from government spending cuts as have all departments, but they have said that they will continue to give priority to Her Majesty's remaining dependent territories. However, because of the restraints, they have had to say that they cannot consider any further capital aid programmes until the end of the Darwin road project and the school hostel. They will, however, continue to provide us with technical advisers and opportunities for training and further education for Islanders in the United Kingdom.

B - The L.A.D.E. House. The Argentines wish to build a new house for the Vice Comodoro here. What are the latest developments in this?

H - I'm glad you asked that. The Argentine authorities have come back to us with one or two suggestions for insertion into the lease that we offered them and some of these are not acceptable to us. But providing they accept our conditions the land will be leased to them for twenty-five years under the normal conditions for leasing government land. They plan to build on it a modest pre-fabricated house.

B - Whilst on the subject of housing, has there been any progress with government's plan to acquire more houses?

H - We are looking into the possibility of purchasing three-bedroomed pre-fabricated houses from Chile. These are much cheaper than those offered in Argentina and would cost, I understand, about £12,000 each. I hope that Alan Mason will be able to go to Punta Arenas shortly to look at these and it is possible that they may be shipped on the same vessel which comes here to take sheep to Chile.

B - Finally, what do you want to achieve during your stay here? What lasting mark would you like to leave?

H - I would like to arrest and, if possible, reverse the flow of people from the Islands. It is much easier to say than to achieve, of course, but that is what I would like to do.

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### VERSE

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#### POEMS BY STEVE TURNER

##### IN MY WORLD

In my world  
I would write  
of golden suns  
if it weren't  
for the obscuring clouds.  
I would write  
of the wind bent grass  
but all the fields are  
tarmacked  
& multistory.  
Instead I'll be  
an urban Wordsworth  
writing of  
reinforced concrete  
landscapes  
and clear brown skies  
where  
to wander lonely as a  
cloud  
is just not advisable  
after dark.

##### TONGUE

The tongue  
is where  
the mind  
comes out  
into the open.  
Lips move  
so to speak.  
The tongue  
is where  
the mind  
comes out  
into the open.  
Mind  
what you say.

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### FROM THE WORLD'S PRESS

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Origin:- INTERNATIONAL HERALD TRIBUNE, 25th March 1980  
Italian financier Pier Luigi Torri was jailed for seven years today for forging bank drafts worth more than \$1.6 million in an international fraud operation. According to testimony in a London court, Torri had owned or been involved with bogus companies incorporated in the Falkland Islands, Anguilla, Panama and Liberia.

Origin:- THE DAILY TELEGRAPH, 5th April 1980 (excerpts)

By our staff correspondent in Buenos Aires.

Argentina's determination to take over the Falkland Islands is still relentless. But it is practising under the military regime, more civil diplomacy than in Peronist days, when the British Ambassador was thrown out.

"We want sovereignty to be transferred together with a happy and integrated island community within a reasonable length of time", Foreign Ministry sources in Buenos Aires told me.

Improved links between the Argentine "Big Brother" and the tiny population of the British colony, include twice weekly flights by Aerolineas Argentinas, the national airline, which have replaced the once-monthly visit from Montevideo of the motor vessel "Darwin" (sold in 1973).

This means an end to the islanders' isolation, tourism in both directions, better medical facilities and an incomparably better mail service.

This is, at any rate, the Argentine viewpoint and one which is difficult to gainsay for those who remember the stark loneliness of the islands.

The official Argentine attitude, is to try and reassure the doubting Falklanders that loss of British sovereignty will not mean loss of their British nationality to those descendants of hardy shepherds who played heroic roles in the great naval battles of the two world wars.

Argentina bases it's claim on historical rights allegedly derived from it's inheritance of Spain's imperial sovereignty in the area. This is generally regarded by British experts as unprovable doubletalk.

Origin:- THE TIMES, 26th March 1980

A letter from Mr G White

Sir, Mr Johnson asks (March 22) for government help to discover whether there are fish around the Falkland Islands.

I can tell him that the last international football match of any consequence played in southern latitudes was Falkland Islands versus Poland. I stood among some Polish ladies giving support to their team. The truth of the matter is that almost any day several East European fishing trawlers call in the outer harbour

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# PEOPLE



JUAN MANUEL FANGIO WHO VISITED STANLEY AND SALVADOR FROM THE 2<sup>ND</sup> TO THE 1<sup>ST</sup> OF APRIL.

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of Port Stanley to unload at one or more of their factory ships.

The kind people of Stanley, as sporting as they are sensible, can assure Mr Johnson that the fish these trawlers catch are very good eating. What neither these ardently patriotic Islanders, nor I, can understand is why Hull but not Warsaw or Moscow, needs confirmation that there are tons upon tons of fish around the Islands and that every facility can be arranged for British fishermen. Every facility, that is, other than the likelihood of an easy win on the Stanley football pitch.

Yours faithfully, G. White, 6 Mayfield Drive, Caversham, Reading.

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### KIDS KORNER

This month we have a rather interesting true story for you.

You all, of course, know that South Georgia, Shag Rocks and the South Sandwich Islands are dependencies of the Falklands. But what you and your mums and dads may not know is that, if only someone would find them, we would have another dependency. Interested? We thought you might be, so read on...

About two hundred and twenty years ago the ship "Aurora", under the command of a Captain Oyarvido, was cruising in an area to the south-east of the Falklands when land was sighted. Captain Oyarvido named the group of islands that he had discovered the Aurores, after his ship.

In the years that followed other ships reported seeing them but apparently no landing was made. Then, some time later, the islands were surveyed by a Spanish ship which was specially equipped for the job, and the Aurores were later drawn onto all maps of the area.

Several more years passed before a captain, who found himself not far from the islands, thought he would take a look - probably hoping to land and plant the flag of his country there. But, despite checking his position repeatedly and posting lookouts, the islands could not be found. They have not been seen since, and today you will not find the Aurores on a map of the South Atlantic.

MORE ISLAND MYSTERIES AND POSSIBLE EXPLANATIONS IN THE NEXT PENGUIN NEWS.

### THE PENGUIN POST BOX

Dear Editor,

Perhaps you can fathom it out for me. Recently I received a letter from a friend in England. He has worked here in the Falklands, firstly at Goose Green and he was only financially assisted from B.A. His second place of employment was at Chartres. He left and went back home to go to Agriculture College to study for a National Certificate in Dairying (N.C.D.)

Anyhow, he applied for assistance to return here from the F.I.C. in London and was told that they (the Falkland Islands Company) have no staff vacancy. I thought it general knowledge that here in Goose Green alone, ten employees are leaving, some into the settlement from camp, some to other F.I.C. farms and others elsewhere, leaving only one outside shepherd at Burnside.

So where's the logic? A chap who knows the way of life is more certain to settle than a total beginner, even if they are cheaper from the coast.

Perhaps London office needs to be informed of the ever decreasing camp population and the increasing vacancies.

Yours sincerely,

Dennis Humphreys

Goose Green

Dear Editor,

I would like to put down some thoughts about our country, at a time - I am sure - when the adage 'the pen is mightier than the sword' is to most of us, something of a sick joke.

It seems no time ago that all were shouting for aid from Britain for development projects all too numerous to mention. Well, we have it, and along with it we have the experts, all too numerous to mention. The Kelper has in effect taken two steps backward as far as achieving any degree of autonomy is concerned.

We appear to be going nowhere fast, our entire society is being eroded by the very tools of progress that have been forced upon us. We are not experts it is true; it is equally true however, that we are now more advanced than before the influx of esteemed personages.



There is no need to discuss the experts further, for they are a passing thing; it is the presence of those sent to (keep us going?) to run our services, and in their way shape our future, that is directly responsible for the exodus of Island people.

It is a great pity that so many see acceptance by these people as a sign of success; or believe themselves to know very little, as a result of their counter productive pseudo-intellectual influences, which are in stark contrast with the thoughts of the true Islander.

We have let too many opportunists into our country, (or have we had any choice?) showing us how to push wheelbarrows, tighten nuts and bolts, spread ... earth, erect new buildings or even just manage the one's we have already. Some may remember that it all started with the construction of the Airstrip. Well, most of the boys have gone ... but we still have the plastic shovels, and now it's long forgotten.

The Kelpers are reluctant to speak their minds in the right places and are disinclined to be in any way controversial, or risk upsetting anyone; and it continues to be new citizens that champion our cause as they see it, be it in the school room or the storeroom. Much local debate is known to take place in the public houses, and is very much a Churchill tonight and a Mussolini tomorrow; but it's good for revenue.

Yes, Green Patch has been split up. Big Daddy F.I.C. played their cards very cleverly when the ground began to rumble, and have confronted the few tremours to avoid total eruption. Perhaps they will follow it up by having more local managers of their farms, or even take on some properly obtained local cadets. We could say the same to all big land owners, some of whom do not import managers and assistants, but appear to have a bent for new citizens.

In this, the farming field, we also have our experts; and while we don't give a 'fig' for their work, we can at least get plenty of pills for Rover and Tiddles.

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THIS LETTER FROM A PENGUIN NEWS READER WILL BE CONTINUED  
IN THE NEXT ISSUE

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## PHILATELY

The Falkland Islands Dependencies new definitive issue of stamps will be released on 5th May. These will replace the South Georgia definitives which have been in use, with decimal overprints in recent years, since 1963.

We described the individual designs of the new issue in the April PENGUIN NEWS and space does not allow us to do so again here. However, we can tell you that they are colourful (quite a contrast with the previous issue) and on the whole well designed. The borders around the pictures are, in my opinion a little dominating, but that is a minor fault.

These stamps were printed by John Waddington of Kirkstall Ltd, and the face value of the set is £5.50.

The Falklands 'Dolphin and Porpoises' issue was withdrawn from sale at Stanley Post Office on the 2nd May. Louis Clifton of the Philatelic Bureau said that they had certainly been one of the better selling issues.

Another commemorative set is due to be issued on 6th May in conjunction with the London 1980 stamp exposition at Earl's Court.

Printed in offset by Walsail Security Printers and designed by Glyn Hutchins, the six stamps comprising the set will all have an 11p value. All will feature postmarks in use during different periods and will incorporate the words "London 1980".

In this column next issue we hope to have information on the 'Birds of Prey' Falkland issue, which is due for release shortly. These could well be the most attractive stamps that we have produced yet.

## NATURE

This is the first of what we hope may develop into a regular feature devoted to the famous wildlife of the Falklands. If any readers would like to contribute an article for future use, we would very much like to hear from them.

### SPARE A THOUGHT FOR THE TURKEY BUZZARD

Close up and on the ground even their staunchest supporters would not say that they are a pretty sight. With bald red

heads and necks and black wings like vampire's cloak, they look distinctly nasty. The sinister appearance of the turkey buzzard supports, unfortunately, the mistaken opinion of many people that they are good-for-nothing killers to be shot on sight.

If they are ugly on the ground they are sheer beauty in the air, as they soar and sweep across the skies making use of thermal currents in much the same way as a glider aircraft, and barely moving a wingtip. Vultures are without doubt one of nature's most perfect flying creations.

The feeding habits of these birds is the principal reasons why they are so intensely disliked by the majority of people.

Vultures will eat almost anything from a rotting carcass to fruits and vegetables - fresh or decomposed. These habits seem incomprehensible to us, but there is a good reason for the vulture's ghoulish tastes. They are nature's equivalent to the vacuum cleaner, keeping the environment clear of dead animals.

Stories of turkeys attacking lambs and pecking to death 'cast' sheep may sometimes be true, but almost certainly these killings do not happen as often as most people think. In any case, a sheep unable to move will die before very long and a lamb that cannot escape the Turkey will probably not be strong enough to survive. No one can say that these habits are pleasant but nature's way never has been. It should also be remembered that the number of lambs killed by these birds is probably only a fraction of the number that we kill when the festive season comes around!

As cleaners of the landscape they are ideally suited. Their beaks are hooked and strong for tearing through tough hides, and their hen type feet give them strong support to lean back on when tugging at a carcass. The head and neck are bald for a very good reason; the absence of feathers means that blood is shed quickly and the feathers do not become matted.

We must remember that the Turkey Buzzard is an integral link in the chain of life and, through our systemised persecution of the birds (some farms pay quite highly for their destruction) we are threatening the very balance of nature.

We should remember that the great black bird soaring so effortlessly above our heads is no enemy but, like policemen and judges, is simply doing his somewhat distasteful job - very efficiently!

# THE PENGUIN POST BOX continued

The following letters were received just in time for inclusion in this issue of the PENGUIN NEWS.

Dear Sir,

The Editor of the 'Falkland Islands Times' Mr DJCR Coalville, has refused to print my letter to him, for inclusion in the recent issue of 'The Times', issue No 4/80.

In order that the public may become aware of my impressions, I am now sending this letter to the PENGUIN NEWS, where I hope it will be published.

The letter follows:-

I write with reference to your item entitled "No Apologies Offered" which appeared on the front page of issue No 3/80.

I am now wondering if you publish your paper purely as some sort of gimmick for overseas subscribers. Perhaps it is just that the Kelper is fed up reading sarcastic, inaccurate reporting that the overseas subscribers to the 'Times' exceeds the readership in the Camp.

Yours faithfully, etc.

I would like to add that, as the Editor gave me an abysmal explanation for not printing my letter, it must have caused much embarrassment, one can only conclude that the truth must hurt.

Thanking you, I remain

Yours faithfully,

TONY ALAZIA

Dear Editor,

I would be very grateful if you could publish this brief letter in the next issue of your paper.

I was very shocked at the reaction by some people to the result of the Fransisco Burgos trial.

This "wild west lynch mentality" is surely out of place in this British Colony, and if British rule is good enough for us, should not British justice be as well?

The minority who seem to feel that Burgos should have been

sent down for life cannot have any knowledge of the facts of the case. If they did they would realise that the sad event was not a cut-and-dried case of cold-blooded murder.

Our justice is not based on the idea of "an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth". We should be grateful for that.


Regretably I am unable to put my name to this letter.

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Editor: - Some of our readers may feel differently to the above writer. If you wish to voice your opinion in the PENGUIN NEWS, your letter will be printed, space providing.

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### A NOTE FROM THE PUBLISHERS...



THIS ISSUE OF THE PENGUIN NEWS WILL BE THE LAST FOR ABOUT TWO MONTHS. WE APOLOGISE TO OUR READERS FOR THIS BREAK IN SERVICE, BUT AS THE EDITOR IS GOING TO EUROPE ON BUSINESS THIS IS UNAVOIDABLE.

FOLLOWING HIS RETURN WE HOPE TO PUBLISH A BUNKER "WINTER REVIEW". SO STAY WITH US!

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HERE 'N' THERE continued from page 5

A meeting to arrange the formation of a local branch of the Falkland Islands Foundation, a society to preserve Falkland natural life, heritage and to promote scientific research in the Islands, was held at Government House on the 2nd May.

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The Government Roads Superintendent, Basil Morrison, said recently in a radio interview that about five and a half miles of the road to Darwin have been completed, and that the project is ahead of schedule.

It is expected that a further seven years of work will be needed before the highway reaches Darwin.

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After an absence of a little over four months the PENGUIN NEWS is, we are happy to say, back in print.

As readers of issue number seven will be aware the Editor spent most of the winter months in the United Kingdom, and whilst there he wrote a number of special reports and recorded several interviews with people who are influential in our islands. The first of these interviews was with LORD SNACKLETON, the British peer who was commissioned by the British government several years ago to write a comprehensive report on the economy, present and future of the Falklands. His views, exclusively and very frankly expressed in the pages of the PENGUIN NEWS, are bound to raise a few eyebrows both here and in London. This dialogue begins on page 12 of this issue.

While he was in England the Editor also found time to purchase a considerable quantity of printing equipment to replace the ageing Ronco duplicator that is at present in use. This machinery is expected to arrive on the mv 'AES' shortly, and when installed should make quite a difference to the appearance of our magazine.

The PENGUIN is, it appears, spreading its wings!

## DO YOU HAVE SOMETHING TO SAY?

IF YOU HAVE SOMETHING TO SAY WHICH MAY INTEREST OTHER READERS, WHY NOT WRITE TO "THE PENGUIN POST BOX"? THIS MONTH'S INTERESTING SELECTION OF LETTERS CAN BE FOUND ON PAGE 6

# EDITORIAL

## POUNDS OVER PRINCIPLES

I suppose it was to be expected, but nevertheless it came as a shock to hear that Britain had restored full diplomatic relations with Chile and is offering to sell the country weapons.

It was shocking because just a few years ago relations with Chile were severed by the then socialist government in Britain because of the imprisonment and torture of a British citizen, Dr Sheila Cassidy.

At the time the British government accepted without doubt Dr Cassidy's allegations but since then the Conservative government has implied that they think the unfortunate woman was lying and that she did not suffer as she claimed. Fortunately for the Foreign Office who made these outrageous claims, Dr Cassidy was at that time living in a convent and her religious commitments did not allow her to come into open confrontation with the government. It was obvious that the Foreign Office had made this claim simply so that nothing would stand in the way of the re-establishment of diplomatic relations with Chile.

More recently Nicholas Ridley, the minister responsible for relations with South America, was "left with egg on his face" (the BBC's words, not ours) concerning the arrest and torture of another British woman. True to the best Foreign Office tradition they had made a bungling attempt to cover the affair up.

If things had changed in Chile then perhaps the re-establishment of diplomatic relations could be justified. But nothing has changed. All opposition to "President" Pinochet is oppressed and there are high levels of malnutrition among the poorer classes. Pinochet and his henchmen apparently believe that it is safer for them to keep the "descamizados" uneducated, hungry and poor.

In his plebiscite a few weeks ago Pinochet tried to ensure that the country will remain under his iron grip for many years to come. At the same time the British government (though elected legally, just as low morally) were trying to ensure that the guns and bullets used by his secret police will bear the brand "made in Great Britain".

## ROYAL MARINE LOST IN NORTH ARM AREA

Royal Marine Addis, aged 19, one of the detachment based in Stanley, disappeared in the area of North Arm on the 4th August. He was part of a routine patrol of the area which had travelled from Stanley aboard the Government vessel "Forrest".

Although virtually nothing is known concerning his loss, several theories have been put forward. He was last seen in the settlement bunkhouse and is believed to have left the building alone. He then may have wandered off in the wrong direction and lost his bearings. As the alarm was not raised until "Forrest" had put to sea again, it is possible, though unlikely, that he fell overboard. Aboard "Forrest" it was assumed that he had merely missed the ship's departure and so the vessel did not return to the settlement. A search was soon organised in the North Arm area but was abandoned on the 11th. The search was recommenced at a later date but no sign of the missing man was found.

After a little over one month, and bearing in mind the wintry weather that has prevailed over the period, it is very unlikely that Marine Addis is still alive.

## FATAL BUNKHOUSE FIRE

A serious fire broke out in the Bunkhouse at North Arm on 20th August. There were two men in the building at the time and one, James Biggs, was (it is supposed) overcome by fumes and heat. He was dead when found in the sitting room later.

The flames were first noticed at 4.30 a.m. and the blaze was soon being fought with all the appliances available.

The building was gutted by the flames although the aluminium sheathing of the building was left standing. The bunkhouse was a prefabricated building of the 'Coseley' type of which there are several in Stanley and other parts of the Falklands.

The victim of the blaze, James Biggs (better known as Jimmy) had been a Camper for most of his life and he will be sadly missed.

## STANLEY SOCIAL CLUB CHILDREN'S PARTY

The annual childrens' fancy dress party organised by the Social Club, took place in the Town Hall. According to people who were present it was one of the best such functions for several years. Unfortunately we do not have the space to print the names of the prizewinners.



## SPORT

Without doubt the greatest achievement for the Falklands in the sporting world this year was their team's tremendous achievement in rifle shooting at Bisley, England. The following report was contributed by a reader who is considerably more knowledgeable on the subject than is the Editor. \* \* \*

To many thousands Bisley, set in the heart of the beautiful green Surrey countryside, means nothing. But to those smitten by the rifle shooting bug, it is a must. On approaching the camp one is conscious of growing excitement. The road is full of servicemen and innumerable civilians of all ages clad in incredibly shabby coats with padded elbows and shoulders, and wide brimmed, disreputable but helpfully shady hats. One drives through a series of tented villages and caravan sites before reaching the centre of the vast camp. The most striking building is the offices of the National Rifle Association where a superbly efficient staff produces an infallible system by which every one of about two thousand competitors is given his times and targets for the entire meeting. They are accurate to the minute. Across the lawn is Club Row where various rifle clubs have their own houses. Here can be found the typical Bisley atmosphere: friendly cheerfulness with a sense of sportsmanship unequalled in most sports. Many are the tales to be heard here of "magpies", tricky winds and the other misadventures that are as inevitable as those particular to golfers and fishermen.

It was at Bisley this year that our team of four marksmen were so successful. They won two of the four competitions that the Falklands normally enter and came second in the other two. The two competitions won were the Junior Mackinnon and the Nobel Cup. The two events in which the team came second were the Junior Overseas (lost by only one point) and the Junior Kolpore (lost by two points). The Nobel, the prize for which is presented by the huge chemical firm I.C.I., has not been won before by a local side. The huge silver cup is awarded to the team whose scores in the three "junior" events make up the highest aggregate. Seven teams competed this year and it is interesting to note that our team's winning score was 3.5 points per man better than their nearest rival, Hong Kong.

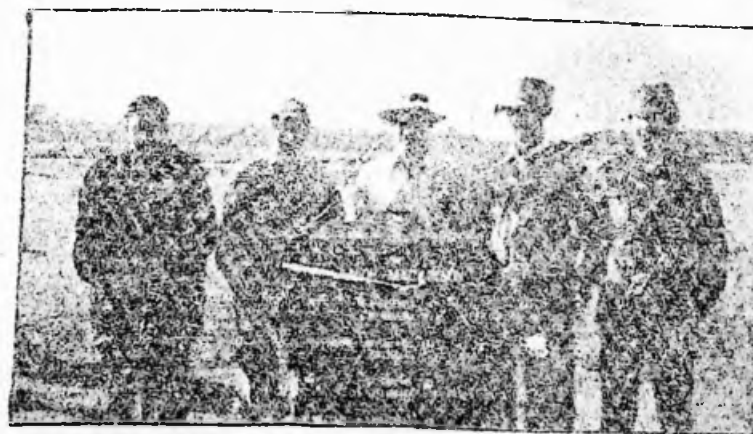
We must not of course overlook the outstanding performance in the individual events of our team captain, Rob Henricksen. He, for the second time qualified for the final of Her Majesty

Queen's prize. This year he finished in 20th position out of what is normally an entry of some 1,300 to 1,500 of the best marksmen the United Kingdom and the Commonwealth can produce. It was no mean achievement to say the least.

With our small organisation so many miles away we could not hope to achieve any degree of success in the United Kingdom without the support of our many friends at Bisley. Firstly the National Rifle Association whose secretary, Air Commodore A.D. Biall C.B.E., R.A.F. (retd.), has given us his valuable assistance and advice over the years. Thank you Arthur for a good job well done and may we wish you a very happy retirement. We, like many more in the Commonwealth, will miss you more than you realise. Secondly, Major P.A. Fulton G.M., our announcer at Bisley. His rifles are of outstanding accuracy and reliability. We should not forget our professional coaches who have rendered us excellent service for many years. Also Bill Grierson R.S.B. who acts as our Press Officer. Ken Fuhendorff has been for many years a stalwart supporter with transport and the many other helpful things that he appears to produce off the cuff.

While Arthur Flannet, Len Reiver, Bill Grierson, John Bond and many other local Bisley veterans commiserate over the swollen jaws and bruised shoulders they had to contend with in the earlier days, our heroes of 1980, whose efforts surpass anything previously accomplished by a local team, are to be congratulated on a truly magnificent performance. Their very high standard of marksmanship is not fully appreciated by many and it is hoped that the above notes will help to dispel any doubts which may exist regarding the magnitude of their achievement. Well done Rob Henricksen, Tony Pettersen, Ron Betts and Owen May.

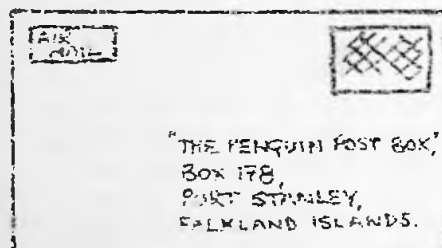
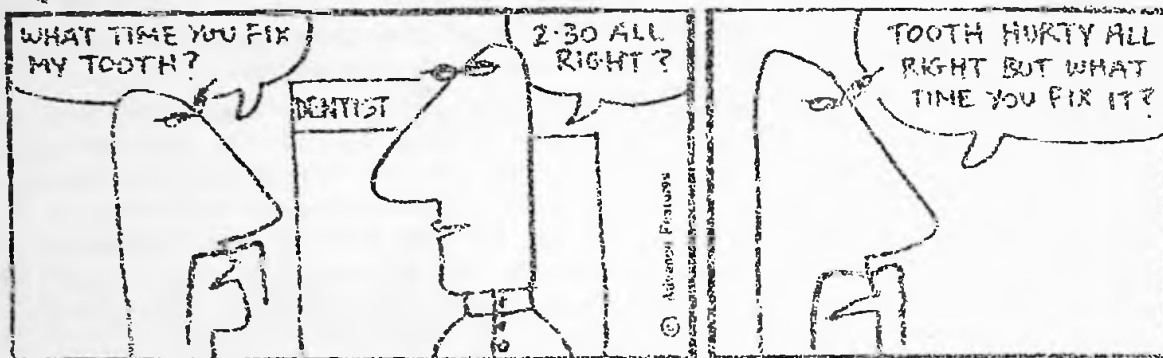
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THE VICTORIOUS 1980  
BISLEY TEAM.

LEFT TO RIGHT:  
T. PETERSEN, ROB  
HENRICKSEN, COACH,  
RON BETTS AND OWEN  
MAY.

AN ARTICLE CONCERNED  
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ABRIDGE LETTERS.

Caixa Postal 11469,  
01000 Pinheiros,  
Sao Paulo, BRASIL.

Dear Editor,

I would like to congratulate the writer of the excellent story of the 'Turkey Buzzard'. It's good to hear the Turkey Buzzard's side of the story, especially when so sensitively written. Look forward to reading more stories in your 'Nature' feature.

Very sincerely, ALVA E.C. RUBINI.

EDITOR: Thank you Mrs. Rubini for your remarks. The article was one of an occasional series and we hope to continue these soon.

Dear Editor,

When one reads the Blake story of early settlement on the West Falkland and the following short account taken from the F.I. Magazine of October 1925, of the primitive conditions on the East during the same period, it is small wonder that the generation of today attaches such great importance to our heritage and entertains such fierce opposition to the thought of a foreign country stepping in to reap the profits of our hard earned prize:

"By the death of Edwin Gleadell on 20th August another link with the early days of Stanley has been broken. A native of Lincolnshire, he landed in the Falkland Islands as a boy of nine in 1852, eight years after the settlement had been moved from Port Louis.

Stanley at the time consisted of about sixty buildings, houses, stores, official buildings, stone and sod shanties. There were three or four jetties, one decent road and a few paths and tracks.

Mr Gleadell's first work was with the Colonial Chaplain, the Rev. Henry Martin Falkner, when his duties were to do odd jobs about the Parsonage, and on Sundays to work the bellows of the harmonium and to help with the singing. The services at this period of history were held in the east end of the Speedwell: the west end was used for the surgery and dispensary.

As in those days there was nothing but beef to be got in the way of meat, Edwin Gleadell and his father used to bring horse loads of geese and rabbits from camp to be sold in Stanley as a change of diet. The market value of a goose was 9d and a rabbit 6d. He liked the fun of catching rabbits but did not relish running after a wounded goose.

Mr Gleadell went to work for the Falkland Islands Company first in Stanley and afterwards with the gauchos in the camp under the late Mr J. Rudd, the camp manager. As a point of interest it may be mentioned that Gleadell was one of the first two men who went to Mr Rudd's assistance when he was fatally stabbed by one of the gauchos.

It was the custom during this cattle work for the men to live in tents for about seven months, and to spend the remainder of the year in one of the four houses, Orqueta, Mariquita, Tranquilidad and Dos Lomos, the only ones in Lafonia at that time. Gleadell helped to catch the wild cattle to make rodeos and also to drive cattle to Stanley to be slaughtered.

In those days there was only one house on the track between Darwin and Stanley. So, if overtaken by darkness, drovers took it in turns to watch the troupe while those off duty would spread their rugs on the ground with a saddle for a pillow and a poncho for a blanket, would settle down for a short sleep. One of those on watch would act as cook. The cooking was not very elaborate. A piece of beef cooked on a diddle-dee fire, a few cakes made of flour and water and fried in boiling fat, or a few biscuits when they could be obtained, with either

water, coffee or yerba to drink, would make up the meal. Mr Gleadell often used to say that he thought this primitive living had a great deal to do with keeping one in good health and was conducive to long life..."

It was such old families as the Gleadells, Aldridges, Alazias, Andersons, Barnes, Berntsens, Betts, Brownings, Biggs, Bonners, Blakes, Cliftons, Clarkes, Coutts, Davis, Duncans, Fords, Feltons, Fergusons, Finlaysons, Goss, Goodwins, Hallidays, Hirtles, Jaffrays, Lees, Luxtons, Middletons, Morrisons, Millers, McLeods, McKays, Newmans, Pecks, Pitalugas, Pooles, Porters, Reives, Robsons, Shorts, Smiths, Summers, Whitneys (and dare I throw in a Bound or two?) who came out here from Britain in the middle of the last century and faced the most appalling odds in order to create the sophisticated little country of which we, their children, are so fiercely proud of today.

These old families and many others, were the true salt of the Islands. But the tragedy of it is, that whether they like it or not, their descendants will now have to remain with us or emigrate to some foreign shores. For the Mother Country with all its parental responsibility, has long since forgotten about those pioneering heroes she despatched to the uttermost parts of the earth and has chosen to disown her great grandchildren and to deny them the right to live and work in the land we used to call 'home' only a generation ago.

Yours sincerely, H.L.BOUND

Darwin School,  
14.3.80

Dear Editor,

In reply to your correspondent's enquiry concerning the establishment of a scout group in the Falklands, I should like to quote from a letter I received from the Overseas Secretary of the Scout Association

"I understand that the Boys' Brigade are already well established in the area and hence it would seem sensible to have only one boys' organisation when there are a limited number of 'customers'."

Yours, PHIL MIDDLETON

Mr Middleton refers here to an article in the March issue of the PENGUIN NEWS in which the Editor made the comment "when will some enterprising person revive the Scout movement in the Falklands". The Scouts were an important organisation in the Falklands during the twenties and thirties.

The following is the second part of a letter from a PENGUIN NEWS reader. The first part was printed in issue number seven.

The younger generation are coming along to a rosy future, with great strides being made in education (we are obliged to believe unidirectional). It is good that their education is better; but we have heard all about them, perhaps we can look forward to hearing from them. It seems not to matter what they have in their heads so long as they have 'O' levels in their pockets. 'Citizen of tomorrow' salute.

As usual we moan about our council, the council to end all councils, and this is one subject on which we come most closely to unanimous agreement. As predicted this body has had much to occupy it; more things to do nothing about than the honourables who have gone before. A councillor still nips off to the CPA conference to tell our story; as do all the delegates go to tell their own story with no mention of listening to other peoples. So it would be reasonable to assume that no one would be particularly interested in ours.

The sovereignty issue is still there and if we are not to become Argentine then it must always be there. There is no way that it will disappear, in the meantime let's concentrate on developing the Islands for the Island people. We are losing many people from our Islands some of whom we would like to see stay. But we cannot give them a good reason why they should. Some however do find that they are better off here than in the great mother country, but this is equally true of the traffic in the other direction.

Much is said about the discrepancy between expatriate and Kelper salaries (brought about by overseas aid which we still shout for). Perhaps these people should be allowed a limit of say two tours on OSAS, for quite obviously they continue to return because they know where they are well off. However if we controlled the finances and had Kelpers in all of these jobs we could not afford to pay the large salaries. If we grouse about the lower pay we are acknowledging the expatriate as a necessity. What we should aim for is the elimination of the circumstances in which these comparisons are made. This is what we should do but, alas, is what we shall never do for we are too divided. Individually we can do nothing and therefore we concentrate on looking after ourselves in the best way possible.

Here, of course, we have the civil servant, and there is only

one. This is sometimes not realised as the part is played by so many. He who seeks security and knows that the service lends itself readily to the best interest of self preservation; the great untouchable.

I have not touched directly on the class system, for whatever your views, and no matter how distasteful you find my thoughts, you cannot avoid the issue. For as surely as you are alive you are a part of it, you are somewhere in it. It is what motivates you into action and what makes your reactions predictable.

EDDIE ANDERSON (Jnr.)

25 Cunningham Park,  
Harrow, Middlesex,  
England.

Dear Editor,

Your anonymous writer on the Burgos trial states that he was shocked at the reaction of some people to the result of the trial. As an uncle of the victim, I am shocked at the result, perhaps the people who showed resentment didn't think the punishment fitted the crime, as I most certainly don't.

He states that people are not aware of the facts, which seems to suggest that he is. So perhaps he could answer a few questions the Penguin News report on the trial brought out in my mind.

Your report states that Burgos suffered a memory lapse from the fight to the stabbing. Yet he remembered that his home was at Walker Creek and apparently how to get there, also which was his horse and also the gear that went with it.

Your report also stated that he met several men in the corridor of the Bunkhouse. If he had a lapse of memory why didn't he stab one of them by mistake. And if Tony did go to apologise how did Burgos know what he was apologising for. Also, did the defense lawyer know Burgos personally to state that he was quiet, reserved and a non-violent person or was it hearsay from Burgos' pals.

Perhaps as a relative of the victim I have read your report wrongly, but until these questions are answered, the charge, the trial, the verdict and especially the sentence appear to me grossly unjust.

Yours faithfully, ARTHUR KIRK

Editor: Mr Kirk was referring in his letter to the PENGUIN NEWS (Issue No 7) reporting of the trial of Francisco Burgos and to an anonymous letter concerned with the same subject which was also printed in that issue. Concerning the memory lapse; we did not state categorically that Burgos suffered from this. Our words were: "According to his defence council, Raymond Checkley, Burgos suffered a memory lapse ..."

We were well aware that the trial was controversial and delicate and our writer was careful to report as objectively as possible, compiling the story only from evidence that he heard in the court. He was, of course, especially careful not to allow any personal views that he may have had to be expressed in the report.

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#### BOWLES GOES TO LUSAKA

Stanley Councillor Willie Bowles left for Lusaka, the capital of Zambia, on 12th September. He is there to represent the Falklands at the 26th Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference due to commence on 27th September.

The Conference is an annual event attended by politicians from most countries of the Commonwealth and will this year be opened by Zambia's premier Kenneth Kaunda.

In recent years most F.I. Councillors have thought it important to be represented at these conferences as they are a good opportunity to make influential people in other countries aware of our unique situation and problems. Sometimes, apparently, it is even necessary to make them aware of our existence.

This is the sixth C.P.A. Conference at which Falkland delegates have been present.

#### TASMANIAN SHEEP AIRFREIGHTED TO THE FALKLANDS

Five rams of Tasmanian origin are due to arrive at Stanley airport aboard a Chilean Piper "Navajo" aircraft on the 24th September. The animals, fine examples of the Polwarth breed, have been imported by the Sheep Owners' Association in order to introduce new blood to the Islands stock. In an interview on F.I. radio, Jim Clement, of the SOA said that the rams are worth approximately £3500 each.



CINDY BUXTON AND ANNIE PRICE RETURN

Cindy Buxton, the Globe trotting wildlife film maker, and her assistant and stills photographer Annie Price, arrived back in the Falklands on the 17th September to spend another summer making wildlife movies for Anglia Television's world famous "Survival" series.

Originally it was only planned to spend one summer here making three films. However Cindy discovered such great potential for "Survival" that she and Annie will be spending at least one more season in the Falklands.

The first of her films made here will be screened in the United Kingdom at Christmas, naturally a time of peak viewing. The program will be networked throughout the country and the number of people viewing it should be several millions.

Her book, which chronicles her experience filming animals in Africa, has just been published and will be available from the Newsagency in Stanley soon.

FRANCISCO BURGOS LEAVES

Chilean Francisco Burgos, who was sentenced to nine months imprisonment after his conviction of the manslaughter of Tony Kirk, recently completed his sentence. He was deported on the 15th September and escorted back to Chile.

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 \* As the PENGUIN NEWS was not in print for some \*  
 \* months prior to this issue, there are a lot of \*  
 \* news items from that period that we simply do \*  
 \* not have room to print. Time and finances \*  
 \* permitting, we hope to publish a "Winter Review" \*  
 \* when our new printing equipment is installed. \*  
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THE PENGUIN INTERVIEW

LORD SHACKLETON, the son of the famous Antarctic explorer, was commissioned by the British government in 1975 to go to the Falklands with a team of experts in social and economic affairs and examine the Islands' problems and propose solutions to these. The resulting report was widely and loudly praised.

He remains very interested in the Falklands and was pleased to be interviewed by the PENGUIN NEWS EDITOR in London recently.

GRAHAM BOUND: Lord Shackleton, it has been several years since you published your comprehensive report on the Falkland Islands. Do you still follow closely developments in the Islands?

LORD SHACKLETON: I follow them as closely as I can. I'd like to make it clear that my interests in the Falklands are as strong and deep as they ever were and I do keep in touch in various ways. I am in regular touch with most members of my team. We did form quite a strong Falkland Islands commitment and we meet and talk about progress or lack of it.

BOUND: It is quite probable that if all of the recommendations included in your report had been carried out we would be well on the way by this time to having a thriving economy and a growing community. However we are still a far from rich country and our population is falling at an alarming rate. Is this because some of the more important recommendations in your report have been ignored and if so what are these?

SHACKLETON: They haven't been totally ignored. I attached, for example, tremendous importance (and so did my colleagues) to the development of smaller farm units while at the same time not damaging the economy. Something is now rather slowly being done in this respect at Green Patch and I'm delighted to hear about it. I'm also delighted that they are getting on with the road.

The plan we made was a long term plan and little or no action has been taken on some of the more important proposals. I was extremely cross when there was a statement in Parliament that the majority of our recommendations had been carried out. That gave a completely wrong impression. A number of major ones have not been carried out.

Let me also say that I appreciate the problems that confront the government in terms of financial matters. This is not due to lack of interest in particular ministers.

BOUND: Can you name a few of the major recommendations that have been ignored or not carried through?

SHACKLETON: There has been no progress whatever with what might be called development fishing. This isn't a question of sending a great fishing fleet down there. Our proposals



were very carefully worked out for development fishing: firstly seeing the results of the first trials and then establishing whether there are markets and how to operate them. This is one example.

As I say, I don't think we have done enough in creating new farms. I don't know how well the Grasslands Trials Unit is going but I have always attached the greatest importance to it.

I have always seen that the Falklands are viable without oil and major fishing. Therefore I have been concerned that there should be more of what is being done anyway.

I think there is progress but nothing like as much as there should be. Of course I have always taken the view that an airport would make many more things possible; or rather things would not happen without an airport.

BOUND: So you feel that an enlarged airport is of crucial importance?

SHACKLETON: Well, it is a very difficult one to answer and quite frankly I think there is no chance at the moment of the government spending the sort of money that is needed. Our recommendation was that while the airport was being constructed the extension should be built together with additional hardening of the runway and so on.

If in fact one were to have fishing fleets one would want to fly crews out. We've seen the example of Roumanians being flown to Guinea for the fishing.

Our conclusion was that the absence of a suitable airport would make it more difficult to achieve what we sought.

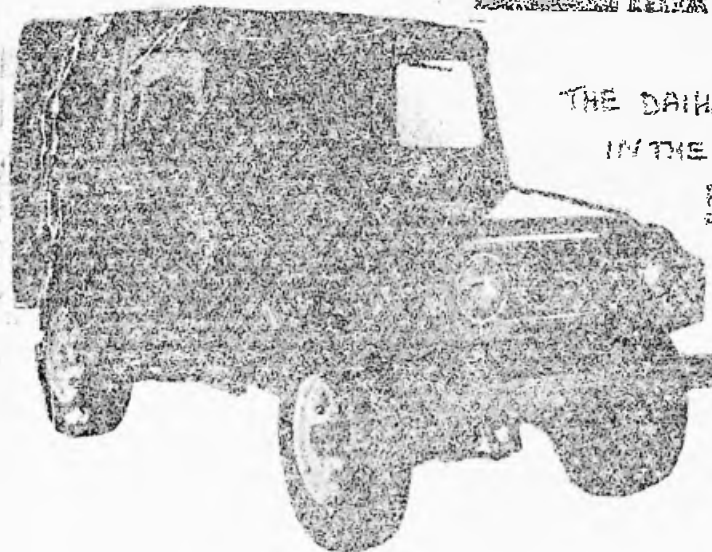
BOUND: Do you feel that if we had an extended airport perhaps the fishing concerns that are there now, the Poles and the Russians, would make use of it to fly their crews and supplies in?

SHACKLETON: I think it is possible. Of course if you are going to do that you would also have to provide more infrastructure. You would probably even have to develop a new port. You would certainly find that tourism could be developed.

I do want to stress that our plan was in integrated one. It called for not one but a number of things that are related to one another. Something has been done but very little. Not enough, unfortunately, to halt this very serious decline in population.

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BOUND: Do you have any idea why it is that the British do not send at least some of their fishing fleets to the Falklands where there are fish in abundance, where they would be made more than welcome and where there are facilities that could be made available quite soon?

SHACKLETON: All fishing fleets in the world, so I am told, receive a subsidisation of some kind. Especially where development fishing is concerned. The British fishing industry is not getting enough. There have been some quite serious studies and people would wish to see this being developed in the Falklands. I still hope that there will be a fishing industry established.

I would like to see more inshore fishing. For this it would be necessary to teach people to fish. The Falklands are not the only islands where the people never actually go out fishing in the sea.

BOUND: What do you think are the chances of the Falklands developing a petroleum industry?

SHACKLETON: This is a very complicated subject. I do not see

What might be called a petroleum industry in the Falklands in the near future and possibly not in the distant future. Not did we recommend this.

I want to make it clear that the future of the Falkland Islands does not depend on oil and, indeed, a major petroleum industry could be very damaging to the social life of the community. Although Shetland is now richer since the North Sea oil boom, they have had the worst social problems. In any case nobody has yet found oil; they have found rock structures that might contain oil.

I have always hoped that oil would be one of the industries developed in cooperation with the Argentines.

BOUND: How important is cooperation with Argentina?

SHACKLETON: I think it is of immense importance. Obviously if you had good cooperation the Falklands could develop much better and faster. But, as I said in the introduction to my report, the Falklands with the right sort of investment and the right support from the British government are capable of developing without that cooperation. It would be much better, though, if you had it.

BOUND: You have suggested that the Islanders themselves may not benefit that much from an oil industry. Is that right?

SHACKLETON: Yes. Let me give you one example: If you create a lot of highly paid jobs and you haven't got the population to sustain a lot anyway, who is going to work the land and what is going to happen to your basic economy? I'm not saying you can't have this development but it would need immense care as the social implications are so great. Do you want to have 5,000 people from another country come in and swamp your beautiful country?

BOUND: I think we need far more people than we have at present.

SHACKLETON: I quite agree but my approach would be a gradual basis. And I am saying is 'cautious'; and I don't want the people of the Falkland Islands to believe that they depend on oil for the successful development of the islands.

BOUND: Are you perfectly satisfied that the British government is doing as much as it should be to help the Falklands?

SHACKLETON: Frankly, I don't think the government are next tier

this government or the previous Labour one. Interestingly enough the ministers who have been responsible (Ted Rowlands and Nicholas Ridley) are, I believe, anxious to do everything they can. I think it is true, however, that there are those, and I am not speaking individually or even of the government collectively, who are not sufficiently interested and who would rather remove this problem vis-a-vis the Argentine. They wouldn't be sorry if somehow the problem disappeared.

It is also true that there is enough strong feeling in Parliament to make that impossible. I don't myself think that ministers want that to happen.

BOUND: Are you satisfied then with the way your report has been implemented?

SHACKLETON: Well, obviously I am not satisfied. You see the basic fact is that Britain has been living off the Falklands rather than the reverse. Because most of the companies are registered in the U.K. the amount that comes to the government through taxes is more than we are giving in the way of aid. I am not happy that successive British governments have done as much as they should.

On the other hand, having been a cabinet minister myself, I do know the difficulties and the problems. But nonetheless I don't think enough has been done.

I have not thought it to be my duty to campaign for the carrying out of my report, but in fact I have been as active as possible behind the scenes and I have fairly often talked with ministers urging further action.

BOUND: Thank you very much Lord Shackleton.

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#### FROM THE WORLD'S PRESS

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BUENOS AIRES HERALD 11.6.80

An armed invasion of the Malvinas (Falkland) Islands would not be too much of a problem, according to retired Rear Admiral Jorge Fraga, president of the Institute for the Malvinas Islands and Southern Argentine Territories.

"But that would not be the right way to recover them, as it

goes against Argentina's traditional pacifism, and moreover it would make world opinion turn against the country," he added.

Eraga went on to say that there is no easy way out of the situation, but that Great Britain's economic interest in the Islands could be a starting point for a bilateral political-economical solution. He also said that the negotiations which are being held with Great Britain are aimed at recovering the Islands for Argentina, which would be the only just and logical end to the dispute. (B.A.Herald)

#### BUENOS AIRES HERALD, 27.6.80

An off-shore drilling platform owned by the Shell oil company entered Argentine waters on Wednesday night en route to a drilling sight near Punta Kuilla and Puerto Santa Cruz, facing the Falkland Islands.

The Interocean II, a three-legged drilling platform which can rest on the ocean floor up to a depth of 60 metres, is the first privately-owned rig to be licensed by the government.

#### THE OBSERVER, 15.6.80

##### 'URUGUAY'S ARMY TEACHES TORTURE'

Torture is not only regularly practised on political prisoners in Uruguay but taught in the Army School of Intelligence in Montevideo, says a former soldier who has now fled the country.

In an exclusive interview with The Observer in Sao Paulo, he described his work as a member of the top secret Army Counter-Intelligence Company of the Uruguyan Army, known simply as 'the Company'.

On a three-month course at the Army School of Intelligence he discovered that the curriculum included practical classes in methods of torture. 'Both men and women were used, and all the members of the class had to torture. The most common type of torture was with the 'tacho', a water tank.

The prisoner is tied to a sort of wooden plank, which is hooked to the tank, then the end is raised to the person's head goes under the water.' (sic)

Other tortures demonstrated were electric shocks and 'colgamento' 'The person is hung up by his hands, which are tied behind his

back, from a hook in the roof. They are left there until they talk or the officer is convinced the person has nothing to say.

Asked why he took part in the torture, Rivas (the former soldier) said: 'If I had refused I would have been arrested too. Nobody dared to refuse.' (The Observer)

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#### PENFRIENDS

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JONATHAN A. COVNE, writing from the United States, is looking for a friend to correspond with in the South Shetland Islands, but as there is no one there (that we know of) we thought there may be some Falkland Islander who would like to write to him. He is interested in trading postcards and travel information. His address is, 7505 PARKLINE DRIVE, RICHMOND, VIRGINIA 23229, USA.

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#### BIRTHS

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To Brian and Monica May, a daughter DONNA MONICA, 6 June 1980

To Jan and Len Clifton, a son MELVYN, 24 June 1980

To Frank and Cristina O'Reilly, a daughter MARRIANNE CRISTINA, 8 July 1980

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#### MARRIAGES

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Paul Peck and Davina McKay at Hill Cove, 20 April 1980

William Ross and Odette Goss at Hill Cove, 26 April 1980

Michael Jones and Sheila Alazia, 17 May 1980

John Sandison and Maria Jungbluth, 21 June 1980

Christopher McCallum and Elain Johnson, 19 July 1980

Robert Finlayson and Teresa McGill, 26 July 1980

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#### DEATHS

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James Saron Jacobsen in Stanley on the 28 June 1980

William Charles Alazia in Stanley on the 21 August 1980

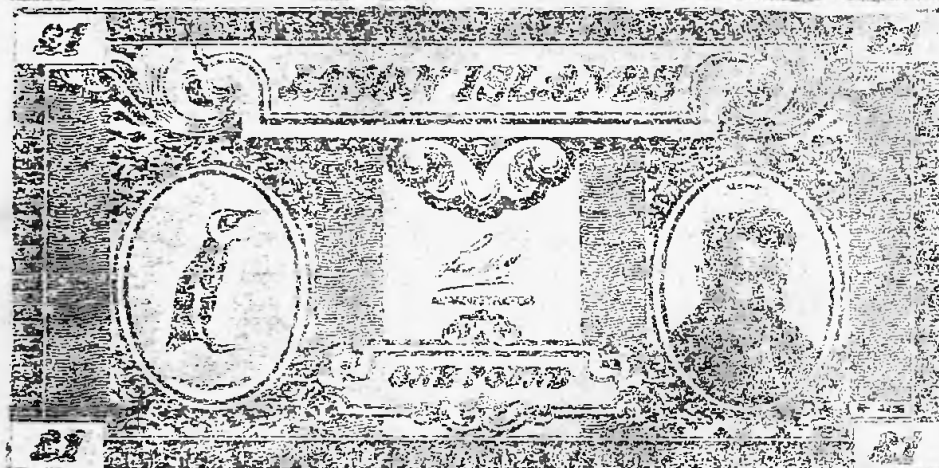
James Keith Biggs at North Arm on the 21 August 1980

Margaret Lillian Browning in *Woolly* in 1980

Frank Aldridge in *New Zealand* in 1980

Marie Bailey (nee McBeth) in *the* on 29 August 1980

We offer our sincere sympathy to families and friends.



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don't have a  
new republic or  
even a kingdom  
within our arch  
ipelago, and it  
is doubtful if  
this banknote  
would buy you  
much as a box  
of matches.

except possibly on the Honorary Board.

It was in fact printed especially for Len Hill, the slightly eccentric owner of the Jason Islands and 'Birdland' in Gloucestershire, England. The Editor had the pleasure of meeting Len Hill while he was in the United Kingdom and, as a result of this, the PENGUIN NEWS will shortly be publishing an article concerning him and his plans for the Islands.

Come to think of it, that pretty little piece of paper just might buy a penguin egg for my breakfast next time I go Jason way. Now, what on Earth did I do with it...?

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\* We apologise to our readers for the rather poor  
\* quality of the printing in issue number 8. Pages  
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\* and as the important interview with Lord Shack-  
\* leton was affected, we will reprint the relevant

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It's called GREAT MYSTERIES, and number one can be found on page 14.



## EDITORIAL

The Americans are going to make up for being late for the last two world wars by being bang on time for this one. That is one of the jokes that I heard on television a few months ago and it illustrates, I think, the fear that exists in Britain and in most other northern countries that the world may be on the brink of another war - the most fearsome yet.

There are strong differences of opinion among the British, some believe that the country should arm itself with nuclear weapons so as to deter the Russians from attacking; others believing that there is no point at all in spending billions of pounds on submarines and boats that will only make their country a top priority target for the Russians. They believe that nuclear weapons will not stop the U.S.S.R. from attacking and will indirectly cause much greater destruction to their country. The astronomical figure spent on non-conventional weapons could be put to better, peaceful purposes.

What most people do agree about is the fact that there is virtually no civil defence programme. There are shelters only for those members of the government that are thought essential. The government has issued a small booklet (which will be given away free nearer the day, but can be purchased already) called "Protect and Survive", but not very many people are taking it seriously. The recommendations on how to build a shelter under a table and in a basement could have been taken from a similar booklet published in the second world war. The fact that hardly any bomb shelters have been built is inexcusable. The U.S.A. have had them since the last cold war and in Switzerland there is enough room in underground bunkers for all of the population as well as the tourists that may be in the country at the time.

Another factor which makes the British people angry and nervous is the presence on English soil of U.S. Air Force bases. The British Government has little or no control over them and it seems that they may not even be consulted (though both countries are members of N.A.T.O.) when the decision is made to head for Russia. While I was in England there were two false alarms concerning nuclear attack, both issued by faulty computers in the U.S.A. B-52 bombers were already rolling on the runways before the mistake was spotted. The significant point of this sinister event is that H.M.G. was not alerted until much later.

Britain will almost certainly be a battle ground if and when the war begins. And that, to name but one reason, is why I am happier not living there.

## NEWS...

ARGENTINES TAKE ACTION AGAINST FISHING SHIPS IN FALKLAND WATERS

The Argentine navy recently moved against Chilean and Polish ships fishing near the Falkland Islands.

On September 26th the Chilean trawler "MINO" was fishing about fifteen miles south of the Arch Islands when it was approached by the Argentine destroyer "ROSARIO". The vessel was captured and escorted to Puerto Deseado. This incident passed peacefully. Aboard the trawler, the Argentines alleged, was 400 tons of fish and close to 200 tons of fish meal, the value of which was estimated to be one million U.S. dollars.

On October 2nd a Polish trawler was also boarded by a representative of the Argentine navy. This ship was not taken to Argentina but was ordered to stop fishing and leave the area. The Captain was told to pass the same command on to the rest of the Polish fleet operating in the region. This occurred some eight miles off Lively Island. Subsequently the Poles contacted the Government authorities in Stanley and at a specially convened Council meeting it was decided to ask the British Government to make a strong protest to the authorities in Buenos Aires concerning the incident.

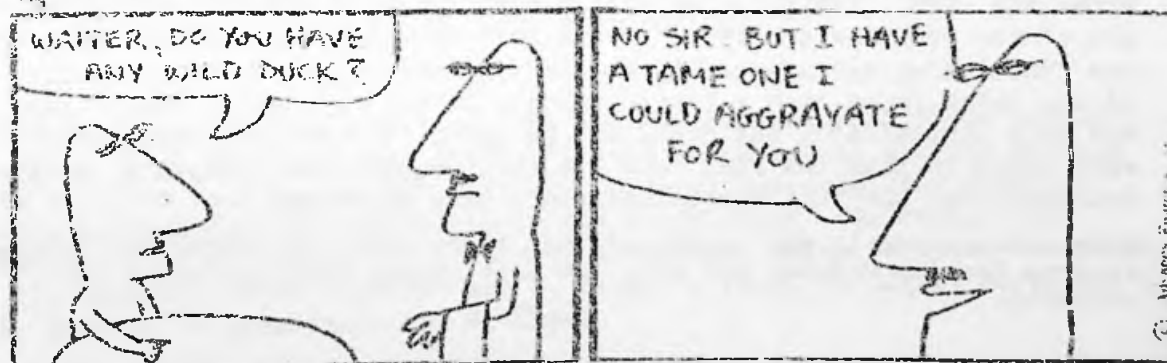
At the time of writing the Poles are still conducting operations in Falkland waters and several of their ships are anchored in Port William on most days.

U.N. REPRESENTATIVE VISITS ARGENTINA

A junior minister in the British Government, Peter Walker, recently spent some time in Buenos Aires in an attempt to promote British exports to Argentina. (continued on page 4)

QUICK GROAN

By Mike Flanagan



In recent years Britain's exports to the country have dropped dramatically and the British are anxious to reestablish the profitable relationship that has existed in the past.

The Falklands dispute may well have been a source of embarrassment to the British envoy. But he made light of it, saying in a B.B.C. interview "(the Falklands) are not a point of friction or passionate disagreement between the two countries.

Britain's influence was so great in Argentina at one time that the then Prince of Wales and later King Edward said "I don't care which of our colonies we lose as long as it isn't Argentina." Apparently the prince used to enjoy his Argentine estancia holidays.

#### COUNSELLOR BOWLES RETURNS FROM AFRICA

As reported in issue number 2 of the P.N., Stanley Counsellor Willy Bowles left for Lusaka, Zambia on September 27th to attend the annual Commonwealth Parliamentary Association conference. He returned on October 9th, apparently well satisfied with his mission.

With other delegates from all over the World, he spent several days touring the country before the actual conference commenced. During this time he was able to make many friends and explain the Falklands' particular problems to them. He was later able to address many delegates at the conference and spoke for some time on the subject of the law of the sea. Approximately 100 representatives from countries of the past and present British Empire were present.

Interviewed by Patrick Watts of P.I. Radio following his return, Counsellor Bowles said that he had learnt from the experience that "we have many more friends than we realise".

#### P.I.G.A.S. IN TROUBLE AGAIN

During a routine fuel check by Air Service mechanics it was discovered recently that the fuel for the "Beaver" aircraft was contaminated with water and dirt. The pilot of the plane flying at the time was informed of the probable condition of his fuel by radio, but as the engine was functioning satisfactorily at the time the flight was continued. It was later found that a large quantity of the P.I.G.A.S. fuel reserves were contaminated and could not be used. T.F.F. (the suppliers) were asked to take the fuel back but this request was refused as they believed that the fuel was satisfactory when supplied.

As a consequence it was announced that there would be restricted flying as from the 7th October and only the most urgent bookings could be accepted.

#### P.A.T.A. MACHINERY SOLD TO CHILEAN

The current trend towards big business with Chile is being continued with the sale recently of several pieces of heavy earth moving equipment belonging to the Plant and Transport Authority being sold to a Chilean business man. The machines were offered to the Chilean air force privately to Stanley to inspect them from Punta Arenas. He agreed to the price of £50,000 and the machines (the most important of which are two huge Caterpillar graders) are expected to be shipped some time in November.

The graders were originally imported by Jonnston Construction Ltd., the Stanley Airport builders. They were sold to Government when the firm left but were too heavy for use on the various P.A.T.A. projects.

#### M.P. VISITS FALKLANDS

Member of Parliament Neville Trotter arrived in the Falklands on the 16th October. Accompanied by his secretary, he was here for a private visit. He took the opportunity to meet several organisations and Government officials.

The M.P. cancelled his original plan to visit Chile in the light of the country's bad human rights record. He did, however, spend some time in Buenos Aires despite the fact that Argentina's reputation in this respect is almost as bad as that of Chile.

#### HERE AND THERE ...

##### NEWS THAT DOESN'T QUITE MAKE HEADLINES

We welcome back to the Falklands Mr and Mrs S. Heathman and Charles Coutts, the latest of quite a few Falklanders to return. While he was in the United Kingdom the Editor was struck by the number of Islanders who were seriously considering returning. Most would agree that this is a good trend and the Government's policy of offering easy loans to help pay for passages does much to encourage it.

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The Falkland Islands Committee, the local pressure group whose battle cry is "Keep the Falklands British", held their annual general meeting in the Town Hall on the 9th October. Several new committee members were elected and the membership is now as follows: Chairman, Betty Miller; Vice Chairmen, Terry Spruce; Secretary, Velma Malcolm; Treasurer, Bill Roberts. Other members are J. King, P. King, B. Biggs, H. Stewart, L. Harris, N. Keenlyside and G. Cheek.

L.A.D.E., the Argentine State Airline, recently changed the schedule of its Fokker F-27 "Friendship" flight from midday Friday to the same time on Saturday. This change has not been welcomed by the airport staff and by the Public Works department, who supply men for the fire engines. The change in schedule means that these men will now have to work on a day that has been for many years a holiday.

Further changes within L.A.D.E. mean that both the F-27 and the midweek F-28 aircraft remain on the ground only about thirty minutes. This in turn means that flight crews cannot travel to Stanley where they have always spent well in the local shops. Local businesses are noticing the difference and, of course the government will receive proportionately less in income tax from those which are affected.

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The Reverend and Mrs Queen, who have spent the last few years working for the Tabernacle in Stanley, left the country on the 1st October. They were well liked and will be missed.

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Plans are afoot to organise a motorcycle trials competition around Christmas or the new year. This will depend on the amount of interest shown. If you would like to compete please contact Terry Peck in Stanley.

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The small tourist vessel "COPIOTS" belonging to Julian Fitter's company Penguin Shipping left England early in September bound for the Falklands. The ship is believed to be carrying at least one passenger and a small quantity of cargo. The "COPIOTS" will be making cruises around the Falklands this summer and Julian Fitter hopes to embark his first passengers in November.

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Most people in the Falklands will by now be well aware of the "Andy Alsop saga". But for those who are not; the story so far. Pilot Captain Alsop was "lent" to the F.I. Air Service to assist with the introduction of the new Britten Norman "Islander" aircraft in 1979. He spent several months here testing air strips and looking at the functioning of F.I.G.A.S., at the end of which he produced his very comprehensive report: (the last line reads: "The time has come to put the 'S' back into F.I.G.A.S."). A short time later F.I.G.A.S. began looking for another pilot and Alsop applied for the job. However he could not agree to the standard 3 year contract and, after much negotiation, the Overseas Development Administration decided that they would look elsewhere.

another pilot was appointed for F.I.G.A.S. and Alsop continued flying for the internal Scottish airline Logan Air. However some time later he was made redundant and on the 17th October he contacted the Falkland Government saying that he would accept the F.I.G.A.S. job on the standard terms. However it is now too late for Alsop to be appointed and, to the disappointment of many, it now appears unlikely that he will fly for the Air Service in the foreseeable future.

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Ann Keenleyside recently left Stanley to continue her academic career at Eye school in England. Following her sixth form studies Ann hopes to go on to study at a university. We wish you the best of luck, Ann.

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Although it has not yet been confirmed, there is a strong possibility that a Chilean domestic airline may establish a regular passenger and freight link from the southern Chilean town of Punta Arenas to Stanley. Several private flights have already been made on this route and if it materialises it seems probable that a small biplan "Navajo" aircraft would be used.

It is unlikely that L.A.D.E. and the other Argentine authorities would cooperate with the scheme as they almost certainly wish to retain their monopoly of air transport to and from the Islands.

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The Falklands supply ship m.v. "AES" arrived in Stanley harbour on the 22nd October. The vessel had experienced considerable difficulty during the last few days of the journey as weather conditions were bad and the radar was not functioning. The ship was heavily laden and, there being no room in the holds, 16 vehicles were carried on the deck.

### CONTACTS

In this column we publish details of persons who write to the F.N. requesting pen-friends or information on the Islands.

Mrs. E. POPESCU, Sos. Alexandriei 102, Bl. 129, Et. 5, Ap. 25, Sector 4, 76525, Bucharest 51, ROMANIA.

Mrs. Popescu has a great interest in the Falklands and the Antarctic, and requires "good pen-pals to correspond with and to exchange stamps, postcards, books, attracts, etc, even drawings and paintings". Please mention the PENGUIN NEWS if you write to her.

Mr. G. Moir, 37 Kingscote Road, Crowden, Surrey, CR0 7DF, ENGLAND.

Mr Moir is a keen philatelist, a member of the Royal Philatelic Society and the Falkland Islands Philatelic Study Group, and is anxious to correspond with a Falkland Islander. He has had contacts here in the past, but these have left to settle elsewhere. He says that he is deeply interested in all aspects of the life of the islanders and in the Islands themselves. He also enjoys gardening and travelling all over the globe. When replying to Mr. Moir please mention the PENGUIN NEWS.

## HISTORY

How many times have you looked at a map of the Falklands and pondered for a moment or two about the origin of some fascinating place name. Sometimes of course the pioneers simply chose names that appealed to them at the time, but more often than not there is a reason why a particular geographical feature received its probably colourful name. Such a feature is Ned Casey's Hill, a peak about eight miles south-west of Hill Cove on the West Island.

Ned Casey was a worker on Saunders Island, and about the end of June 1890 he was told to row across the five miles or so of open sea to Shallow Bay in order to alert the doctor that another Saunders resident had been taken ill. Pulling his way across he sighted the schooner "HORNET" which was anchored in Port Egmont awaiting favourable winds, and he boarded the ship for a time. Perhaps he had a few runs to help him row the rest of the way to Shallow Bay. The crew of the "HORNET" were the last people to see Ned Casey alive as he rowed away across the calm water. Some time later he beached the dinghy in Shallow Bay about twenty minutes walk away from the shepherd's house. But by this time the fickle Falkland climate had brought down a thick fog and Ned Casey soon lost his way. Missing the house which he surely would have seen had the weather been fine, he trudged on, no doubt expecting to see welcoming lights as he climbed every rise. But despair must have gradually dispelled all hope and eventually he lay down on the side of the hill named after him. The bitter June temperatures soon ensured that the middle ice on which he lay was his last bed.

Meanwhile the other occupants of Saunders were wondering why the doctor had not turned up, and after a few days someone else made the journey to Shallow Bay. There, to his alarm, he discovered that Casey had not been seen. His boat was soon found, the missing man's jacket stowed in the bow. He had obviously been confident when leaving the beach that a

short walk would bring him to the house, but he must have soon regretted leaving the garment that could have given him at least a little warmth and comfort.

The manager of Hill Cove, a Mr Miller, provided horses for a search party made up of Saunders and Hill Cove men but although they searched for a week, no sign of Casey was found.

It was not until twenty three years later that the mountains gave up their secret. On the 23rd November 1914 a shepherd called E. Johns was gathering sheep when he found Ned Casey's remains. He was identified by the sheath knife by his side and by the few scraps of clothing that had survived.

Today Ned Casey's bones litter the ground in the same position that he lay down in some sixty six years ago. All of his bones, that is, with the exception of his skull. That part of the skeleton adorned the mantelpiece of the Hill Cove bunkhouse for many years until it was disposed of by some less respectful or superstitious person. Apparently none has ever bothered to bury the remains of Ned Casey.

## THE PENGUIN INTERVIEW

In issue number eight of the PENGUIN NEWS we published the transcript of a taped interview with Lord Shackleton, the British peer who spent some time in the Falkland with a highly qualified team of experts in various fields studying the economy and sociology of the Islands. The resulting report was widely and highly praised. We repeat a part of that interview here because the quality of printing in issue number 8 was not satisfactory and parts were difficult to read.

**BOUND:** How important is cooperation with Argentina?

**SHACKLETON:** I think it is of immense importance. Obviously if one has good cooperation the Falklands could develop much better and faster. But, as I said in the introduction to my report, the Falklands with the right sort of investment and the right support from the British Government are capable of developing without that cooperation. It would be much better, though, if you had it.

**BOUND:** You have suggested that the Islanders themselves may not benefit that much from an oil industry. Is that right?

**SHACKLETON:** Yes. Let me give you one example: If you create a lot of highly paid jobs and you haven't got the population



to sustain a lot anyway, who is going to work the land and what is going to happen to your basic economy? I'm not saying you can't have this development but it would need immense care as the social implications are so great. Do you want to have 5,000 people from another country come in and swamp your beautiful country?

**BOULD:** I think we need far more people than we have at present.

**SHACKLETON:** I quite agree but my approach would be a gradual one. All I am saying is "caution", and I don't want the people of the Falkland Islands to believe that they depend on oil for for the successful development of the Islands.

**BOULD:** Are you perfectly satisfied that the British Government is doing as much as it should be to help the Falklands?

**SHACKLETON:** Frankly, I don't think the Government are; neither this Government or the previous Labour one.

We include one further passage simply because we feel that it is of such great importance.

**BOULD:** Are you satisfied with the way your report has been implemented?

**SHACKLETON:** Well, obviously, I am not satisfied. You see, the basic fact is that Britain has been living off the Falklands rather than the reverse. Because most of the companies are registered in the U.K. the amount that comes to the Government through taxes is much more than we are giving in the way of aid. I am not happy that successive British Governments have done as much as they should.

## SPORT

In the last issue, this column was devoted to the considerable achievement of the F.I. rifle shooting team at Bisley, England. This time we are going to look at the history of the sport and of the Bisley meeting in particular.

The present Falkland Islands Rifle Association was founded in 1927 by the then Governor Mr. Arnold Holson (later Sir Arnold). (contd. on page 11)

**STOP PRESS:** Argentine authorities are looking at the possibility of flying a supply of aircraft fuel to Stanley by "Hercules" aircraft.

Although scant records go back to the 1880's. Looking through the records it appears that we have not been beaten locally by a visiting team for 66 years. The victorious visitors were a team from that gallant little cruiser of Coronel and Falklands battle fame, H.M.S. "GLASGOW".

We are affiliated to the National Rifle Association of Great Britain and sent our first team to Bisley in 1928. Since then some 26 teams have competed there with considerable success, particularly when one considers the small number we have available when selecting a team - only about twenty at present. Added to this is the difficulty of having the four best shots in England at any given time. This difficulty was overcome this year with the desired result.

One of the many questions asked concerning Bisley is why should the smaller territories have to compete against U.S.A., West Germany, Belgium, etc. In what are traditionally known as the "junior" events. The answer is that the junior events were designed in the 1920's for the colonies of the British Empire and the senior competitions for England, Scotland, Wales, Ireland and what were known then as the dominions (Australia, New Zealand, Canada etc.). While the seniors have survived the juniors fell generally by the wayside with the so called disintegration of the British Empire as far as smaller territories were concerned. The National Rifle Association, in all it's wisdom, realised that something had to be done if the ever popular junior events were to survive. They eventually came up with a new rule permitting entries from "any other country or group sanctioned by the council". This has worked extremely well and this year is the first time any foreign entry has won a junior event.

The Secretary of the National Rifle Association of Great Britain, Air Commodore A.B. Riall, CBE RAF (ret'd) is due to retire from the post later this year after many years of excellent service. We would like to take this opportunity to welcome his relief, Brigadier Peter Prescott, MC, late of the Grenadier Guards.

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The above was kindly contributed by a reader.

With the Commonwealth Games due to be held in New Zealand in about two years time, perhaps the Falklands should consider sending a team to compete in the rifle shooting events. We have certainly proved that our marksmen are of international standard and they would not be out of their class. Almost surely local people would contribute generously to a fund to finance the scheme. We would be pleased to print readers letters containing their thoughts on the subject.



## RAISCALLION

Okay, I know that times are hard and we've got to take whatever we are thrown when it comes to expanding our bureaucracy, but I really don't think that we can replace good old fashioned men with robots. Well surely you have heard the announcements that pop up every now and again? You know, the ones that ask for drivers and operators for the Plant and Transport Authority and telling anyone who is interested to apply to the mechanical superintendent. I mean to say, what must those poor chaps think when they approach the door marked "M.S.", knock and hear a voice like a special effect from a science fiction movie rasp out "U O M E I N T". Quaking in their bellies they enter and one can only imagine their thoughts when they see, plugged into the mains, a large metallic box with rubber hose-like arms, a bank of dials and switches and instead of a face a large loudspeaker. On it's side, no doubt, are the figures "F.A.T.A. 12". This is obviously the reason why the Britain Road is taking so much longer to build than all the experts forecast. Potential truck and bulldozer drivers are so terrified by the interview with the M.S. that they stumble away from the experience and, before they can regain their senses, turn to visit the T.M.C. So, if anonymous consultants are allowed to make suggestions, may I recommend that we do away with these made-in-Japan monsters and get back to nice fatable Englishmen?

While on the subject of strange government appointments, what's all this I hear about a head printer? Now, there is only one possible explanation for this. Government has at last realised that any people have been pointing out for years that the Falklands need to be churning out a particular product with which the country can become identified. I mean the Shetlands have sweaters, Switzerland has chocolate, but what do we have? Nothing of course. Anyway Government has hit upon the solution. We are going into the shrunken head business. Printed in large letters right between the ears will be "SOVEREIGN OF THE FALKLANDS". And that, of course, is where the head printer comes in. Not only will this new industry bring in millions in revenue but it will also boost productivity in all Government departments. This is because all civil servants will be well aware that if they do not produce the required results heads will roll. And what's more, who knows where they will roll to? In years to come clerks, messengers and (dare I say it) Chief Secretaries and Deputy Governors may well find themselves as lamp stands gracing the coffee tables of rich American tourists. Or perhaps they will come out of the attic with the holiday slides. They should, at least, stop the guests yawning.

## FROM THE WORLD'S PRESS

The following story is condensed from an article which appeared in an English provincial newspaper in September of this year. It was headlined "MAN FROM THE FALKLAND ISLES KEEPS AHEAD OF HIS COMPETITORS".

It's thirty years since Jack McLaren left his native Falkland Islands to find a fortune in England.

A career in the R.A.F. beckoned him as an introduction to the world of electronics and, in 1950, he joined up.

Five years later he joined an electronics company in Liverpool, and eight years after that, following a short break, he founded what is now one of Harsham's best known companies, Simac Instrumentation Ltd.

Gradually he bought out each of his partners in Simac and became the company's guiding light, making instruments for measuring pollution. As time passed, Mr McLaren realised that Simac was not the venture he hoped it would be. Two years ago he decided it was time to get out.

With a newly acquired partner, he decided to buy up the company next door to Simac on the Harsham industrial estate - Auto-Aero Manufacturer Auto-Aero makes plastic skins and gaskets, exporting them all over mainland Europe and as far afield as Australia and South Africa. Mr McLaren says: "It's the biggest plastic skin business in Europe. There aren't any competitors now really."

He is proud of his new venture, and confident about the growth he plans for it.

He is also, as a Falkland Islander, very patriotic. "We use only British products and British materials - nothing foreign whatsoever."

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## ADVERTISEMENT

the NEWSAGENCY is pleased to announce that the first DAIHATSU "4x4" all terrain vehicle arrived in the Falklands this week. Stanley residents should contact the NEWSAGENCY as soon as possible if they would like to view the vehicle and we will be pleased to send pamphlets to anyone in the camp.

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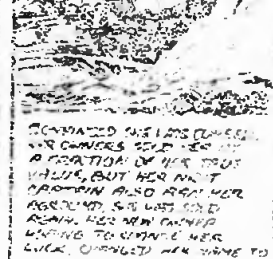
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FAMOUS SEA MYSTERY  
OF ALL TIME IS THAT  
OF THE MARY CELESTE.  
BUILT IN 1872  
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MAYDAY, SHE  
SEEMED CURSED.

HER FIRST CAPTAIN DIED ON  
THE MIDDLE VOYAGE. HIS  
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CONSIDER THE LOST CORPSES  
AND GUNNERS. SHE WAS  
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CAPTAIN'S COAT, BUT OF THE  
CAPTAIN AND CREW THERE  
WAS NO SIGN. THEY WERE  
NEVER SEEN AGAIN.



There will be more of these mysteries in picture strip form in future issues. Why not write to the Editor and let him know what you think of this new feature. In fact we would like to hear from you on just about any subject and we would be pleased to print your letters. You may like to suggest more ideas for this section of the PENGUIN NEWS.

## LEN HILL - THE KING OF BIRDLAND

Bourton on the Water, home village of Birdland, lies deep in the beautiful Gloucestershire countryside. Remote though it is, the little town was crowded when I visited it and it was not difficult to find the entrance to Len Hill's menagerie.

Birdland, as most Falklanders will know, is only part of this very wealthy man's empire (his business has a turn-over of roughly £2,000,000). He also owns Grand and Steeple Jason Islands on the western extreme of the Falklands. Ironically it is much easier for a Falkland resident to visit Birdland seven thousand-odd miles away than it is for him or her to visit the Jasons which are only about one hundred and thirty miles distant from Stanley. But, thousands of miles away or not, Birdland is certainly well worth visiting.

Passing beneath the portals I paid my fifty pence to a lady (who I later discovered is Len Hill's sister) and wandered into a most beautiful English country garden. The flowers and trees provide a suitably colourful setting for the exotic birds that flutter or strut at will across the lawns. What struck me immediately was the apparent content of the creatures, and if it were possible for them to have human sentiments I would say that they were happy. The garden must have something that appeals to birds, for even the common British species flock there in unusual numbers - and none asks them to stay.

Hill's subjects range from tiny tropical humming birds through parrots, flamingos and many others to penguins. These latter birds (natives of the Falklands) are one of the star attractions in Birdland and they can be observed swimming through a huge plate glass window in the side of their swimming pool, which is maintained at a low temperature permanently. The Johnny Rocks, or Gannets as the experts like to call them, are the clowns in this feathered circus. While I was admiring these birds, which are now protected and nest only on the western extreme of the Falklands, one of them strutted up to me, planted a beady eye on mine and took a swipe with his beak at a postcard which I had been silly enough to hold near his cage. Needless to say, that was one card which never reached the post box. The Johnny Rocks, unfortunately, must be caged for if they were at large in the garden I would hate to think of the damage that would be wrought.

Crest prominences is given in Birdland to anything associated with the Falklands, and in the lecture room (Len Hill gives lectures several times a week) the walls are lined with pictures and maps of the Islands. In the souvenir shop there were postcards depicting views of the Jasons. "I wondered if people write 'wish you were here' on them."

It was in the souvenir shop that I found proof positive of Hill's eccentricity. On sale alongside the postcards were genuine Jason Island stamps and bank notes. All of them, of course, sported portraits of Len Hill "Administrator".

Wandering back to the entrance I was surprised to find the man himself operating the till and issuing the tickets. It was obviously him as he had a huge Long John Silver type parrot sitting on his shoulder quietly nibbling his ear. Forty year old Mac, it seems, is never far from his owners shoulder during the day. Len was obviously pleased to see a Falklander and between customers we chatted. It was nearing closing time so he invited me to his ancient manor house in the grounds for a drink. As he counted his takings I helped to lock up and then we strolled towards the house, he tucking various birds in for the night as we went. He told me of his plans for the Jasons. He does not want to create another commercial Birdland but rather intends to set up a scientific station on one of them. This would be manned all year around by scientists from universities (contd on page 16)

WHAT HAPPENS IN ANTARCTICA? If you would like to know you can join the New Zealand Antarctic Society. They report on the work of all nations on the continent. Write to the Secretary, Box 2110, Wellington, N.Z.

and other institutions of learning. He is hoping to return to the Falklands next month and shortly intends to build airstrips on each of his islands. He would also like to purchase a house in Stanley to use as a base.

It was getting late by this time and I had to be on the road. So I thank Len Hill for his hospitality, took another admiring gaze at the shocking-pink flamingos adorning his lawn and thought how preferable they are to plastic gnomes. I left Birdland with just a twinge of envy.

## QUICK CROSSWORD

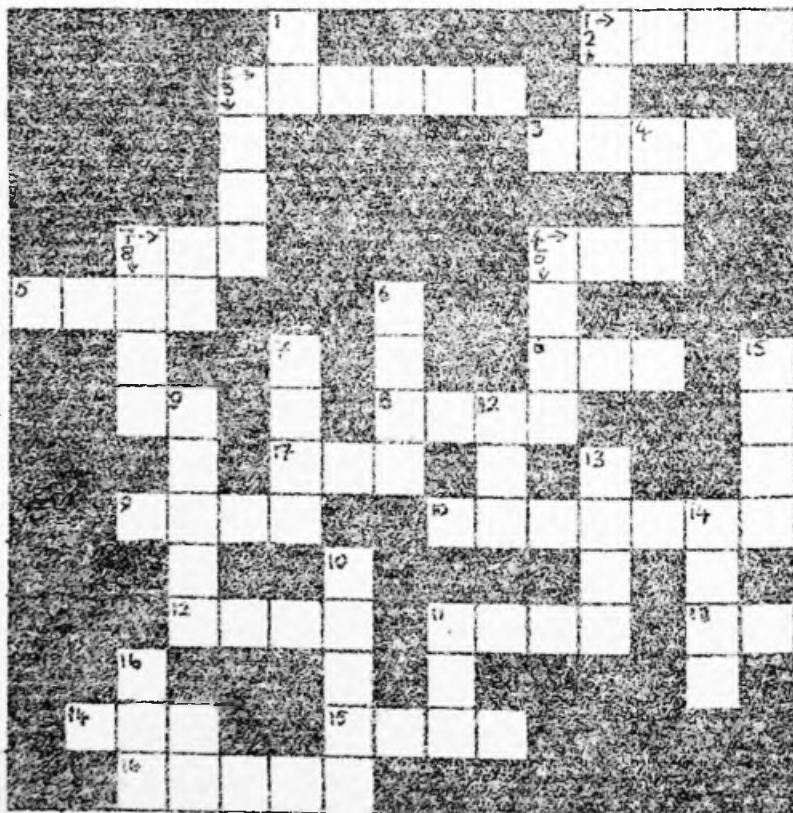
BY P. HAY AND D. STEWART

### ACROSS

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2. NOT THE WINNER (6)
3. BIRD OF PEACE (4)
4. STOUT (3) 5. LINGER (4)
6. ONE WAY OF 'DEBOGGING' (4)
7. PART OF A SKELETON (3)
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9. BED ON A SHIP (4)
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13. SLANG TERM FOR ALRIGHT (2)
14. CROSSWORDS ARE — (3)
15. SHEET OF GLASS (4)
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1. USEFUL FOR COOKING (3)
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## THE RIDLEY VISIT

### SPECIAL REPORT

It is inevitable that the "News" section in this month's issue be dominated by the recent visit of Foreign Office Minister Nicholas Ridley. His visit, sprung on the Falklanders at very short notice, was something of a whistle-stop tour and it left the people dazed, pondering and perhaps rather worried. We detail in our special report his visit, his proposals and the aftermath. This begins on page 2.

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Readers of the last issue of our magazine will remember that the "over the counter" profits of that issue were to be donated to OXFAM, the U.K. based charitable organisation which does so much good work with deprived people the World over. We are

pleased to say that after our expenses were deducted we were left with the sum of £16.50. A cheque to this value has been sent to OXFAM.

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YOUR LETTERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOMED and whenever possible these will be published. It may however, due to shortage of space, be necessary to abridge letters. So if YOU have axes to grind and bones to pick why not write to the PENGUIN NEWS.

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## EDITORIAL

## THE LONDON TIMES &amp; THE PENGUIN NEWS

I recently caused something of a stir in the Falklands through an article concerning the visit of Nicholas Ridley. Surprisingly perhaps, the article did not appear in "THE PENGUIN NEWS" but in "The London Times".

I feel no need to justify my contribution to "The Times" in any way, but as rumours appear to have distorted the matter somewhat, here are the facts behind the story.

Rather to my surprise I was 'phoned from London by "Times" reporter Michael Frenchman who asked me to give him my impressions of the meeting that took place between the young people of Stanley and the visiting Minister (see the "PENGUIN NEWS" special report in this issue). I told him that my impression was that the suggestion of a lease back had not been dismissed out of hand. That was not to say that the idea had been accepted unanimously. I arrived at this conclusion because no one spoke out at the meeting strongly opposing the idea. Unlike the public meeting later that evening, where several people voiced the opinion that all three of the Minister's proposals were unacceptable and were loudly applauded, the young people who spoke at the Social Club tended to put questions to the Minister such as "would we still have control of the seas around us?" and "would this be a means of saving face for the Argentines?" It was fairly obvious that no one was very keen on the lease back idea, and I said as much to "The Times". However there was no strong opposition voiced from the floor.

Of course, not having read the article in question, I cannot say whether or not my remarks were reported accurately. But I did stress to Frenchman that my remarks should be reported accurately. "The Times" being one of the World's premier dailies, I felt fairly sure that my wishes would be respected.

So I offer no apologies for telling "The Times" that "everyone under twenty five wishes to become Argentine" because, obviously I said no such thing. Neither do I apologise for being a "spokesman for the youth" (as some people have put it) because I claimed to be no such thing.

It would be a good idea if people at least attempted to discover the truth behind such rumours before perpetuating them.

STOP PRESS. F.I.G.A.S. "Islander" VP-FAY has been damaged and is out of service awaiting spare parts and repairs.

## The Ridley Visit

## A PENGUIN NEWS SPECIAL REPORT

## THE PRELUDE

There was little warning that a visit of the Minister of State at the Foreign Office, Nicholas Ridley, was imminent and speculation was rife as to the reasons for the visit after it was announced by the Governor over the local radio station on the morning of 17th November. Everyone was aware that Ridley had already carried out his mandatory familiarisation tour not long before and this time there had to be another motive. There was no doubt some fear that the visit may herald an unpleasant development in the dispute between Britain and Argentina over the ownership of the Islands.

The Minister's previous visit had not been particularly exciting and after observing the prevalent wish by the Falklanders to remain British, he had returned to London and there were no serious consequences. But few Islanders expected a repeat performance.

In April of this year Ridley together with F.I. Council member Adrian Monk and other officials from the Foreign Office, met with an Argentine delegation in New York. These talks were shrouded in secrecy but in an interview that the "PENGUIN NEWS" had with the Minister in London he denied that anything of any substance had been discussed.

The Minister was obliged, of course, to pass through Buenos Aires en route to the Falklands and, ominously perhaps, he was issued there with a rather blunt note from the Argentine authorities. He was told (though not in these words) that he could go to the Falklands by all means but that he must come to the next round of negotiations with some positive proposals. The Argentines - possibly because they were not consulted before hand - were not one hundred percent happy with the intended visit.

## THE VISIT

Nicholas Ridley arrived in the Falklands by scheduled L.A.F.S. flight on the 22nd November and following his introduction to government officials and Councillors on the tarmac of the airport he was driven directly to Government House. He was met there by a large crowd of people demonstrating their loyalty to Britain and their wish to remain under the Union Jack. Amidst banners and flags the Minister chatted for a few minutes with some of the demonstrators.



For the rest of that day and throughout Sunday the Minister had a quiet time, although in all probability he did discuss his plans with the Governor.

The burning question was still "what is he here for?", and it was not until Tuesday the 26th that the truth emerged. That day he met with the General Employees Union, the Sheep Owners Association, the Stanley Social Club (where many of the young people of the town were gathered), and in the evening the general public at a meeting in the Town Hall. The latter gathering was probably the most important. He wasted no time before putting his ideas to the people. Basically Ridley said that there are, in his view, three possible ways by which the problem might be solved for, at least, the time being. The first possibility, he said, was to agree with the Argentines to rule the Islands jointly. Another was to agree to a freezing of the dispute for a long period of time and the final end, to his mind most practical one; to give the Falklands to the Argentines and immediately lease them back for a very long period of time.

The Minister did not believe that a joint government would be possible as this has been tried and proven to be unsatisfactory. He thought that a freeze of claims would not help the problem in the long term as the Argentine government would want something in return and at the end of the period the problem would again manifest itself. The third option however, that of a transfer of sovereignty to the Argentine and a lease back by the British, he thought was viable and might prove acceptable to the other party. This was the option that he thought we should elect.

The Minister stressed that the Islanders do have a choice and that none of the three proposals have been discussed with the Argentines. He also stressed that if some positive action is not taken soon then relations between the Falklands and the United Kingdom on one hand and Argentina on the other, might break down.

Following the speech several people spoke from the floor and the tone of the majority of the speakers was not sympathetic to Ridley, and most opposed all three of the suggestions strongly. One speaker, arguing that there is no reason why we should negotiate with Argentina over anything, was greeted with a roar of applause. However from conversations that the "PENGUIN NEWS" reporter had with some of the people there and from interviews later on the local radio station, it became clear that not everyone had dismissed all of the suggestions outright.

On Wednesday the 27th the Minister flew to camp where he spent the next few days visiting farms. The reaction of most camps is unknown, but those present at a meeting in Green Patch issued a statement saying that they were totally opposed to all three suggestions.

The visit of the Minister ended on the 29th November when he departed by I.A.D.E. aircraft from Stanley Airport. A large demonstration was organised at the airport to see him off and his arrival at the terminal was greeted by boos, the honking of car horns and the waving of placards and Union Jacks. This demonstration was organised by the Community League, and it was clear that for it's members Ridley was no longer a popular person. The Minister's car drove directly onto the airport tarmac and from there he walked back to the demonstrators and spoke to some of them for a time.

Prior to his departure Ridley said that it was not his intention to have talks with authorities in Buenos Aires, although it was reported by the S.B.C. following his return to London that he had met with government representatives there. The "PENGUIN NEWS" was unable to confirm this.

## THE AFTERMATH

This was probably the most important visit that the Falklands have yet had from a British government representative, and it's effect will almost certainly be felt for a long time to come.

It was left to the Councillors to discover which if any of the proposals the Falkland Islanders favour, and it will be a far from simple task for them. Clearly the speakers at the meetings and the demonstrators did not represent one hundred percent of the population and there may be many people who are still giving the matter their consideration. It could be that the majority wish to maintain the status quo and even see the negotiations break down, but this may not be the case and it is up to the Councillors to determine exactly what the consensus of opinion is.

Several Councillors have indicated that they will be talking to their constituents privately, and the West Falkland representative left for the West recently to sound out the feelings of the people there.

There is not at this stage to be a plebiscite. If, following the Legislative Council meetings beginning on the 6th January, the Governor feels confident of the wishes of the Islanders, then their choice of the three proposals (if they make a choice at all) will be discussed at the next round of talks with Argentina. Following these talks if a provisional agreement is arrived at, then it will be put to a vote. Both Ridley and Governor Munt have repeated the British pledge that there will be no change in status without the agreement of the Falklanders.

It is significant that in a speech broadcast on the 1st December the Governor said "let me assure you that if I am ever instructed by H.M.G. to pursue policies that are against the best

interests of the Falkland Islanders and I cannot persuade them to change those policies, then I shall have no hesitation in tendering my resignation. So please do not suspect the Minister's motives or my own." They were strong words coming from a Governor and most people would find it difficult to doubt his sincerity in voicing them.

## THE ARGENTINE REACTION

Though not blatantly angry, the Argentine government were clearly not happy about the visit. They do not consider that the opinion of the Islanders is a governing factor in any settlement and undoubtedly see the island consultations as a waste of time that will further complicate talks. As mentioned earlier, Ridley was issued with an abrupt statement upon his arrival in Buenos Aires. In effect he was told "go to the Islands if you wish but come to the next round of talks with some positive suggestions". The Minister himself said that the Argentines cannot be "strung along" for much longer and he clearly felt that they are running out of patience.

For this reason it is uncertain what the reaction of the Argentine government will be if the Falklanders do not budge from their traditional position on the question of sovereignty. The Argentines have shown quite sensible tendencies in the past and may resist the temptation of withdrawing air communications and fuel supplies. That course of action would win them no support internationally and they are well aware that their image is too tarnished for their own good. They may also realise that such a move would simply unite the Islanders even further and any good-will that they have gained here would vanish over night.

Military action is also a slight possibility, but would they risk an open confrontation with Britain and possible damage to their economy and international image? Britain would almost certainly try to defend the Islands, and the results of such an action would be an unpleasant if brief conflict. Surely General Videla and his successor will wish to avoid that at all costs.

So it seems that we will have to wait until the next round of talks which will probably be held early next year to discover what Argentina's next move will be. One thing is sure: the future of the Falklands will be at stake.

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## NICHOLAS RIDLEY

Just prior to the departure of the Minister on Saturday the 29th November, the "PENGUIN NEWS" Editor attended a press conference at Government House. Also present was the local correspondent for Associated Press, Mr. Fred Gooch. However in the following paragraphs we print only the "PENGUIN NEWS" questions and the Minister's answers to them.

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BOUND. I understand that coming through Buenos Aires you were issued with a rather blunt statement from the Argentine Authorities. Can you explain a bit more about this?

RIDLEY. It wasn't discourteous. They said that although I was going to see the Islanders and that this was right and proper, it was necessary at some stage to return to the negotiating table and to continue the discussions. I don't take that amiss, I just take it as evidence that there is a real problem.

BOUND. It sounded a little bit more as though they were offended than that because it was released to the press and it said that at no time had the British government made any initiative - or words to that effect.

RIDLEY. Well, that is vindication to the Islanders that when we say we will do nothing that the Islanders had not agreed to, we have not in fact done so. And before putting forward any proposal to the Argentine I thought it right in view of that pledge to come here and discuss it first with the Islanders. I think you can deduce from this that we have behaved with excessive good faith and honest dealing in relation to the Islanders. I think that this is the case and the Argentines confirm that.

BOUND. But there is a mood of impatience in Buenos Aires, don't you think?

RIDLEY. Yes I think ... ah ... it's not unreasonable heckling, it's a mood, as you say, of impatience. Not of impatience, it's a mood of sooner or later, sometime, one way or another we have to get further on. We have to make more progress. That's their mood, not my mood.

BOUND. Do you think that there is a serious risk of talks breaking down if you don't go back to them next time with a more definite proposal? And if they do break down, then what?

RIDLEY. Well, you can't have negotiations if neither side is prepared to make further concessions. You can sit down at a table and go over the ground over and over again, and I would be very prepared to do that, but in the end you don't come to an agreement. You can't make any agreement unless each side makes concessions, and if I am not able to make any offers at all obviously there can be no hope of an agreement. And how many more times can one just sit and reach that conclusion? Human nature is such that you cannot do that forever.

BOULD. Is there a serious threat if the stalemate between Britain and Argentina remains of the Argentine government taking rather more extreme action, for example withdrawing communications and even considering a military move?

RIDLEY. I would very much hope not. I am a man of peace, a man of co-operation and I would feel that I had failed if that happened. I can't foresee what the Argentine would do; your guess is as good as mine here in the Islands because you live near them and you know them perhaps better even than I do. I wouldn't make that threat. I merely say that in the long term the future of any nation ... one has to come to terms with one's neighbours and one has to live in peace with them. In all international disputes there are these arguments but at the end of the day, be it one hundred, two hundred, five hundred years, one has to find an accord whereby one can live with one's neighbours. What one cannot do is live in a perpetual state of siege and antagonism, suspicion and bellicosity with one's nearest neighbour. No country in the world can do that. All I am doing is trying to begin to light a possible road - if there are other roads we will light those - to find a way whereby the Falkland Islanders and the whole of the southern cone of South America can live happily, each getting out of the situation what they want.

BOULD. If you were to put on the table the idea of titular Argentine sovereignty and a British lease back, would you be willing to give in in any way on the matter of our control of the sea and sea bed around us, because most people here, I am sure, recognise that we should be able to exploit the resources of the sea and the sea bed within a radius of about two hundred miles. Would you be willing to compromise on this?

RIDLEY. I feel that this is an essential. There are a lot of essentials for the Islanders and one of them is that their birthright of the resources of the sea within a two hundred mile zone should continue to belong to them. It doesn't belong to us, the British, it belongs to the Islanders and their government. I sense and feel that it is essential that we should not compromise on that issue. Indeed I don't think that is really

the issue at stake. I think the issue at stake is more political and symbolic.

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About two hours after this interview the Minister boarded an F27 aircraft on the first stage of his return journey to London.

## OTHER NEWS

### CENSUS

A census, the first in the Falklands since 1972, was held in Stanley and the camp settlements on the 7th December.

Information required was not limited to numbers of persons, and citizens were required to answer questions concerning the number of 3 metre radio transceivers, vehicles and other details.

At the time of going to press the resulting statistics have not been made public, but we hope to summarise these in a future issue of this magazine.

### IMMIGRANTS: 300 interested

Many Islanders were surprised to learn that about three hundred citizens of St. Helena (the South Atlantic island situated several thousand miles to the north of the Falklands) wish to come here to live and work.

A letter was sent to the St. Helena government a few months ago enquiring if any persons living there might be interested in emigrating to the Falklands. Following the publication of this enquiry in the local press, the St. Helena Social Welfare Office was swamped with person interested in the idea.

Undoubtedly the government here did not expect such a response and replied saying that there is only housing here for three or four families.

It may well be, however, that when the current housing shortage is alleviated more people from St. Helena will be accepted.

### OPTICIAN

An optician, Mr. Harwood, recently spent several weeks in the Falklands.

His services proved to be more in demand than had been anticipated and towards the end of Mr Harwood's stay the Senior Medical Officer Dr. Peter Summers broadcast an appeal for prospective patients to voluntarily cancel their appointments if they thought that their eyes did not require urgent attention. Many people did cancel their appointments and will be seen by Mr. Harwood when he next visits in about two year's time. But despite this the optician was very busy during his last few days in Stanley. Mr. Harwood also spent considerable time with patients in the camp.



## LADE CUTS

L.A.D.E., the Argentine state airline which operates twice weekly flights in and out of Stanley Airport, recently announced that there will be significant cuts in fares for Falkland Islanders and any person who has been resident in the Islands for three years or more. These reductions will mean that those people concerned will pay 25% less than Argentines and other nationalities on all L.A.D.E. and Aerolineas Argentinas flights both to and from the Falklands and inside Argentina. Taking the 25% discount into consideration, most people in the Falklands will now have to pay £87.24 for the Stanley to B.A. passage by L.A.D.E. and £100.88 by L.A.D.E. and Aerolineas Argentinas.

## HELLO AGAIN!

There will be several family reunions in the Falklands this Christmas. News was received recently that a number of Islanders living in the United Kingdom are planning to return here for the Christmas period. Some of those who are expected to arrive soon are Frank Howitt, Fred Betts, Geordie Pierson, Vivian Betts, Peter Betts and David Thain.

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## RIFLEMAN RETURNS

Local sharpshooter Tony Petterson arrived back in the Falklands to a hero's welcome last month. As we reported in the last issue, the Falkland Islands rifle shooting team at the international Bisley meeting in England put up a remarkable performance, winning several prizes including a first. While most of the team members are now living in the U.K., Tony Petterson is now back in Stanley and he was honoured on the 2nd November at a public reception in the P.I.D.F. hall. The Governor and the President of the Rifle Club, Mr John Bound, made speeches praising the team's achievements and Tony was later carried around the hall shoulder high to the sound of "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow".

Other members of the Falkland team were Owen May, Rob Menricksen and Ron Betts.

## PENGUIN SHIPPING

Penguin Shipping's small but tough little tourist ship, the N.Y. "Copious" arrived in the Falklands on the 11th November. Skipper and owner Mike Tuson and his crew of three sailed the ex-fishing vessel from the United Kingdom via the Canary Islands, Recife and Rio De Janeiro.

The Skipper told the "PENGUIN NEWS" reporter that there had been only one problem on the way out when "Copious" went to the rescue of a small ship near Rio. The inexperienced crew of the other vessel required towing and in the process some damage was inflicted to "Copious". The Brazilian owner refused to pay for the damage and Tuson was unable to wait in Rio long enough to take legal proceedings.

The Managing Director of Penguin Shipping, Julian Fitter, is also now in the Islands and anyone interested in taking a cruise or day trip should contact him on 'phone 2 - 3 rings or Outward Bound Tours on 62.

## R T - station moves

The Central Radio Telephone Station was recently moved from its old site on St. Mary's Walk to new premises adjacent to the Telephone Exchange. However operations from the new building had only just begun when it was discovered that interference from other sources was proving a problem. For the time being, therefore, the R.T. Station is back in its old site. When the technical difficulties have been solved it is expected that the Station will once again be established next to the Telephone Exchange.

An important new development is the installation of a tranceiver that works on the 2 metre frequencies.

The Buenos Aires Herald's idea for a solution to two problems concerning Argentina: that of President Videla's coming unemployment and the status of the Falklands. Original if nothing else!



## FUEL JETTY - Work to start soon

After several years of stalling by either the British or the Argentine governments, it now appears that work on the long awaited fuel jetty will begin soon.

The jetty, which will allow fairly heavy fuel carrying ships to berth in Stanley, is to be built by the Argentine Air Force Construction Group, the same concern which constructed the temporary airstrip at Hookers Point some years ago.

The major part of the bill will be settled by the Argentine government, and the British will pay only about £300,000 of the total cost which is expected to be well in excess of £1,000,000.

Materials are expected to arrive by an Argentine vessel early in the new year and the construction crew of some thirty men shortly thereafter.

## DARWIN ROAD

The Public Works Department commenced work again on the Stanley to Darwin road on the 20th November.

As winter conditions make the job very difficult indeed, the department turns its attentions elsewhere during the colder months. Last winter considerable time was spent preparing materials for the School Hostel project. To date about ten kilometres of road have been completed.

## RUSSIANS GET COOL WELCOME

A Soviet passenger ship stopped briefly in Port William on Friday the 29th November. In accordance with the British policy of non-cooperation with the Russians following the invasion of Afganistan, the ship was not granted permission to stay. Soviet fishing vessels, however, are allowed the use of port facilities.

## THE UPLAND GOOSE - A new look

Alterations to the Upland Goose Hotel are now almost completed, and the new residents bar was opened recently. An extension to the restaurant is now also in use and the old porches on the front of the building have been replaced with new and much larger ones. Despite these alterations the charming old world atmosphere of the hotel has not been lost. The basic structure of the building is over one hundred years old.

## NEW HOTEL

A small new hotel opened in Stanley in October. Malvina House on Ross Road is owned and managed by Don and Margaret Davidson who, before moving to Malvina lived for several years on West Point Island. The Davidsons expect to deal mainly with tourists although of course the hotel is open to anyone.

The Davidsons are also market gardeners and are finding that there is considerable demand for the products of the extensive Malvina gardens.

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A strange report reached the "PENGUIN NEWS" recently that a pair of feet had been observed late at night protruding over the wall surrounding the Battle Memorial on Ross Road. Upon investigating further, the size tens were found to belong to a person doing press-ups in a large plastic bag. A consequence for the loser of a card game or a rehearsal for the Battle Day parade? Your guess is as good as ours!

## BATTLE DAY

The anniversary of the Battle of the Falklands, one of the major naval engagements of the 1914 - 18 war, was celebrated in the traditional way in Stanley on the 8th December. A church service was held at the Cathedral which was attended by members of the Falkland Islands Defence Force, The Royal Marines, the Girls Brigade and the Boys Brigade. Following this a short parade was held at the Battle Memorial to the west of Stanley and wreaths were placed at the base of the monument. The ceremonies concluded with a march past at which Governor Hunt took the salute.

The 8th December is a national holiday in the Falklands.

ALVA RUBINI and family wish all their relatives and friends a very merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year.

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## WORLD FAMOUS MYSTERIES

## KIDS CORNER

## MOVING STONES

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HOW AND WHY THE STONES MOVE IS A MYSTERY. EXPLANATIONS ARE WIND-DRIVEN, HAND-DRIVEN, EARTHQUAKE-INDUCED, LUNAR INFLUENCE AND EVEN SUNSPOTS! THERE IS A POPULAR BELIEF THAT SMALL STONES, THICK FROM LARGE STONES — SUCH AS THIS ONE IN CALATH BRILEY, CALIFORNIA, IT CONTAINS MILLIONS OF MICRO LOCAL ROCKS. CLAIM SMALL STONES FORM.



IN CALATH BRILEY, THERE IS A LARGE ROCK WITH A CLEFT THAT IS SUPPOSEDLY MOVING WIDER. LOCAL LEGEND CLAIMS THAT BRILEY IS THE CAUSE FOR A JOURNEY TO PASS THROUGH THE END OF THE WORLD LATE POSTER.

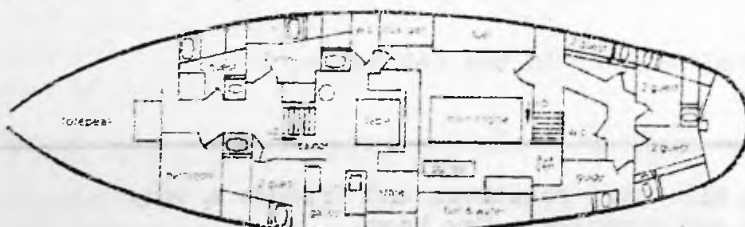
## CONTACTS

Mrs. Gladys Lewis, 28 Julia Drive, Guelph, Ontario, N1H 5W1, Canada.

Mrs. Lewis asks if readers could take the time to tear around stamps (not too closely) and mail them to her. She is involved with several stamp clubs for people aged 14 - 17 and 17 upwards but they lack stamps from this area of the World. She further says: "thanks for helping me" to help others with stamps". If you reply to this lady please make sure that you put your full name and address on the the letter.

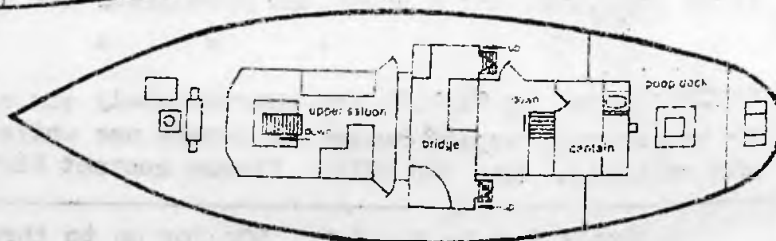
Mr. Bo Njal Marsson, PL 41227, S - 703 90, Orebro, Sweden.

Mr. Marsson is interested in the Falklands and would like to correspond with anyone here. He is interested in receiving booklets etc. on our country.



Deck plan of MY "Copicus" which is now operating in Falkland Islands waters.

Length: 70ft  
Beam: 20ft  
Draft: 8ft 6ins  
Engine: Gardiner 150hp  
Cruising speed: 2 knots



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## NATURE

## THE COMMON: An amazing recovery

Stanley Common is rarely mentioned when people talk of wild animal and bird life in the Falkland Islands. Most tend to believe that it is necessary to travel many miles from the Capital to observe the fauna at close quarters. Indeed this is necessary for those who wish to see certain species such as the albatross and the king penguin in their breeding grounds; but since Stanley Common (the area of land which lies approximately between Stanley and the Cape Pembroke lighthouse) was declared a wildlife sanctuary in January 1973, many species have become abundant there.

Of course the Common was never totally devoid of wild birds and animals but before 1973 it was the playground of all Stanley hunters and very often the merest rumour of a goose or duck would be enough to have sportsmen all over the town cleaning guns and loading up with cartridges and shells. The largely uncontrolled shooting certainly did a great deal of harm and hunting was not always confined to the edible birds and animals. But luckily the damage was not irreparable and today one can observe a suprising number of species on a walk or drive in the area.

The upland goose wasted no time in returning to the Stanley area, and several birds at a time can often be observed on Victory Green and other grassy patches in the town. The turkey buzzard too is now common, and just a few days ago while showing a group of tourists around the Cape Pembroke area I counted no less than eight of these birds flying together. They probably nest on the Tussac Islands in Port William. Hawks as well are now a reasonably common sight. Several weeks ago (much to my suprise) I saw one sitting on a clothes line post just outside the Common boundary on Davis Street. Just a few years ago these birds were a rare sight indeed in such close proximity to Stanley.

I have frequently seen the red backed hawk sitting on telephone poles near the airport. Snipe are presumably increasing as well, although I must confess that I have not seen many of these - probably because they dwell in long grass. teal duck, popular elsewhere with hunters, are often to be seen dabbling quietly on ponds and there are probably other types of duck to be seen on the Common as well. Hare are now more often sighted than they were and, although it may be my imagination, they do not seem to be so ready to run when approached.

Of course there are some birds that were only shot by the most maniacal of hunters in the bad old days and so it is unlikely that their numbers have changed much over the past eight years. These are mainly the sea and shore birds which were always protected or were none too desirable to the palate. The most commonly seen of these are jackass and gentoo penguins, logger ducks, oyster catchers, cape pigeons, dominican and dolphin gulls, terns, shags and night herons.

Our most popular birds as far as visitors are concerned are the penguins and, as mentioned above, two types can be commonly observed on the beaches edging the Stanley Common. However the jackass is the only type which breeds in the area; specifically in Lyster Cove. Gentooes are common at the east end of York Bay beach although they have probably never nested there. Strangely enough, the jackass penguins are not as well protected as they might be. While they cannot be disturbed in any other way, it is permitted to take their eggs. Surely it would be a good idea to give these birds complete protection and ban the practice of egg taking.

Seals, though not common, can sometimes be seen on the same beaches. Some time ago a friend and I discovered a leopard seal hauled up on the sand near the fishing hole in York Bay.

It will be very interesting to see how much more abundant wildlife is in this area in five or six year's time. If the developments of the last eight years are anything to go by it should be truly impressive.

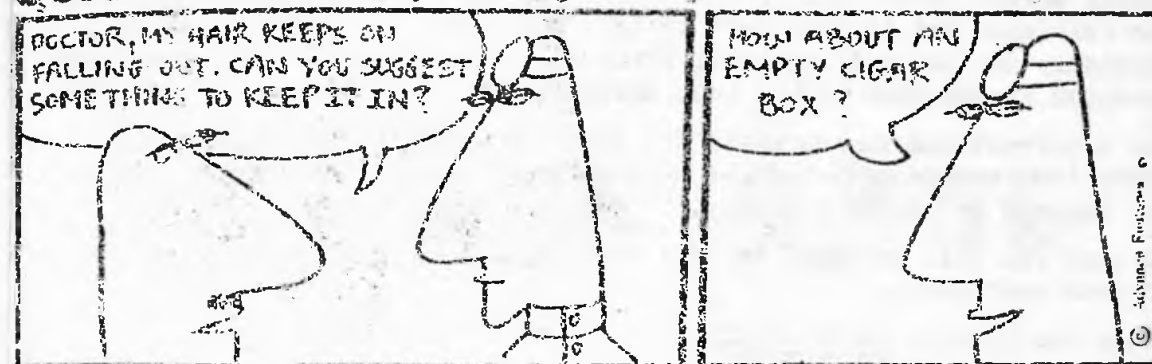
## NED CASEY

Our thanks to Mr. Von Aldridge of Hill Cove who wrote to us concerning our recent article on the disappearance of Ned Casey (see P.N. No 9). Mr Aldridge informed us that his bones lie "in a sort of tomb, and his skull is not missing". He last visited the sight about two years ago.

For the benefit of those who do not know the story; Ned Casey disappeared while travelling from Saunders Island to Hill Cove in 1890. It was not until 1914 that a shepherd discovered his remains.

## QUICK GROAN

By Mike Flanagan



## ARRIVALS & DEPARTURES FROM STANLEY

ARRIVED	NAME	NET TONS	DEPARTED
3.11.80	"MORS" (Polish)	1067	3.11.80
6.11.80	"JOHN BISCOE" (British)	359	13.11.80
11.11.80	"COPIOUS" (British)	49	in Falkland waters
17.11.80	"TETECR" (West German)	1081	17.11.80
20.11.80	"JOHN BISCOE" (British)	359	still in port
22.11.80	"SEJWAL" (Polish)	1043	25.11.80
23.11.80	"JOSE MARIA RAMON" (Spanish)	2202	5.12.80
25.11.80	"CABO SAN PIO" (Argentine)	1970	28.11.80
25.11.80	"AWIOR" (Polish)	1010	27.11.80
27.11.80	"TUNECK" (Polish)	988	30.11.80
30.11.80	"MUSTEL" (Polish)	929	3.12.80

## THE PENGUIN POST BOX

## COMMONWEALTH GAMES

4 Terry Place,  
Otara, Auckland,  
New Zealand.

Dear Graham,

First of all may I say how much we enjoy reading the "Penguin News". Though we left the Falklands 8 years ago to settle in New Zealand, we still refer to the Islands as "home", and like to keep in touch with news and events.

In your issue number 9, you mentioned the idea of sending a Falkland Islands team to compete in the rifle shooting events at the forthcoming Commonwealth Games. I personally feel this would be a good idea, not only so as to be able to compete in the sport, but it would be an opportunity of showing the Falklands flag, and thus showing to

people of the Commonwealth, via television and newspaper coverage, that the Falklands are in fact part of the Commonwealth. It need not be necessary to send a large team; after all, some countries have been represented in the past by one sole participant.

May I correct you in one small but important point: the Commonwealth Games 1982 are scheduled to be held in Brisbane, AUSTRALIA, and not in New Zealand as you have stated.

We hope you will continue to edit the "Penguin News" and look forward to your next issue.

Yours faithfully, NANCY JENNINGS.

EDITOR: Thanks for pointing out the mistake Mrs Jennings. Let's hope that our marksmen make it to Brisbane.

#### BIRTHS

31.5.80 to Michael and Sheila Summers, a daughter, Deena Marie.  
19.7.80 to Hector and Teresa Gilobert, a daughter, Mariana Luz.  
28.7.80 to Michael and Heather Harris, a daughter, Nicola Jane.  
23.8.80 to Ken and Ellen Gaiger, a daughter, Mandy Rose.  
2.9.80 to Gerald and Carrie Findlay, a son, William Henry.  
4.11.80 to Robert and Judith Gilbert, a son, Neil Robert.  
24.10.80 to Montana and Vilma Short, a son, Matias Ricardo.  
7.12.80 to Simon and Elizabeth Coss, a son, Roger Simon.

#### MARRIAGES

20.9.80 Robin Marsh and Elizabeth Berntsen, at Fox Bay East.  
20.9.80 Gavin Marsh and Deidre Porter, at Fox Bay East.  
20.9.80 David Ford and Marilyn Bonner, in Stanley.

#### DEATHS

15.9.80 Margaret Lilian Browning, in Stanley.  
25.10.80 Fanny Stanbury Halliday, in Stanley.

We extend our sincere sympathy to families and friends.

We would be pleased to include details of births, marriages & deaths of Islanders overseas if notified of these.

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#### NEWS

### BISCOE DAMAGED

Royal Research Ship "John Biscoe" arrived in Stanley on the 20th November with extensive damage to her propeller. According to the Captain, one blade of the propeller fell off when the ship was a few hundred miles to the south of the Falklands. Upon examination it was discovered that another blade was cracked. The "Biscoe" is not capable of safely putting to sea at the moment and The British Antarctic Survey in Cambridge, England is arranging for an ocean going tug to tow the ship to a South American port where repairs can be carried out. The date of arrival of the tug was not known at the time of going to press. It is likely that the "Biscoe" will undergo repairs in Montevideo.

### FIGAS: fit & flying

All three of the aircraft belonging to the F.I. Government Air Service are once again in use carrying passengers and freight.

Recently F.I.G.A.S. found themselves without usable fuel and M.V. "Forres" made an unscheduled voyage to Punta Arenas in order to obtain new supplies.

In a temporary post with F.I.G.A.S. is Martin Steward of Aurigny Airways. He has been testing the F.I.G.A.S. pilots in the

"Islander" aircraft and both have been flying it with Mr Steward as co-pilot.

A new pilot has been appointed in the United Kingdom but, though he is due to begin flying in the Falklands soon, the exact date of his arrival is not known.

## ROY COVE offered to government

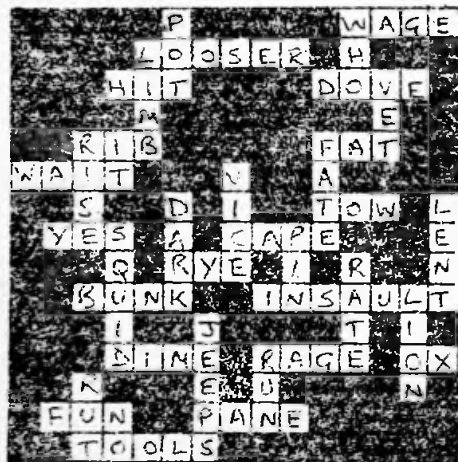
It was announced recently that Roy Cove Farm has been offered for sale to the government. Messrs Bertrand and Tolton, the current owners, wish the farm to be sub-divided and resold to individual farmers. Green Patch farm was similarly sold and divided after many years as F.I.C. property earlier this year. Councillors are expected to discuss the proposed Roy Cove purchase at the Legco meetings due to begin on the 6th January.

## CINDY BUXTON

Cindy Buxton, the wildlife photographer who has been filming in the Falklands for the "Survival" series of films of Anglia Television, recently has a book of her experiences in Africa published in Britain.

Naturally there was great interest here in the Falklands in her book, and on the 8th December she was present at the Newsagency to sign copies for customers.

Her first film on Falkland Wildlife is to be screened throughout the U.K. at 5.00 p.m. on Boxing Day - naturally a time of peak viewing.



Solution to the crossword  
in issue No. 9



# HONDA

WOODBRINE WHEELS ARE PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THAT WE ARE NOW AUTHORISED DEALERS FOR HONDA MOTORCYCLES AND POWER PRODUCTS. OUR FIRST CONSIGNMENT OF MOTORCYCLES IS EXPECTED IN JANUARY. CONTACT US FOR DETAILS.

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## THE FROZEN FALKLANDS

The biggest headlines in this issue are made by Legislative Council who recently agreed to urge Britain to obtain agreement for a moratorium on all sovereignty claims at the next round of talks with Argentina.

You can read about this and other developments in the political field in this issue.

**STILL DUPLICATING!** As our regular readers will know, the Editor purchased several items of machinery while he was in the United Kingdom. This machinery would have enabled us to improve the printed quality of the magazine considerably as it is of the "offset litho" variety. Unfortunately the electrostatic plate maker was damaged in transit and we have been unable to use it satisfactorily. However repairs are being made at the moment and we hope that before long we will be able to put our aging Roneo out to pasture.

## editorial

The Falkland Islanders have - through their council members - decided that they wish to obtain a freeze of all claims on the Falkland Islands. This was their choice of the three proposals which were put forward by British minister on his recent visit.

To be sure it is the alternative which is least disagreeable, but is it practical? There is no reason why the Argentine government should accept this suggestion as they would profit very little from it if at all. From experience they know that more often than not they get what they want from the British, and for this reason they will not wish to postpone the dispute. Furthermore, there would not be very much in it for us. The old squabble



would make it's return eventually, and consequently the big international investors whose favours we desire will not have the security that they require.

Even if the moratorium could be achieved it would not be the kiss of life for our ailing economy and society and it would provide no long term solution.

It would seem, therefore, that a blank will again be drawn at the next round of talks and Mr Ridley will soon be back with a shorter list of options for us to consider.

## NEWS

# LEGCO: give us a freeze

Legislative Council members decided on the 7th January, at the first meeting of 1981, that they would instruct the British government to try and negotiate a moratorium on the British/Argentine dispute over ownership of the Falklands.

The motion (which was opposed by only one member, Mr Adrian Monk representing East Falkland) read as follows: "While this House does not like any of the ideas put forward by Mr Ridley for a possible settlement of the sovereignty issue with Argentina, it agrees that Her Majesty's government should hold further talks with the Argentines at which this House should be represented and at which the British delegation should seek an agreement to freeze the dispute over sovereignty for a specified period of time".

The directive was the result of the November 1980 visit of the British Minister Nicholas Ridley during which he put three suggestions for a solution to the problem to the Islanders. Other than the "freeze" they were to give the Islands condominium status under joint Argentine and British rule, or to cede sovereignty to Argentina but lease the Islands back immediately so that British rule would continue. Ridley favoured the latter solution as did a minority of Islanders. Apparently there was no one in favour of a condominium.

It was left to the Councillors to determine what the consensus of opinion was, and several of the elected representatives made serious efforts to do so.

This latest development does not mean that it will be a simple matter of diplomacy to establish the moratorium, in fact many people seriously doubt that Argentina will give it any consideration. However should a "freeze" be agreed to, it's implementation will be dependent on the approval of the Islanders expressed in a plebiscite.

# ARGENTINA COUNCIL RESOLUTION IRRELEVANT

Following the Legislative Council decision in favour of a moratorium on claims over the Falklands, Argentine authorities were reported to be far from happy. The "Buenos Aires Herald" described the situation as "tense" and the British Ambassador in Buenos Aires, Mr Anthony Williams, wasted no time in rushing to the Argentine Foreign Ministry in an attempt to dispel official anger. Whether or not he was successful in this we do not know.

On the 8th a spokesman from the Ministry said "Argentina will only negotiate the Malvinas issue with Great Britain"; thus voicing again their view that the Falklanders should have no part in determining the future status of the Islands.

## People speak out FOR & AGAINST RIDLEY

Two prominent members of the Falkland community (both farm managers) made strongly worded speeches opposing one another over Falkland radio, shortly before the recent Council meetings.

Hard liner Councillor Adrian Monk began the exchange by condemning all of the suggestions put forward by Mr Ridley. Unconfirmed reports suggested that Governor Hunt attempted to persuade the Councillor not to make the address. Unfortunately we do not have a copy of the speech but can sum up the main points as follows. Mr Monk roundly condemned Ridley and his proposals. At one stage he even went to the extreme of stating that in his view "they stink". His distrust of the British government extended to it's agents in the Falklands; the Governor and members of the administration. He suspects the methods by which the opinions of the people of the West Falkland were obtained with regard to the Ridley proposals, suggesting that the answer one gets depends very much on the way it is put. In short, he felt that there should be no discussion or compromise over the ownership of the Falklands. They should, he stated, remain British and he appealed to the people of the Islands to have the courage to speak out if they agreed with him.

A few days later Mr Robin Pitaluga responded to Mr Monk's expression of opinion with another speech which was also broadcast from the local radio station. The larger part of the address took the form of an open letter to Mr Monk and we now quote some of the more important passages: "One of several disquieting thoughts left with me (following your address) was, where do we go from here? Because you offered no tangible hope, no encouragement for the future and no possible alternative solution to a problem which is not going to disappear or hibernate. I believe that by advocating a firm 'no' attitude you are also advocating the say nothing

do nothing course of action which is slowly but surely killing these Islands.

You referred to our enormous support in Parliament - did you actually count heads? I think we might find it less than 50% even when they are not speaking or voting for real.

Can you not see that by agreeing to talk about the lease-back, the least objectionable of the suggested solutions, we are actually giving nothing away but in return we stand to gain some support and sympathy from countries which have supported Argentina in the past? Argentina has had it all her own way so far - shouldn't we be attempting to use our assets to turn world opinion to our advantage.

You scoff at the threat of dire consequences of our not agreeing to talks; on what confident basis? The possibilities are real enough and ridiculously easy to apply without violence. Argentina has only to withdraw all services and we could not afford to replace them from elsewhere. Convince me that we have nothing to fear from refusing to talk and that we will begin to thrive and prosper again as a result of digging our toes in and saying 'no', and I will support you to the limit. You offered no such encouragement in your talk last week.

You mentioned being instructed to lead public opinion but in fact, your speech came as near to directing opinion as anything I have heard." (Editor: Nicholas Ridley said during his visit that he expected Council Members to determine the nature of public opinion and base their directive on that.)

Mr Pitaluga then suggested that Mr Monk's continued residence in the Falklands may be in some doubt and that he may not have to experience the consequences of his views should they become government policy.

On another personal note, Mr Pitaluga referred to Mr Monk's involvement in the sheep farming industry: "The sale of Roy Cove intrigues me; pushed through with unseemly haste on the eve of one of the Colony's most difficult and perhaps decisive periods, all of this while you are Government's senior councillor, chairman and prominent shareholder in Bertrand and Felton Ltd. (Editor: Bertrand and Felton Ltd. are the owners of Roy Cove). I heard that no prior warning was given to the people of Roy Cove; they wouldn't be consulted of course, rather like the people of Hong Kong. I understand that Bertrand and Felton Ltd will continue as an investment company, retaining it's present considerable overseas investments and adding to them the proceeds of selling the farm to the Falkland Islands government. Will the board reflect your apparent confidence in the viability of our sovereignty by re-investing these funds or their earnings back here in the Falklands, where they originated? I doubt it."

In addition to the open letter to Mr Monk, Mr Pitaluga made several more comments and observations. He summed up his opinion of the Councillor's address as follows: "I found his address mainly offensive, unhelpful, at times quite insulting and not based on a foundation which I trust."

On the possibility of independence he had the following to say: "Independence has been suggested by others and, while it may sound fanciful, should we dismiss it because some people think it unworkable? Given the cooperation of all concerned it could work and would be a certain way of retaining our sovereignty. Shouldn't we be insisting on this idea being explained as well as condemning other proposals?" (See "PENGUIN NEWS" No. 4)

Finally Mr Pitaluga appealed to Falklanders to give all suggestions fair consideration. "I urge each and all of you to keep an open mind; resist the temptation to grab at straws; do not believe and support words just because they sound like the ones you want to hear. Consider carefully before you speak and act. Let us be united in our wish to retain our British sovereignty. Let us also be united in our support of continuing the international talks on the problem."

We realise that in the above article we have given more space to coverage of Mr Pitaluga's broadcast. However we were unable to record the speech of Mr Monk and reported the substance of his words from brief notes taken by the Editor. In addition his address was significantly shorter than Mr Pitaluga's and the subjects covered were not so varied.

## Murder in Stanley

On the 11th December 1980 occurred one of the most tragic crimes in the history of the Falklands. Early on the morning of that day an urgent telephone call was received at the Police Station summoning them to the residence of Mrs Gladys Minto.

Two Officers rushed to the house where they found Mrs Minto mortally injured with knife wounds. Not far away lay the body of her estranged husband Len, who was also severely injured by the same means. The couple had not been living together for some time.

When medical assistance arrived shortly afterwards, Mrs Minto was found to be dead but Mr Minto, though in a critical state, was alive. Later in hospital his condition was stabilised and he has now made a full recovery.

Mr Minto has now been committed by the Senior Magistrate sitting as Examining justice to the Supreme Court on a charge of murder.

# PEOPLE

It would seem that the screening of Cindy Buxton's film "Penguin Christmas" on British television has aroused a lot of interest with rival TV concerns. They have been practically falling over one another to get to the Islands.

On Wednesday 14th January a camera crew arrived from the BBC's Pebble Mill studios in Birmingham. They were led by Bob Langley, a very well known presenter in the UK. The Falklands film will be screened from Pebble Mill in an early afternoon slot.

On Saturday 17th a further team arrived from Anglia Television. They intend to make a documentary depicting life on the Falklands and explaining the political dispute. They will also be visiting Argentina to research opinions and background there.

Cindy Buxton's father, Lord Aubrey Buxton is due to arrive on the 4th February. Lord Buxton, who is President of Anglia TV will be here on a private visit and will bring with him one of his younger daughters.

Yet another prominent TV personality stepped off the LADE 'plane in Stanley recently. He was David Attenborough who is world famous for his immensely successful and widely respected natural history series "Life on Earth". He told the "PENGUIN NEWS" that he and his team were only passing through Stanley although they would be doing some filming around the town. The main objective of the trip was to reach South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands to obtain material for the sequel to "Life on Earth" which will probably be called "Planet Earth". The team was also compiling a filmed diary of the activities of HMS "Endurance" in the southern oceans.

## clippings

An interesting cutting from "The Times" was passed on to the Editor of this magazine recently. It concerns the Faroe Islands which lie in the North Atlantic between Britain and Iceland. Many parallels can be drawn between our Islands and the Faroes, and it is interesting to see how they have developed into quite a sophisticated society. The following are extracts from the article: "According to William Heinsen, the islands

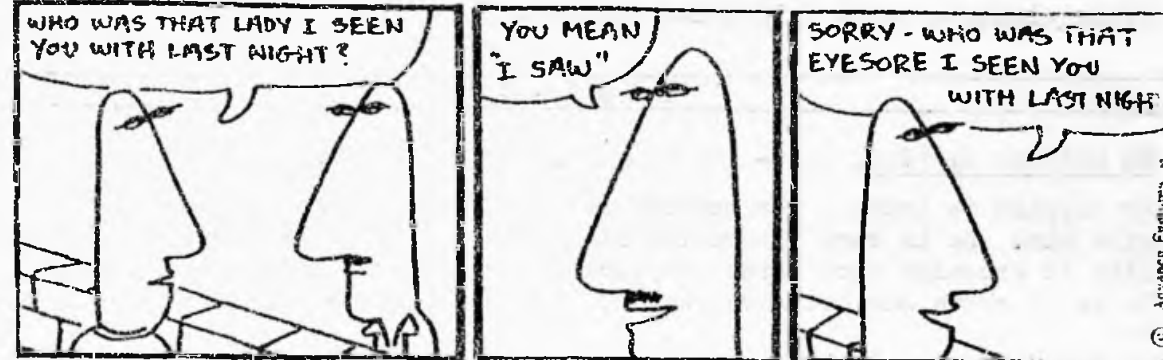
## QUOTES

ON THE FOREIGN OFFICE: "If I lived in Gibraltar or the Falkland Islands, I would not sleep at night for thinking about it, because, so far as policy is concerned, these territories are peripheral; if the British connection is to be preserved it will be up to the politicians to do it. The officials will never die in the ditch for either of them."

JOE HAINES (companion and advisor to Harold Wilson).

## QUICK GROAN

by Mike Flanagan



the islands octogenarian bard, the climate is suitable only for Vikings and frogmen. Faroese precipitation, the bard warns, generally comes from the side and not from above as in other climes, so the use of the umbrella is ruled out.

With the sheerest cliffs in the world, the Faroes (Sheep Islands) are reminiscent of North Britain. Sheep abound as do sheep grids, imported by the British during their Second World War occupation.

The Faroe Islands (human population 43,000, sheep 75,000) enjoy a higher standard of living and level of devolution than the not so distant Orkney and Shetlands. Last weekend's election resulted in a swing to the right. In the Faroes, however, the political scene is as misty as the weather and politics are conducted in a spirit of 'festina lente'.

Between them the four right wing parties or 'flocks' as they are aptly called, have 19 seats in the turf topped parliament in Torshavn, the capital.

The main problem facing the new government will be the economy. Last year the Faroes had a record balance of payments deficit of 13 million pounds after many years in which higher fish prices offset the increased price of oil. Fisheries policy is a dominant factor as fish account for 95% of exports and a quarter of the population is involved in fishing.

With a catch of 260,000 tons in 1979 the islands are the biggest per capita fishing nation in the world. Having declined to follow Denmark into the EEC in 1973, the Faroes set up a 200 mile fishing zone in 1977.

Meanwhile the local culture blooms, the population increases and the brain drain has been reversed. An impressive 100 books a year are published in the miniscule Faroese language, which is akin to Old Norse and Icelandic and the islands support one radio station, seven flourishing newspapers

and 46 magazines and periodicals, not to mention a new privately run (four nights a week) television service."

### C O N T A C T S

MR MANFRED RIPPICH, DDR - 726 OSCHATZ, BREITSCEIDSTRASSE 7, (EAST GERMANY).

Mr Rippich is looking for someone in the Falklands who can correspond with him. He is very interested in present and past life here and would like to exchange such things as picture post cards, stamps and coins. He is 22 years old but says that he does not mind how old his penpals are.

MR ROBERT H. LIRIE, 5091 NW, TAYLOR ROAD, BREMERTON WA., 98310, USA.

Mr Lirie is intending to write a novel and screen play based around South Georgia and the Falklands. The story will, Mr Lirie says, be woven around facts and for that reason he needs reliable information from people in the area. Some of the specific subjects that he would like to know more about are: the current air service in this area, the geographical features of South Georgia, and what people live there. There are many other questions that he would like to put to any person who would like to help with this interesting project. He stresses that the Falklands will be portrayed in a very positive light in his novel and screen play.

### LETTER FROM LONDON by Jackie Rathbone

#### ON SHOPS PRESENTS AND T.V.

Christmas starts in London shop windows and on television as early as October. Instead of panicking, however, people begin the self-imposed "no-spend-for-at-least-a-month" stint. Once they've managed to scrape by those thirty days when they've stayed in every night, forced themselves to watch "Crossroads" and "Newsnight" and bought greasy fry-ups from the local take-away, there is an all evident and massive flow of cash pouring into everything under the sun (or sleet).

The coppers and cheques seem to find their way with the greatest of ease into the pockets of those who sell ludicrous and sometimes totally useless items; from an electronic version of darts (guaranteed to disappoint any child on Christmas Day because parents forget to buy batteries) to a little plastic box worth £1 with the following written on the lid: "For the man who has everything..." and on the inside it says "... a little box to keep it in." Perhaps the greatest of useless but fun presents

is a book entitled "Everything Men Know About Women" - the pages are all blank.

It wouldn't be surprising if hundreds of people bought soap in the shape of bullion bars or toilet paper printed with crosswords and Chinese sayings, both likely to cause impatient queues at the bathroom door. And if that isn't gimmicky enough, surely the latest range of T-shirts with battery operated lights are. These come in different designs ranging from aeroplanes with red and green lights on the wings and tail, to tigers with flashing lights instead of eyes.

For the more conservative shopper, however, a place like Selfridges should cover a wide range of presents - if you can get at them, that is. Selfridges is, in fact, a seething mass of hot, flustered shoppers who are forced to race around (unless the crowd drags them in a totally opposite direction to their intended path of attack) and make their purchases as speedily as possible because the shop is (purposely, I imagine) unbearably over heated.

The cold extreme can be encountered at the New Covent Garden building, not really designed for Christmas or winter window shopping because icy drafts whistle in and out of the alleyways surrounding the little boutique like shops. Set in a very trendy area and highly priced, it is the sort of place to oggle at and wait for the New Year sales so that prices are brought down to normal and accessible levels.

It always strikes me how, despite inflation, people tend to give frivolous presents. They go for the shops which have row upon row of tempting bits and pieces of ceramic, china and glass; boxes of silly games; not to mention puzzles and mind twisters, all of which just manage to outlive the Christmas pudding before they are cast aside as the whole of Britain settles down to watch the box. Television, I suppose, beats anything in entertainment value these days.

## penguin shipping

Penguin Shipping, the small, recently established shipping company, is now nearing the end of its first summer in the Falklands. In the following article Julian Fitter, the Managing Director looks at progress so far and what the future might hold for the company.

"On my first visit here in December '77 I was impressed by the potential for tourism in the Islands, and at the same time by the difficulty of



travelling around the Islands to visit the different areas. The internal transport system here is not geared to carrying visitors on a regular basis so that any tourism venture must provide its own means of transport.

The solution I proposed in my report to the Falkland Islands government was a small passenger vessel, slightly larger than the "Monsumen", carrying around thirty passengers, which could at the same time provide a supplementary freight service. I still believe this to be the ideal solution but it is not at present practicable. Subsequently I modified this proposal to include a full freight service. However, with the onset of the recession in 1979 and the steep rise in interest rates, it was clearly not possible to raise the necessary capital for so large an operation. It also became apparent that there was little hope of obtaining enough seats on LADS flights for so large a vessel.

In order to maintain the momentum of the project, we decided that the best alternative was to start with a very small operation which could be expanded gradually as required. To this end we chartered the motor yacht "Copius" for a minimum period of three months to enable us to assess the feasibility of operating a boat of her size in the Falklands.

Copius arrived here in November after a nine week passage from England, and has since shown that, whatever her shortcomings, she is fully capable of operating here without being unduly affected by the changeable weather and sea conditions. We have made three cruises around the Islands and on all of them have accomplished our main objectives with few serious problems.

We have not been successful in obtaining firm bookings from North America and Europe for this first year. When we arranged the charter in May last year we had a number of bookings by organisations in Europe and the USA. But, unfortunately, all but one of these failed to materialise and we have had to rely on day trips for most of our income. I believe that the reasons for our failure in this field are fourfold:-

- 1) Lack of lead up time to enable group organisers to advertise their trips.
- 2) General lack of knowledge of the attractions of the Falklands.
- 3) The severe recession in the developed countries where most of our potential clients would originate.
- 4) The fact that this is a new venture in a relatively unknown area and most organisations will want to see how the operation works before committing themselves to the trouble and expense of organising and advertising their own trips.

In addition, the remoteness of the Islands and the high cost of travelling to and from them is a factor which cannot be discounted. While it may seem that we have achieved little this year, we have achieved our

primary aim of starting a tourism service in the Falklands; and have learned a number of lessons which will be of value in the future and enable us to plan our operation better.

In order to continue the operation in the summer of '81/'82 Penguin Shipping must operate its own vessel, having learned the lessons from the first year's charter arrangement. We must now set the operation up on a permanent basis. It is our intention, therefore, to purchase a vessel similar to "Copius" though preferably slightly larger and if possible with a small cargo capacity.

We are aiming to raise £110,000 in order to ensure a firm footing for the new operation. We do not expect to be able to raise the full amount here in the Islands, but would hope that at least half would come from local sources so that control of the company would remain in the Islands. If we are not able to raise sufficient capital to restart the operation this year we would then plan to start again in October '82.

In the event of our being unable to raise sufficient funds to renew the operation then any future contributions would be returned to the investor. The company will issue two types of shares; ordinary shares which will receive a dividend only when the company is showing a profit, and participating preference shares which will entitle the holder to a guaranteed minimum dividend of 7½%. Although this interest can only be paid once the company is showing a profit, it would accrue to the shareholder's account. Both types of shares will have equal rights in the company. To be frank, I do not expect the company to show an appreciable profit for a couple of years.

The potential for tourism here in the Falklands is considerable and if that potential is developed carefully it will bring both financial and social benefits to the people living here. This development should be controlled and directed by Falkland Islanders, as only in this way will the development be for the benefit of the Islanders.

There has been criticism in the past of the lack of local investment by Islanders and companies operating here, and there is a feeling outside the Falklands that it is up to the people here to start the ball rolling in developing alternative industries in the Islands. It seems to me that tourism offers an excellent opportunity for local investment, as it does not require the huge amounts of capital necessary to develop other resources such as oil or fisheries.

The Falkland Islands government has already contributed £25,000 to the initial stages of the project; a further £22,000 has been invested by individuals and companies both here and in Britain. We feel that it is now up to the people and companies in the Falklands to come forward and ensure that the time, money and effort which have gone into getting



this far are not wasted.

I shall be happy to talk or write to anyone interested in investing in Penguin Shipping, and where possible I shall endeavour to visit them personally to explain our plans and to answer any questions that they may have. I shall be in Stanley until at least late February and can be contacted by mail at PO Box 56 or personally at Woodbine House on 2 three rings.

Please remember that this is not my company but yours, and to a large extent its future rests with you.

JULIAN FITTER (Managing Director of Penguin Shipping).

Continued from page 5. It seems likely that circuit judge Sir Peter Watkin Williams will preside over the trial. It is also probable that a psychiatrist will make a special visit to the Falklands in order to examine the accused man.

Mr Minto will be defended at the trial by Mr Raymond Chequely.

The inquest into the death of Mrs Minto has been adjourned until after the trial.

N A T U R E

MORE PROTECTION FOR THE COMMON

We reported at some length in our last issue of the great abundance of wildlife that now exists on the Stanley Common. A move is now afoot within the government to give further protection to birds nesting in the area. At present birds and other wildlife cannot be killed, but there is nothing to stop anyone from stealing eggs from nests. However this may soon be rectified, as at a meeting of Executive Council on the 20th January a draft ordinance was put forward to protect eggs and nests on the Common.

Some time ago while driving on York Bay beach I observed a leopard seal basking on the sand near the water's edge. The animal was hurt; it had a gash in the back of its neck, possibly gained during a fight. However the wound did not appear to be too serious and we left the animal, we hoped, to recover. Then about six weeks later I again found the animal -- this time dead and minus its head. Talking about this with several people one of them mentioned that a leopard seal's head had been placed in a prominent place on the stern of one of the British Antarctic Survey's ship while it was in Stanley. Was this not seriously wounded animal shot by someone on

the ship eager to get the teeth or skull? The leopard seal is a rare animal around the Falkland and is not known to breed here.

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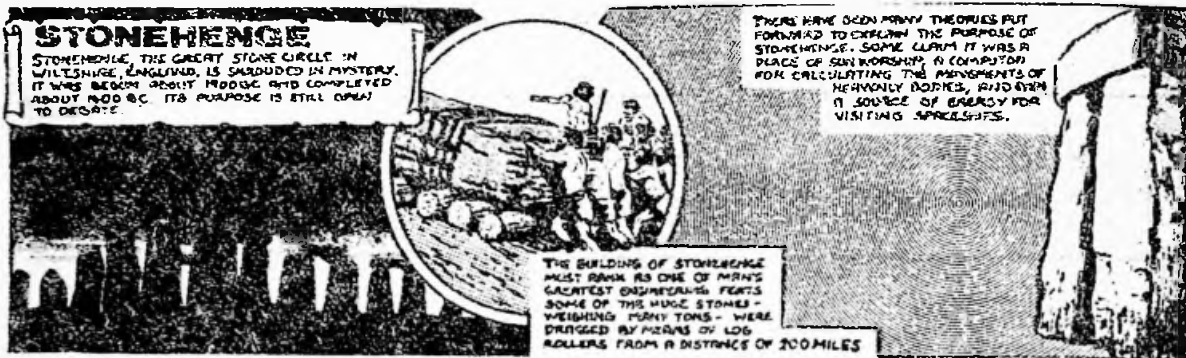
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N E W S

The Governor traditionally addresses Legislative Council following the opening of a new session, and his speech this year was particularly interesting for many people. The following were some of his major points

THE RIDLEY PROPOSALS. The options are not particularly attractive but a solution must be found as we cannot enjoy security as long as the

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dispute continues.

**FINANCIAL SITUATION.** Company tax, which is a very important source of revenue for the country, is likely to be down this financial year by 20%. The country's reserves are likely to be \$670,000 at the end of June 1981 and if present trends continue there is likely to be a \$500,000 deficit at the end of June 1982.

**CIVIL SERVICE.** Salaries are lagging behind and there will be adjustments made to these soon.

**POPULATION.** Results of recent census are still being analysed but it would seem that the total population of the Islands is 1812. We must try and attract more people to the Falklands.

**POLICE.** He paid a tribute to the Police Force, pointing out that they have had a difficult task recently. They suffer from a shortage of manpower and an increase in Police salaries has been recommended. Attempts are being made to recruit a new Chief Police Officer and a Sergeant in the U.K.

Following the Governor's speech the customary motion of thanks was proposed. This is an opportunity for Councillors to speak their minds on virtually any subject, and the main points raised by the assembly now follow.

**Mr L.G. Blake** (West Falkland). There should be control of retail prices by government. All retailers should be required by law to furnish the government with the costs of all goods imported by them.

The immigration laws should be revised so that it is not the responsibility of employers to send workers back to the United Kingdom if they prove to be unsatisfactory.

**Mr W.E. Bowles** (Stanley). We need to work a lot harder to overcome our economic difficulties. The suggestion of control of retail prices

is good. Congratulations to Public Works Department road maintenance crew on their good work.

**Mr S. Wallace** (Stanley). The economy is a cause for concern, but we must not get too despondent. In general agreement with prices control suggestion.

**Mr T. Miller** (Camp). The wool prices are unlikely to rise significantly this year and this will have an adverse effect on the economy. Farm profits will be nil. Sheep farming will prosper again but government should not expect to be able to tax it very heavily. Financial position is grim and in two years we could become totally dependent upon aid from the United Kingdom. Our main revenue in future must come from fishing and (if it exists) oil. For this reason we need to cooperate with Argentina. The only possible answer other than the Ridley proposals would be independence.

The Air Service must adopt a more flexible policy for the "Islander" aircraft which has recently been cursed with problems.

The Police department is in need of more Officers and an attempt should be made to recruit part-time "Special" Constables.

**Mr W. Goss** (Stanley). Impressed with the progress of the Darwin Road but the School Hostel project is moving too slowly.

Too much emphasis is being placed on the decline in wool prices, and we must look more carefully towards the production and export of meat.

The decline in population is also being over-emphasised. Farms cannot afford to import more people. The introduction of contract shearing has severely damaged the profitability of sheep farming.

**Mr A. Monk** (East Falkland). Stamps are a good source of revenue.

The country cannot afford automatic cost of living awards to employees.

He intends to remain a resident of the Falklands contrary to certain beliefs expressed publicly recently (see article on page 3).

He could not see how it would be possible to control retail prices. The FIC's mark-up of about 30% is not unreasonable.

Development is not dependent on our sovereignty. A merger with Argentina would not help the wool industry and several industries can be operated without their assistance. The Darwin Road should provide small scale development.

We are importing far too many things and should be producing such commodities as butter, cheese and bacon ourselves.

Mr M. Rowlands (Financial Secretary). He voiced his opposition to the idea of prices control.

Mr D. Morrison (Acting Chief Secretary). The Darwin Road is making good progress.

An Agricultural Officer is being considered and there has been a useful number of applicants.

A modest housing programme is underway and the sum of £20,000 has been allocated for this purpose.

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Following the motion of thanks the Governor informed Council that Mr R. Wallace has been elected to Executive Council, replacing Mr WE Bowles.

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Councillors were then given the opportunity to put questions to the administration, and the most significant of these came from Mr WE Bowles. "Will the Financial Secretary explain the financial position of the Plant and Transport Authority?" Mr Rowlands replied that during the last financial year there had been an income of £217,000 and an expenditure of £198,000. The possibility of raising a loan to buy new machinery is being looked at.

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#### OTHER MOTIONS PASSED AT THE JANUARY SESSION

"That this House requests that Her Majesty's government grant full British citizenship to Falkland Islanders". Proposed by Mr TED Miller. The motion was passed unanimously.

"That this House regrets that the present British government feels unable to honour an understanding between it's predecessor and the Falklands regarding the financing of the oil/cargo jetty in Stanley. This action is forcing us to accept virtual charity from Argentina - the country which claims us." Proposed by TED Miller.

## **Roy Cove** PURCHASE TO GO AHEAD

Executive Council agreed on the 20th January to the purchase of Roy Cove Farm, and the Standing Finance Committee has agreed that the sum of £200,000 should be made available for the purchase.

The farm is to be subdivided and sold to individual farmers who may come from the Falklands, the United Kingdom or New Zealand.

#### HOUSE TO BE BUILT TO STANLEY

Some time ago a plot of land on Ross Road was leased to the Argentine Air Force to enable them to build a house there for the Vice Commodore in charge of Lineas Aereas Del Estado in Stanley.

The Argentine Air Force now plan to air-freight the pre-fabricated building in by giant "Hercules" aircraft. It is anticipated that three flights will be necessary between Buenos Aires and Stanley to complete the operation.

#### 14 HOUSES FOR SALE

In probably the biggest sale of houses in Falkland history, the government is to part with fourteen of it's houses in Stanley.

The houses are to be sold to the highest bidders but have reserve prices ranging from about £8,000 to about £9,500.

There has been for some time now a serious shortage of housing in Stanley and it is anticipated that the properties will be in great demand.

#### ROYAL NAVY SURVEY FITZROY AREA

A team of twelve men have been based at Fitzroy since the 13th December and are carrying out surveys to update admiralty charts that are largely based upon soundings and measurements made by Captain Sullivan R.N. in 1828. A member of the team told the "PENGUIN NEWS" reporter that a specially equipped launch from the Navy ship "Endurance" is being used. The team have been suprised to find that many of the 1828 measurements are highly accurate. The project is due to end on the 7th February.

#### "ENDURANCE" TOWS "BISCOE" TO MONTEVIDEO

The MRS "John Biscoe" which lost part of it's propellor some time ago, was towed out of Port William on the 21st December bound for dry dock in Montevideo. Fortunately the two ships enjoyed good weather during the journey and the operation was accomplished without mishap.

#### VANDALISM AT YPF PLANT

Vandals forced their way into the YPF "Planta Antares" fuel plant on the night of 20th/21st December and painted over many of the YPF logos on the fuel tanks. Various slogans were also daubed on drums and walls and one which was observed stated "we don't want Argy influence".

Spanish language signs were also painted over and an illuminated sign hanging at the entrance to the plant was broken.

Following the incident, the Argentine authorities closed the plant explaining that samples of fuel had to be analysed to ensure that it had not been contaminated in any way. The negative results of the tests were returned several days later and the plant was reopened for the sale of fuel.

The police have not yet discovered the identity of the persons responsible for the vandalism.

#### MARINE ARCHEOLOGISTS TO RETURN

Peter Throckmorton, who is well known in the Falklands for his work on various ship hulks around the Islands, may return early this year.

This time he hopes to turn his attention to the wreck of the sailing vessel "Snowsquall" which lies partly submerged beneath the Falkland Islands Company jetty.

#### BI-ELECTION ON WEST

Following his appointment to a teaching job in Stanley, Councillor Derek Evans was obliged to resign from his position on Legislative Council. Under the constitution of the Falklands, no Legislative Council member can be employed by the Government.

Consequently a bi-election was necessary on the West - Mr Evans' constituency. The two men who stood for the vacant position were Mr Peter Robertson and Mr LE Blake. Both men are farm managers.

Westers went to the polls on 2nd January and the two "Beaver" aircraft spent most of the day conveying the official Polling Officers to and from the farms.

The election resulted in a victory for Mr Blake, who is known to favour a negotiated settlement with Argentina.

## port news

Vessels which visited Stanley and Port William during December 1980.

<u>ARRIVED</u>	<u>NAME &amp; NATIONALITY</u>	<u>NET TONNAGE</u>
1.12.80	"World Discoverer" (German)	1617
2.12.80	"Kaszalot" (Polish)	1060
3.12.80	"Bahia Buen Suceso" (Argentine)	1153
5.12.80	"Bransfield" (British)	1577

16.12.80	"World Discoverer" (German)	1617
16.12.80	"Marua" (Polish)	1162
16.12.80	"Kaszalot" (Polish)	1060
16.12.80	"Mustel" (Polish)	989
17.12.80	"Sejwal" (Polish)	1042
12.12.80	"Avior" (Polish)	1010
20.12.80	"Mors" (Polish)	1067
22.12.80	"Edwards Veyndentaums" (Russian)	872
22.12.80	"Tunek" (Polish)	989
22.12.80	"Bransfield" (British)	1577
30.12.80	"Mustel" (Polish)	989
30.12.80	"Tunek" (Polish)	989
30.12.80	"Zulawy" (Polish)	3300
30.12.80	"Mors" (Polish)	1067

All of the Polish ships that visited during December were fishing vessels operating near the Falklands and calling in at Stanley to replenish supplies, transfer cargo or rest crews.

#### BIRTHS

All of these births were in the KEM Hospital, Stanley.

14.11.80 to Stuart and Lillian Wallace, a son, James Barratt.  
23.12.80 to Bill and Shirley Pole-Evans, a son, Martin

#### MARRIAGES

7.12.80 Marlene Porter and Alistair Marsh at Fox Bay  
5.12.80 Shirley Anne Thompson and Peter James Betts at Chester, England  
20.12.80 Gladys Johnson and Orlando Almonacid in Stanley  
22.12.80 Clare Morrison and Mike Peake in Stanley  
3.1.81 Susan Giles and Steve Whitley at Pebble Island

#### DEATHS

11.12.80 Mrs Gladys Minto in Stanley  
16.1.81 Mr Ernie Fuhlerndorff in England  
14.1.81 Mrs Polly Stewart in England

ENGAGEMENT: Michael Dixon and Kerrie Anne Nairn in New Zealand.

### NEW STAMP ISSUE

A set of four stamps illustrating Falkland farm animals was issued from the Stanley and Fox Bay post offices on the 11th January.

The stamps, which have been widely and loudly praised for their attractive designs, depict sheep, dairy cattle, a geared horse and sheep dogs on the 3p, 11p, 25p and 33p stamps respectively.

It is expected that these will be a financial success and should bring in thousands of pounds of revenue.

### OBITUARY - ERNIE FUHLENDORFF

The sad news was recieved recently of the death in England on 16th January of Mr Ernie Fuhleendorff.

The lat Mr Fuhleendorff retired on pension from government service as Senior Technician and Broadcasting Officer in the Post and Telecommunications Department in March 1978. He joined the Electrical Department, along with the late Charlie Reive, in 1934 as apprentice electrician, a post which was later re-designated technician and included the duties of broadcast engineer. On one occasion, in 1969, he assumed the administrative responsibilities of the Broadcasting Department, Telephone Exchange and R/T Station. He was promoted to Senior Technician and Broadcast Officer in March 1973 on the late Mr Reive's retirement from that post.

A retired member of the Falkland Islands Defence Force, he always maintained a keen interest in rifle shooting both here and at Bisley in England.

### THE FUEL JETTY - STILL STALLING

As we reported in the December issue of this magazine, the construction of the fuel jetty has been given the official go-ahead.

However it now appears that the commencement of the project is to be delayed still further by various local bodies. Although we have been unable to confirm this, reports indicate that disputes about who will control the jetty and load and unload ships at it, are providing the main stumbling blocks.

A large proportion of the money to carry out the project is to come from the Argentine government and the pier is to be built by their air force.



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It was announced on Tuesday 24th February that the Falkland and British delegation to the latest round of negotiations in New York had failed to achieve their aim: the establishment of a freeze on all claims concerning sovereignty of the Islands.

According to the statement which was read over Falkland Radio, "The leader of the British delegation reaffirmed that his government had no doubt about it's sovereignty over the Falklands. He then gave an account of his visit to the Islands in November 1980 and of the reaction of the Islanders to the various sovereignty options discussed with them. He went on to propose that the sovereignty issue should be frozen for a substantial number of years, with both sides reserving their position, to allow for the establishment of mutual confidence between Argentina and the Falkland Islanders and for the pursuit of joint projects of economic development in and around the Islands.

The leader of the Argentine delegation (Ed: Commodore Carlos Cavandoli) reaffirmed the Argentine rights of sovereignty over the Falkland Islands. He took note of the account given by Mr Ridley of his visit to the Islands, of the various sovereignty options discussed with the Islanders and of their reactions. He went on to explain that the British proposal for a freeze on the sovereignty issue was unacceptable to the Argentine delegation, both because it disregarded the request addressed to both parties by resolution 31/49 of the United Nations General Assembly to expedite negotiations with a view to resolving the dispute.

At the same time, while rejecting the British proposal, he made clear the Argentine government's readiness to give careful consideration to any initiative leading to a favourable solution to the question of sovereignty.

The Argentine delegation took note of the British requirement that their respective governments should be informed, and agreed that this question should be examined in further negotiations at an early date."

Although the above was a joint statement, the Argentine authorities in Buenos Aires were not happy with it's content. The passage which they disagreed with is believed to be that which refers to the Argentine delegation "taking note of" the Falkland reaction to the Ridley proposals.

Falkland delegates to the talks, Adrian Monk and Stuart Wallace, arrived back in Stanley on Saturday 28th February and met with members of both councils over the weekend.

## Monk & Wallace

WHAT THEY HAD TO SAY BACK HOME

Mr Wallace and Mr Monk discussed the New York meetings in a programme which was broadcast over Falkland Radio on the 29th February. The discussion was chaired by Patrick Watts and others present were Harold Briley (BBC South American correspondent), Fred Gooch and Richard Budreaux (Associated Press), David Colville (Falkland Islands Times) and Graham Bound (Penguin News).

We print excerpts from the programme in this issue beginning on page 9.

# The Minto Trial

The trial of Leonard Minto opened in the Court and Council Chamber of the Town Hall, Stanley, on the 19th February. Mr Minto was charged with the murder of his wife Gladys on the 11th December 1980. A psychiatrist experienced in the field, a council for the prosecution and High Court Judge Sir Peter Watkin-Williams travelled to Stanley for the trial, which was the first of it's kind to take place in the Falklands for many years.

The all male jury consisted of messrs Stuart Booth (Foreman), Danny Borland, Pat Whitney, Bob Stewart, Laurie Butler, Ted Carey and Ian Stewart. All are residents of Stanley.

Council for the defence, Raymond Checkley, told the court that the defendant had not denied that he had killed his wife, but he pleaded that at the time he was suffering from such abnormality of mind that he could not be held responsible for a premeditated crime. He suggested that the jury should find Mr Minto guilty of manslaughter due to diminished responsibility.

The Crown's representative attempted to ascertain that the crime was premeditated and that the knife which had been used to kill Mrs Minto and severely injure the accused had been stolen specifically for that purpose. He suggested that Mr Minto's alleged loss of memory was a convenient fabrication and pointed out that it was strange that while he could remember other events of that morning in great detail, he had no recollection of going to his wife's house and committing the crime.

The accused man stated from the witness box that the first thing he remembered was "coming to" in the hospital. He did not recall taking the knife from the home of Mr Tommy Anderson and he said that on the 9th and 10th of that month he had been a very happy man, feeling physically fit and hopeful that he would soon be united with his wife. A court summons, due to his wife's reporting him on grounds of a breach of the court bond that he had been placed under, had come as a great blow. He broke down and wept on several occasions and told the court that he "would give anything to undo" the crime.

Psychiatrist Doctor Alfred Minto was called to the witness box to give his opinion of the mental state of the defendant, and he began by pointing out that despite their identical names, he was not related to Mr Minto in any way. Dr Minto examined the accused man on the 12th and 13th February and said that his general physical condition appeared to be good. However he stated that the defendant was "grossly abnormal at the time of the crime", and in his opinion he was suffering from a personality disorder of the psychopathic, aggressive type with chronic depressive features and alcoholism. The depression that he suffered from from time to time was of a very serious type and the alcoholism probably contributed to this. The psychiatrist thought that he had probably inherited his tendency to be irritable and angry, but in the last decade alcohol had worsened his condition. Dr Minto pointed out that it was possible that the accused man could have forgotten the crucial period between his presence in Tommy Anderson's home and his return to consciousness in the hospital. He said that the syndrome is known as selective amnesia. Dr Minto also felt that the killing could probably be attributed to the accused man's rapid decline from a state of euphoria to the depths of depression. He was, said the doctor, "consumed by anger" and he saw the court summons as the end of "a long series of insults". He could not be regarded as having formed any reasonable plan, said Doctor Minto, and in his opinion the accused should be committed to a hospital.

Judge Sir Peter Watkin-Williams summed up the case. He asked the jury to for-

get any opinions that they may have formed before the trial, and to base their judgement only on the evidence that they had heard in the court. He told them that if they believed that the man could not remember his actions and was not mentally responsible for his actions, then they should find him guilty of manslaughter on grounds of diminished responsibility. If, however, they believed that the crime was premeditated and that he had total recall, they should find him guilty of murder.

The seven men then retired to decide on their verdict. About fifteen minutes later they returned to the chamber and informed the court that they had found the accused man guilty of murder. The decision had been unanimous.

The Judge then passed sentence, saying that he had no choice but to sentence Mr Minto to life imprisonment. He added that the convicted man had the right of appeal.

The "PENGUIN NEWS" has been informed that it is almost certain that Leonard Minto will appeal against the sentence imposed on him. In any case he will soon be leaving for detention in England. The Falkland Islands Court of Appeal is there and the British Home Office has agreed that he can be imprisoned there. He will almost certainly receive psychiatric treatment in the United Kingdom.

The term "life imprisonment" does not normally mean literally that. On grounds of good behaviour a person can be released after less than ten years in jail.

## UK: New Immigration Law

Under the new nationality laws of the United Kingdom Falkland Islanders are to have no right of abode in that country.

This has in fact been the case for many years now, but many Islanders hoped that an exception to the rule would be made for such small colonies as the Falklands where virtually all of the inhabitants are of UK descent.

Falklanders do have the right of abode in the United Kingdom if they have a parent or grandparent who was born there. However many do not fall into this category and feel that they have been abandoned by the country which, even after several generations, they consider to be "home".

It was stressed by the Foreign Office that applications for citizenship would be given sympathetic consideration should an emergency arise.

## Hercules Arrives

A Lockheed "Hercules" transport aircraft of the Argentine Force arrived in Stanley recently.

(see photo on page 6)

## FIC: BIG CUTS

Mr David Britain, Managing Director of the Falkland Islands Company, the country's biggest foreign owned commercial concern, arrived here on the 4th February.

According to many reliable sources, Mr Britain is imposing strict budgets on all departments of the company, and the many cuts are expected to adversely effect such employee "perks" as overseas leave, and overtime work.

The economies have been deemed necessary due to the falling wool prices and company profits.

## IMMIGRANTS

The Falkland government's plans to obtain a small number of immigrants from St Helena have met with a large stumbling block in the form of Argentine official anger.

Commodore Carlos Cavandoli told the British Ambassador to Buenos Aires recently that his government was concerned at reports from various sources of migratory movements towards the Falklands.

ARGENTINA: Fuss Over Immigrants

Many Argentine newspapers appear to be disturbed that the potential immigrants may be black and are somewhat obsessed with the fact. There are very few black people in Argentina.

The PENGUIN NEWS has checked with the government here, and they have confirmed that the race of potential immigrants is not being taken into consideration, and providing they are suitable in other ways, they will be welcomed regardless of race.

Only four families are to be accepted for the present. Should this pilot scheme prove successful more families could follow at a later date.

**BBC MAN VISITS**

Harold Briley, correspondent for the BBC in South America spent ten days in the Falklands recently.

His is a familiar voice to most of the many listeners to the BBC World Service as he regularly contributes to "Radio Newsreel" and other programmes from his base in Buenos Aires and, frequently, from trouble spots all over the continent.

He told a PENGUIN NEWS reporter that he files a story most days, and will use material obtained here in several programmes including, he hopes, "The Merchant Navy Programme".

Mr Briley has taken his microphone and note book to some frighteningly violent areas of unrest such as El Salvador, Nicaragua and (during the revolution there) Iran. He has, he said, been sniped on several occasions.

HARBOUR DUES - USEFUL INCOME

The government are receiving quite large sums in harbour dues from visiting cruise ships. During the last month the "Enrico C" and "Federico C" paid £1160 and £1002 respectively for their one day visits.

**Gov. new houses**

Government has purchased four prefabricated houses from the English firm Wyseplan International, and efforts are being made to ensure shipment of the buildings by the forthcoming voyage of M.V. "AES".

Enquiries were made to similar concerns in several countries including the USA, Argentina and Chile. However, apparently, most replied that they were not able to handle such a small order.

The houses are to be erected by the Public Works Department but it may be necessary to contract certain parts of the project to local construction firms.

The four buildings are, it is believed, to be erected in the western area of Stanley in the neighbourhood known as Little Italy.

**PENGUIN SHIPPING**

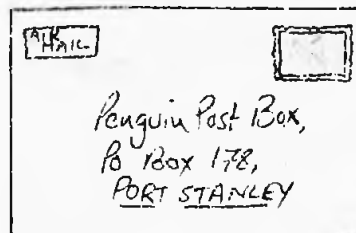
Managing Director and driving force behind the Falklands' first tourist shipping venture, Julian Fitter, left Stanley by LADE flight on the 25th February.

He hopes to raise sufficient capital here and in the UK to enable Penguin Shipping to recommence operations here next summer with its own ship.

The motor yacht "COPIOUS" which was chartered by the company this summer, departed on the 21st February on the long journey back to the UK.

Should any reader be interested in becoming a share holder, they should contact Mr Fitter at the following address:

Terrain,  
Green Lane,  
Stour Row,  
Shaftesbury,  
Dorset SP7 0QD,  
England.

**SPITFIRES**

4 The Mount,  
Aspley Guise,  
Milton Keynes,  
Bucks, ENGLAND.

Dear Mr Bound,

I am enclosing some photographic prints which may be of interest to your older readers.

In 1940 and 1941 I was a sergeant-pilot with an RAF fighter unit, No 92 (East India) Squadron based at Biggin Hill, Kent. We were equipped with sixteen Spitfire Mk 1B aircraft. The one I invariably flew bore the insignia QJ-R. QJ was the squadron identity code and R was the aircraft in B Flight allocated to me.

After I was shot down in N3285 the letters were transferred to its replacement X4616 which I continued to use. As you can see from the prints, both sides of the fuselage of X4616 bore the words "Falkland Islands" from which we presumed that the money for its purchase had been donated through the Falkland Islands Spitfire Fund. Several of our aircraft had inscriptions commemorating such similar generosity.

I flew 4616 for the last time on 3rd March 1941. It appears that the aircraft was lost in combat or damaged beyond repair towards the end of '41, for I see from my log book that QJ-R was allocated to a new air frame number in early April.

92 Squadron still exists and is based in Germany on one of the units involved in the defence of NATC.

The quality of the prints is poor for the originals have been in my photograph album for the past forty years. Thanks to the RAF Museum at Hendon I am able to pass these enlargements to you for keeping.

Yours sincerely,

Ralph Havercroft (Wing Commander, AFC RAF ret'd.)

EDITOR. Thank you very much for your letter and photographs, one of which we have reproduced on page 6. I am sure that all of our readers will find your letter fascinating.

Funds were raised for the war effort through several organisations, one of the most important of which was The Fellowship of the Bellows. The Fellowship apparently originated in the British community in Uruguay and Argentina, but money raised for the cause here was not put into a central pool of contributions from all of the countries. Donations from the Falklands were forwarded to the appropriate people in Britain separately. The principle of the Fellowship of the Bellows was that individuals agreed to pay a certain amount of money for every enemy plane that was shot down. The statistics were made known periodically and, presumably, someone went around collecting the amount due from members. Depending on the amount members contributed they attained certain ranks in the society.

In addition, and perhaps most importantly, the government of the Falklands contributed most, if not all, of their financial reserves. Organisations such as The Working Men's Social Club also donated large sums of money.

As a result of all this, ten Spitfires were paid for and donated to the RAF by the people of the Falklands (there were a little over two thousand of them). One of these planes, we now know, was flown by you.





Lockheed "Hercules" transport aircraft of the Argentine Air Force which recently made seven flights into Stanley Airport carrying prefabricated parts for the soon to be built LADE manager's house.



Spitfire X4616 of the RAF photographed in 1940 or 1941. This was one of ten Spitfires donated to the Air Force by the people of the Falklands. The pilot of the aircraft, Wing Commander Ralph Havercroft, is on the left of the group. See previous page for more details of the 'plane and it's pilot.

Stanley  
26th February 1981

Dear Editor,

Does the government have more money than sense? The question must be asked - do the public like their hard earned money, taken in tax by the government, to be squandered? This question arises from the fact that instead of the five houses promised we can now only have four due to the prefabricated type houses costing close to \$25,000 each. Well it doesn't stop there. The houses still have to be erected on sites which have to be prepared at a very conservative estimate of \$2,000 per site.

It is foolish when there is a traditional Falkland Islands builder here and also now a traditional British builder. Talking for myself, I offered, at the costing above, to save the government in the region of \$12,000 (yes, \$12,000) per unit. I am sure that the very capable body of Mr Bowles could also have saved the government a good few pounds on the costing.

Now you could say that this is sour grapes. But I felt and feel strongly that the cheapest and best houses are block houses traditionally built. This method would represent a saving of \$48,000, enough to perhaps build three more houses.

So, in conclusion, I feel that the question must be asked and we should have a public answer. Does the government have more money than sense?

Yours sincerely,

Brian Paul (Paul Enterprises).

EDITOR. A copy of your letter has been sent to the appropriate authorities and I hope to receive a reply soon.

## HMS Snipe

Bay View Cottage,  
Treberthick,  
Wadebridge,  
Cornwall, ENGLAND.

Dear Mr Bound,

I have just been lent two recent copies of "The Penguin News" which I have much enjoyed reading.

I have always retained my interest in the Falkland Islands since my visit there in HMS "SNIPE" from January to March 1948 when the ship berthed in Port Stanley in between her trips to the Antarctic. I shall always remember the hospitality we received in Port Stanley and also the great kindness of the Bonner family when the ship visited Port San Carlos.

I have an additional interest in the Islands as my wife is related to the Anson family and her great-grandfather was Governor Kerr.

In my old age (I am now over 70) I have revived my boyhood interest in stamp collecting, and I should be most pleased to hear from anyone who would like to correspond and exchange stamps. So far my Falkland Islands collection is limited to those I aquired during my visit in 1948!

With best wishes for the continued success of "The Penguin News".

Yours sincerely,

J.G. Forbes (Commander RN ret'd.)

EDITOR. You may be interested to know about the FI Study Group, who specialise in Falkland stamps and philatelic history. They produce a most

informative magazine called "The Upland Goose", and the secretary can be contacted at the following address: The News, Sandle Manor, Fordingbridge, Easts, SP6 1NT, England.

## Port News

SHIPS VISITING STANLEY & PORT  
WILLIAM DURING JANUARY 1981

date	name	net tons
1.1.81	"Linblad Explorer" (USA)	1041
2.1.81	"Awior" (Polish)	1010
3.1.81	"Kaszalot" (Polish)	1041
4.1.81	"Sejwal" (Polish)	1042
5.1.81	"World Discoverer" (German)	1617
6.1.81	"Nunaga" (USA, yacht)	15
13.1.81	"Tucawa" (Polish)	1069
16.1.81	"AES" (Danish)	323
17.1.81	"Linblad Explorer" (USA)	1041
21.1.81	"Enrico C" (Italian)	9564
23.1.81	"Shadow" (British, yacht)	8
28.1.81	"Zulawy" (Polish)	3800
29.1.81	"Bykoba" (Russian)	842
29.1.81	"Mustel" (Polish)	989
30.1.81	"Bahia B. Suceso" (Argentine)	1153
31.1.81	"Mors" (Polish)	1067

As usual, the majority of the ships which visited were Polish fishing vessels or those collecting the catch.

The automatic light on the east point of The Narrows (the entrance to Stanley Harbour) recently became the attention of vandals. The light is powered by a 12 volt battery and this was stolen from a metal box at the base of the light.

A new self-charging, battery operated light has just arrived to replace the old one on Mengary Point.

## editorial

With the failure of the talks in New York we are faced with the problem of deciding what to offer them (the British and the Argentines) next. The choice has been narrowed down, and of the Ridley proposals we are left with only one: lease back. There is, however, one other choice that was not offered in Mr Ridley's package. That is independence.

More and more people are now beginning to give the idea some consideration and we have seen the subject brought up at recent Council meetings and even at the negotiations in New York. It is certainly not as ridiculous as many people like to think. Although it would be difficult to get Argentina to support the idea, we could probably obtain considerable support from the United Nations. They have not backed us up in the past because we have said that we wish to remain a colony, and there is (rightly) precious little support for colonialism amongst the members of the UN. However most would have sympathy for a country which wished to break away from a colonial power and go it alone.

We have to have some offering to return to the talks with, as if the talks break down due to lack of initiative, then the outlook will not be good. The Argentine government have already suggested that their patience is running out, and we cannot expect them to remain friendly if they feel that diplomacy is not getting them anywhere.

So that this council (and they should be the ones to return to the talks) can know what the people want, there must be a referendum. It is not enough simply to sound out opinion in the rather slap-dash way this has been done in the past. Everyone must be certain, as we enter this crucial period of our history, whether the Falklanders want a deadlock, a lease back or independence.

## BIRTHS

To John & Diane Ferguson,  
a daughter, Andrea Elizabeth

To Alec & Rosita Betts,  
a daughter, Magaly Daisy

To Kenneth & Caroline  
Aldridge, a son, Stephen  
John.

## DEATHS

15.2.81 William Cantlie  
1.2.81 Nicholas Ivanov  
(a Russian seaman)

We offer our sincere sympathy to families and friends

## oil strike

Argentina recently announced an important petroleum discovery on the continental shelf, about 15 kilometres off the entrance to the Straits of Magellan.

Designated MFI 10X-1, the well is expected to produce large quantities of oil, but it could be some years before the production reaches this level.

The Falklands are part of the same shelf, and it has for a long time been thought that oil exploration around the Islands could prove profitable.

## Wallace & Monk cont'd from p. 1

The following are extracts from a discussion with Mr Monk and Mr Wallace.

Harold Briley: When you asked the Argentines what's in it for us, one of the things they offered was guaranteed democracy. Did anyone challenge them on that because they have no democracy in Argentina itself?

Stuart Wallace: I think that, in that regard, the important thing that they said was that the only thing they wanted was sovereignty. They also said that the details of any guarantees, with trust on both sides, could be worked out. In fact we did not go into any details at all of the practicalities of an arrangement like that.

Graham Bound: It sounds to me as if they are willing to let the British continue rule here. So do you think that they may be receptive to a suggestion of a lease back?

Stuart Wallace: I think they would consider any suggestion which, as they put it, took their wishes into account.

Harold Briley: What happens next? You said that there would be more talks, but has any one suggested what those talks would be about?

Stuart Wallace: My personal feeling is that we are left with two options: if we are to seriously consider going on negotiating then we have to come forward with a suggestion which includes ceding sovereignty under some form or another in return for certain guarantees. If we are not prepared to do that then we must go to the other option, and that is saying that we do not in any way want to compromise our sovereignty, therefore there is nothing we can negotiate.

Harold Briley: What about another option which we have not heard very much about, although some people in the Islands are talking about it, which is to go it alone for independence?

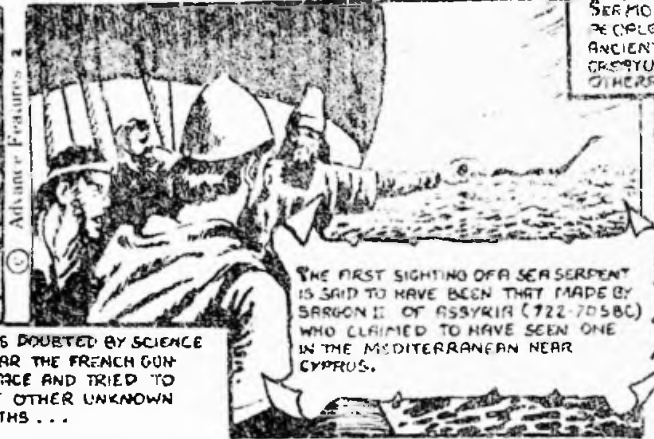
Stuart Wallace: Silly as that may seem at first thought, I think that now we have to consider that. We have to think about whether it is in fact a possibility. If it is a remote possibility perhaps we can take it further. I think now is the time for everyone here to sit down and reflect on what course the community should take.

Adrian Monk: I think what the British government is trying to do is to say "you stop with us and don't get on with your big neighbour and, frankly, you're headed for a very thin time."



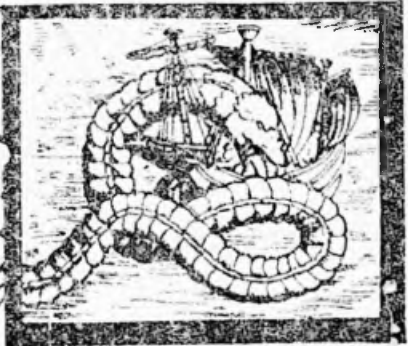


THE EXISTENCE OF THE GIANT SQUID WAS DOUBTED BY SCIENCE UNTIL AS RECENTLY AS 1861. IN THAT YEAR THE FRENCH GUNBOAT ALECTON FOUND ONE ON THE SURFACE AND TRIED TO CAPTURE IT. SOME ZOOLOGISTS BELIEVE OTHER UNKNOWN CREATURES MAY YET LURK IN THE DEPTHS...



THE FIRST SIGHTING OF A SEA SERPENT IS SAID TO HAVE BEEN THAT MADE BY SARCON II OF ASSYRIA (722-705 BC) WHO CLAIMED TO HAVE SEEN ONE IN THE MEDITERRANEAN NEAR CYPRUS.

SERMONSTERS AROUND IN THE MYTHOLOGY OF PEOPLES THROUGHOUT THE WORLD. MANY ANCIENT DRAWINGS EXIST PORTRAYING STRANGE CREATURES. MOST ARE PURE FANTASY - BUT OTHERS?



## MONK AND WALLACE Continued from page 9

**Harold Briley:** You spoke about them dangling carrots before you, but did they use any stick? Was there any threat of use of force if this dispute cannot be settled satisfactorily and peacefully?

**Stuart Wallace:** There was no overt threat of any sort. There was simply the implication that "you're being silly. You can't possibly go it alone when you are so far away from the country you regard as the mother country. Now, why not be reasonable and have an agreement with us". They did not at any time threaten the use of force. They talked about how much patience the Argentines have had with us and how any stability we have is due to their involvement here and the provision of certain services which have cost them money and political capital.

**Harold Briley:** Did the issue of immigration ever come up, because one of the reasons why the Argentines asked for these talks was apparently to protest about immigration schemes which had been reported. Did they talk about that?

**Stuart Wallace:** Adrian explained it to them. Initially we were talking about four families but he also made the point that we would, if we wished, arrange for other immigrants to arrive here. We felt that it had nothing at all to do with Argentina.

**Fred Gooch:** Stuart mentioned that the lease back seemed to be more favourably viewed by the Argentines. Afterwards did Mr Ridley, who came down here with that as his favourite theme, mention to you that that's our next step?

**Adrian Monk:** He very clearly said to us in New York that "you must decide what our next step is". He in no way pressured us at all. It is entirely up to us.

**Graham Bound:** Has your opinion of Mr Ridley changed at all, because you were rather outspoken prior to the talks. You spoke over Falkland Radio stating that You did not agree to any of the Ridley proposals and made it clear that you would not agree to any talks related to sovereignty with Argentina. You have changed your mind, I take it?

**Adrian Monk:** I don't see why you should assume that I have changed my mind. I said at the time that I personally would not agree to live in a rented house. I'd say it again.

**David Colville:** Did the Argentines say anything regarding their position on Southern Thule? They've recently opened a post office there.

**Stuart Wallace:** Mr Ridley protested about their presence there, but the Argentines did not respond.

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## Argentine ship ordered out

Falkland Islands Government Air Service pilot Eddie Anderson was flying in the area of Weddell Island on the 6th March, when he observed a ship at anchor in French Harbour. He brought his Beaver float 'plane down for a closer look at the vessel, and identified it as an oil rig maintenance ship.

The sighting was reported to Stanley, and a request was made for HMS "Endurance" to investigate the matter further. "Endurance" reached French Harbour early the following morning and a Spanish speaking officer was

lowered to the ship from one of the ice patrol vessel's two helicopters.

The mystery ship proved to be the "Yehuín". Based in Buenos Aires, the ship had been working in conjunction with the "Moskomi" oil rig off the coast of Tierra Del Fuego, and had been forced to abandon seismic work underway in the area of latitude 53°S, longitude 65°W. The Captain of "Yehuín" said that he was sheltering from south-westerly gales, and he was instructed by the Master of "Endurance" to leave the harbour as soon as weather permitted. Weddell Island Manager Bob Ferguson reported that the Argentine ship had left later that day.

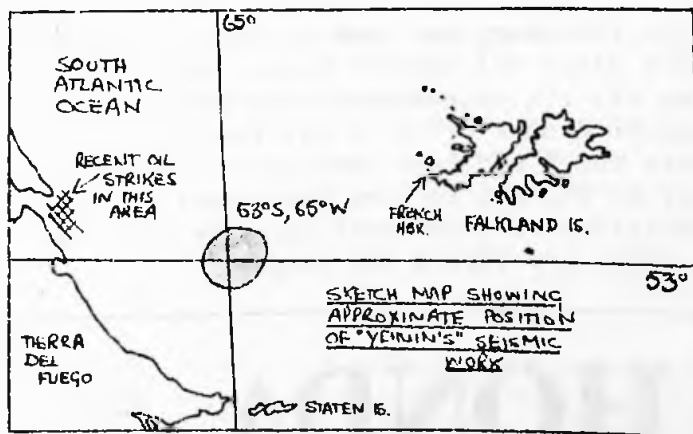
## FARMING: a bad year

Due largely to the world economic depression, the Falkland Islands wool industry has shown little profit so far this year.

With no significant recovery in sight, several of the larger farms owned by U.K. based companies are being sold, and the Falkland Islands Company are initiating severe cuts and money saving measures.

The sheep farming crisis is being felt most directly in the Islands in the form of redundancies. San Carlos recently made redundant its entire work force of single men, and one other farm may be taking a similar step soon. San Carlos has also been advertised for sale in the U.K., but many people doubt that buyers will come forward due to the economic climate in that country and the floundering wool industry here.

One of the most important farms on the West, Roy Cove, has been sold to the government by the owners Bertrand and Felton. Government plan to sub-divide the farm and sell the parcels to individuals. However they have made it known that the attractive purchase terms that were part of the Green Patch sub-division, will not be available for Roy Cove purchasers, and the parcels will be significantly more expensive. Although at the time of writing



there have been twelve enquiries from interested persons; there were many more than this when the Green Patch sections were publicised.

The Falkland government will begin to feel the teeth of the depression very soon, if they are not being gnawed already. With the large farming concerns making less and less money, the income from company tax will drop, as will revenue from individual income tax with more men being made redundant from the farms.

There is a spark of optimism however faint. The Secretary of the F.I. Sheep Owners Association told a PENGUIN NEWS reporter recently that the prices received in recent weeks for hogget wool (the best quality) have risen slightly. However he pointed out that the position cannot be assessed until the entire shipment has been sold.

The Falkland wool producers are not alone in their predicament, as Argentine and Chilean farmers are experiencing similar problems. One farmer who the Editor met when he was in Punta Arenas recently was seriously concerned as he had not been able to sell any of his wool. The usual buyers in Chile were simply not taking any more.

One of the principal weaknesses of the Falkland economy has always been its reliance on one industry. The dangers of this path are now being painfully illustrated, and the government will be striving more than ever before to introduce new industries.

## another oil strike

Argentine national oil company Y.P.F. recently announced that they had made a second major oil strike off the coast of Argentina, between Tierra Del Fuego and the Falklands.

Although the oil well is situated much nearer to Argentina than the Falklands, it shows that the petroleum deposits are spread over a much wider area than some people previously believed.

The discovery was made in cooperation with the giant oil concern Esso. The survey or oil rig maintenance ship which was discovered sheltering in Falkland waters on the 6th March had Esso employees on board, and it is thought to have been working with the drilling platform that recently made the strike off Tierra Del Fuego.

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## shooting on ship

Chilean businessman Sr. Maslov has made several purchases of live sheep from F.I. farms over the past two years.

He recently purchased another vessel more suited for the task (the ship has bow doors that can open onto a beach), and during the latter part of last year it was in Miami, Florida, undergoing a refit.

The landing craft type ship was ready to sail on 15th January, and a reception was held on board to celebrate the completion of work and the imminent departure.

But following the party the ship's cook was shot and badly injured. The Captain's explanation was that he had thought the cook was about to attack him, and had shot him with a flare pistol in self defense. The cook was taken by helicopter to a hospital for treatment which cost \$100,000 and lasted fifty days.

Following a long legal wrangle the ship eventually sailed on 10th March. It is expected to arrive in Stanley late in April, and will return to Punta Arenas with several items of heavy earth moving equipment which were sold some time ago to another Chilean businessman.

It is not known if the Master of the ship will be the one who was involved in the shooting.

## Minto leaves for U.K.

Leonard Minto, who was convicted of the murder of his wife Gladys, following a two day trial in February, left for detention in the United Kingdom aboard the R.R.S. "Bransfield" on 7th April.

Minto is almost certain to appeal against his sentence of life imprisonment, and this will be heard at the Falkland Islands Court of Appeal in London.

## YPF prices drop

In a surprise announcement from the Argentine oil company Y.P.F., which has a monopoly over the sale of petrol and kerosene in the Islands, the public learned that prices were to be reduced considerably as from 17th April.

The prices dropped sharply; petrol from 31p to 25p per litre, and kerosene from 19p to 15p per litre. These prices no doubt reflect the recent economic moves by the new Argentine minister and, in particular, a surprise 28% devaluation of the peso.

Ironically the Falkland Islands Company announced at approximately the same time that their retail price of diesel fuel would rise soon from 57p to 74p per gallon.

## HERE AND THERE

NEWS WHICH DOESN'T QUITE MAKE HEADLINES

### CINDY BUXTON AND ANNIE PRICE LEAVE

Wildlife cinematographer Cindy Buxton and her assistant and still photographer Annie Price left for the United Kingdom on 18th April.

The girls, who work for the Anglia Television subsidiary Survival, have spent the last two summers working on islands off the West, and will now spend several months editing the footage into four films for screening on T.V. all over Britain.

They hope to spend a large part of next summer filming in South Georgia, and expect to visit the Falklands again on their way back from the dependency.

### CENSUS RESULTS

Although the official report has not yet been published, the PENGUIN NEWS has been informed by the Legal Department that the population at the time of the census was 1813 persons plus 42 Royal Marines resident in the Islands for only one year.

Many other interesting figures were obtained from the census, and we will print these when they become available.

### NEW MAN IN KEY GOVERNMENT POST

Doug Morrison retired from the post of Assistant Chief Secretary on 16th April. Mr. Mor-

son joined the Civil Service from school as a messenger and served in many posts during his career. He will be settling in Scotland.

The new Deputy Chief Secretary is Phil Summers. Mr. Summers has also spent all of his working life with the government, and has spent the last few years in the Treasury.

### DARWIN ROAD: 12 KILOMETRES COMPLETED

Work ceased for the winter on the new Stanley to Darwin road during the second week in March.

Due to bad weather and other construction priorities, the P.A.T.A. gang has spent a very short season working on the road. Roads Superintendent Basil Morrison told the PENGUIN NEWS that he hopes to make up for this by recommencing work in mid-October.

To date twelve kilometres of the crushed metal, unsurfaced highway have been completed, and that represents approximately half of the distance between Stanley and Bluff Cove, the first settlement on the route.

Other smaller projects, such as an access road for the new L.A.D.E. house, and foundations for the projected government houses, will be undertaken by the Plant and Transport Authority during the winter months.

BUILDING PROJECTS GOING WELL

The projected School Hostel has long been a controversial subject, with the building taking years longer to complete than was originally forecast.

It now appears, however, that the building is nearing completion. A PENGUIN NEWS reporter visited the site recently and reported that the men are engaged in the final stages of the project. The building is now water tight, with all windows in place and the dining hall ceiling, which was suspected of being weak, has been replaced. Most of the bathroom fittings, wardrobes and other permanent fixtures have been installed and the car park and approach to the main entrance have been completed. At the time of writing the exterior of the building is receiving it's first coat of paint.

The pre-fabricated L.A.D.E. house is also almost ready for occupation. Not unlike a Swiss mountain chalet with it's steep corrugated roof and shuttered windows, the bungalow has a double garage and a very large open-plan dining and living area. It is anticipated that several more weeks of work are necessary before the L.A.D.E. chief and his family will be able to move into it.

The smaller government owned house which he will vacate will then be occupied by another L.A.D.E. employee based in Stanley.

# The Penguin post box

A HOME I WISH TO KEEP. The following is the transcript of a taped address by Alan Miller. The tape was sent to the F.I. Broadcasting Station, but Mr Miller was told that the contents were unsuitable for broadcast. The transcript was then forwarded to us and we are pleased to publish it here.

I do not make out to be anybody special; I am neither a councillor, land owner or even a share holder in any company. All I have is my wage and my home. Most important of all, I have my home - my home here in the Falkland Islands - and it is a home I wish to keep to suit my life.

Last Thursday evening I listened with great interest to a discussion programme on our radio about the future of the Falkland Islands Office in London. I was not just interested I was also somewhat angry at the band of "knockers" whose voices seem to hold so many ears in this country - knockers who spend their time knocking and decrying every single effort that is made by anyone to develop and protect the islands of ours.

It has been shown that the Falkland Islands Office in London and the people connected with it have already saved us from becoming Argentines without our knowledge.

FOREIGN OFFICE COURIER CONTROVERSY

A team of three inspectors spent some time in Stanley during February examining the functioning of Government House as a Foreign and Commonwealth Office post.

The most important result of this visit as far as most people are concerned, was the ruling that only F.C.O. staff and Royal Marine Officers should be permitted to carry the diplomatic mail between Stanley and the embassy in Buenos Aires.

Previously all civil servants above the rank of senior clerk were eligible for the courier's job, which now means a stay of up to a week in Buenos Aires once or twice a year.

As far as is known, local couriers and their mail bags have suffered no mishaps, and there does not appear to be any rational reason why this duty, which was looked upon by many as a desirable "perk" should not be carried out by Falkland Islanders.

It is almost certain that the civil servants will not take kindly to this move, and some will consider it insulting. To many there is a strong implication in the ruling that Islanders cannot be trusted.

(See letter and reply on page 11)

But it shames me that there are so many people living in these islands, their home, who cannot be bothered to put their hands in their pockets and pull out the price of less than two crates of beer or one crate of beer and a bottle of rum, weekly rations for some people. That is all that is asked as a contribution to an organisation independent of both the F.I. government and the U.K. government; a group of people whose sole aim is to help us keep these islands as we want them.

Perhaps some people here are suspicious of a U.K. people who spend their own money on our affairs, which is largely how the Falkland Islands Office has been maintained. These people spend their own money because they like to see justice in the world for oppressed peoples.

How can we, the ordinary people of these islands, expect people to help us if we do next to nothing to help ourselves. There is a saying God helps those who help themselves. Surely supporting the Falkland Islands Office with a mere £10 is something that we can do easily to help ourselves.

The British government must know that the F.I. Office is short of funds. If the British government can see that we have an office in London working on our behalf with our own money, surely they will take more notice of us and be more prepared to spend money to help us keep ourselves. How can you or I expect millions or even thousands of British pounds if we do not spend or invest a penny ourselves?

So my friends, I would like us all to pause and think for a moment about ourselves, and what steps we - the ordinary people - have taken to help us remain British. I know our councillors and some others have done a lot on our behalf, but here is a chance to show the world that we can help ourselves.

If my words have had any effect at all I would like to think that you will all come forward and dig into your pockets and pull out a little green £10 note or more if you feel that your Falkland Islands way of life means more to you. Having extracted that ten pounds I would suggest that you hand it to some responsible person on each farm and in Stanley, and ask them to forward that money either directly to the London office or to the Falkland Islands Committee in Stanley to be forwarded from there to London.

I am sure that you have all listened with keen interest to the happenings of the last few months, with the visit of the British minister, a couple of strongly worded speeches, a local election and the talks in New York. And just lately we hear of the Argentines complaining about our government importing some people - families from St Helena. Well I ask you! What a cheek! What business is it of Argentina whom we get to come and live here. It is obvious that they already consider these islands as good as theirs. This was also evident from the New York talks when they made it quite clear that they want one thing and one thing only - total sovereignty - and are not prepared to compromise one tiny little bit. I believe that it is high time we told them to get stuffed.

You must all now realise that the crunch is coming in the very near future; the crunch when one of two things can happen. Either we meekly bow our heads and give in to the pressure being put upon us to become a part of misguided Argentina, or (to use a kelper expression) we become just plain ignorant, and all stand together and say "hands off Argentina, these islands are British and ours".

If Britain sees us standing united I am quite sure that there are more than sufficient people in the U.K. who will force the British government to stand fully behind us. It will be tough going for a while but determination will win through. After all, we are the direct descendants of those who put the word great into Great Britain.

Our office in London needs our full support, so come on folks, dig into those pockets and STAY BRITISH.

ALAN MILLER



# UGLY BUGS

Dear Sir,

As a staunch supporter of government's stamp policy in the past, I was, like a number of people I have spoken to, horrified at the proposal to feature insect and spiders on the colony's next definitive set of stamps. You will probably quote me a dozen precedents in other countries, but I have to say that I have never seen a stamp with a "bug" as the central theme, and while I tolerate the less nasty ones as they effect our everyday life, I have no desire to be constantly reminded of their presence by seeing them on our stamps.

It is, I know, frowned upon and probably should be, to criticise without offering alternative suggestions. So may I make the following:-

1. If this is change for the sake of change and in the hope of a quick profit on the side, don't do it. Stick with the very attractive mail ships issue.
2. Have a set featuring a variety of our wildlife including an insect and a spider or two. Special issues have tended to favour one class of animal or bird in the past, and some of the more interesting and attractive ones have not had a "turn".
3. How about an issue featuring land, sea and air communications? Special issues on these subjects have suffered the same draw backs as in two above. Surely the Land-Rover has earned its place on a stamp, the motorcycle too. The hovercraft is history but she moved a lot of people and mail.
4. For the next issue adopt the reproduction of good, clear photographs for the design, as was done with the F.I. Dependencies issue which came out in May last year. This is one of the most attractive and authentic looking sets of stamps that I have ever seen, though artwork of the quality displayed in the mail ships issue is as close a rival as one could wish for.

If this letter doesn't provide you with many useable ideas then perhaps it will at least prompt some from other interested people who will support my disapproval of the proposed designs currently being advertised.

Yours faithfully, R.M. PITALUGA.

EDITOR. As definitive stamps have a way of being with us for about seven years, I agree with you that a more pleasant subject for the set should and could be found. By all means confine the insects and spiders to a short-lived small issue, but without doubt there are other subjects that would be more appealing to the majority of Falklanders that could be depicted on the forthcoming definitive set.

We would be delighted to print letters from other readers who may have an opinion that they wish to express on this matter.

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More letters on page 11. Letters printed in the PENGUIN NEWS do not necessarily reflect the opinion of the Editor and publisher. For economy of space some letters may have to be abridged (a practice common to most magazines throughout the world), but this avoided as much as possible. We look forward to hearing from you.

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STOP PRESS. Several hundred Stanley residents gathered on the lawns of Government House to be photographed by visiting journalist from the Daily Express on Saturday 25th April. The PENGUIN NEWS photographer was there as well, and our photograph of the event appear on page 14 of this issue.

Gibraltar Station,  
Port San Salvador,  
3rd April 1981.

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# Port News

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SHIPS WHICH ARRIVED IN STANLEY & PORT WILLIAM DURING  
FEBRUARY 1981

Date	Name	Nationality	Net tons	Coming from
2.2.81	"Sejwal"	Polish	1043	High Seas
3.2.81	"Daphne"	Greek	5149	Ushuaia
4.2.81	"Yefin Krisvosheev"	Russian	1147	High Seas
6.2.81	"Navarino"	Greek	8164	Ushuaia
9.2.81	"Jelcz II"	Polish	1160	Lagos
10.2.81	"Samos Storm"	Greek	2352	Walvis Bay
12.2.81	"Federico C"	Italian	12166	Ushuaia
12.2.81	"Pogoria"	Polish	41	Antarctic
13.2.81	"Kaszalot"	Polish	1041	High Seas
14.2.81	"Enrico C"	Italian	9564	Ushuaia
19.2.81	"Mors"	Polish	1067	High Seas
19.2.81	"Zulawy"	Polish	3800	High Seas
21.2.81	"Sejwal"	Polish	1043	High Seas
24.2.81	"Apatit"	Russian	2269	High Seas
24.2.81	"Bransfield"	British	1577	Montevideo
25.2.81	"Anastasia"	Greek	2560	Las Palmas
27.2.81	"Isla D. L. Estados"	Argentine	1256	Puerto Madryn
28.2.81	"Daphne"	Greek	5149	Ushuaia
28.2.81	"Plumleaf"	British	7416	Rio De Janeiro

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## Square rigger

The partly square rigged sailing ship "Pogoria", with a crew of Polish student mariners, arrived in Stanley Harbour on the 12th February. She must have sent a shiver up the spine of many an old salt who can remember the time, over sixty years ago, when such beautiful vessels regularly called at Stanley to or from the Horn. "Pogoria", however, is an almost brand new ship, and was built in the now troubled Gdansk shipyards in Poland.

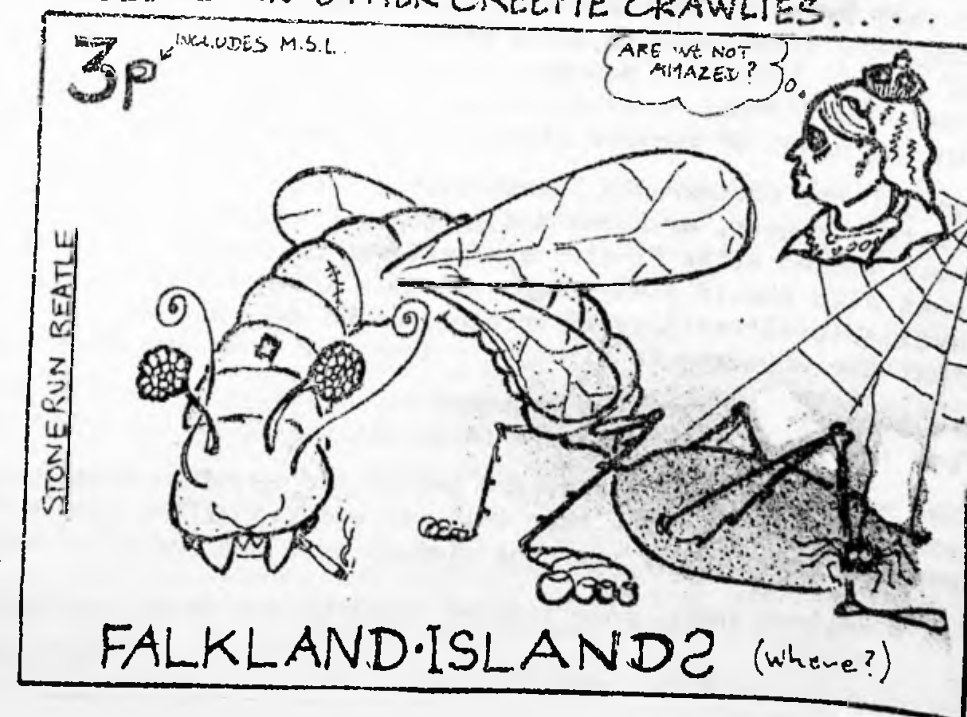
The three masted vessel was captained by Chris Baranovsky, a person familiar to many Islanders from his previous visit here some years ago.

Built of steel, "Pogoria's" modern origin is quite obvious. But the graceful lines of the old square riggers are delightfully evident. The nautical magazine Sea Breezes did point out one fault in the ships design; its "super-tanker" stern.

"Pogoria" stopped at Stanley en route from the Antarctic to Poland, and stayed for three days.

NEW DEFINITIVE STAMP ISSUE:

INSECTS AN' OTHER CREEPY CRAWLIES





## HISTORY

## more about FI Spitfires

Readers of our last issue will remember a letter from Wing Commander Havercroft APC RAF (ret'd) who piloted one of the ten Spitfire fighter 'planes donated to the R.A.F. by the people of the Falklands. In addition he has kindly supplied the following article which we are pleased to print here.

To amplify what I have already told you I have dug further into my log book and memory. I flew 4616 first on 1st November 1940 when I was with "B" flight of number 92 (East India) Squadron at Biggin Hill, Kent. The Battle of Britain died away as the autumn and winter weather set in. The Luftwaffe were unable to continue it's daylight offensive but stepped up the night bombing of cities. By day, however, the fighter squadrons of 11 group were still much bothered by Messerschmitt Me 109s, some of them carrying a single bomb which they would release indiscriminately around the Kent and Hampshire countryside. It involved us in a good deal of climbing, often through very deep cloud, and hurrying around above 30,000 feet looking for them. Because of the very short warning we would get of these incursions, we had frequently to resort to "standing patrols" over Kent in order to cut down the reaction time once the warning had been received.

In early January 1941 Fighter Command went over to the offensive. Three types of day fighter missions were undertaken:

- "Circus" operations - high, medium and close escorts to R.A.F. bombers attacking targets in Belgium and the Pas de Calais area.
- "Phubarbs" - low altitude front gun attacks by pairs of aircraft against targets such as trains, roads, canal traffic and airfields.
- "Jim Crows" - armed reconnaissance for intelligence gathering purposes.

I undertook four of the "Circus" operations in 4616, but although the Biggin Hill Wing (of which 92 Squadron was a part) were attacked by Me 109s, I did not get an opportunity to engage them. 4616 flew sixteen operational and three training flights in my hands. I flew here for the last time on 3rd March 1941. By 25th March the code letters QJ-R had been transferred to 4476, which I continued to fly throughout the spring and summer of 1941. From this evidence I presume that 4616 was lost or damaged somewhere between these two dates, possibly on one or other of the types of mission mentioned above, but in the hands of another pilot. I am unable to say who it was.

One of the photographs I sent you\* showed the ground crew of 4616. This included the fitter, rigger, armourer and instrument mechanic. The loving care with which those boys looked after "their" aircraft was outstanding. It was a matter of personal honour that 4616 should always be serviceable and ready to take its place in the squadrons available aircraft every morning, seven days a week. It was also a matter of honour that the squadron be airborne in less time than any other at Biggin Hill.

As you can see from the photographs, 4616 was in need of a coat of paint, but there were too few Spitfires available to permit her to be taken out of use for such a luxury. She was a good war horse, and served the squadron faithfully until the end, whatever it was. I like to think that 4616 was created by the people of the Falkland Islands as an expression of their wish for victory over the forces of evil.

On a lighter note, your readers might be amused by two anecdotes. The German fighters did

not always react to these "Circus" formations which crossed the channel on fine days, and it became pretty boring if no action resulted. I thought up two ideas to relieve the tedium. The Spitfire was equipped with a "flare chute". This was a single vertical tube about six inches in diameter, mounted just below the pilots seat, and intended for dropping a parachute flare for night landings. We unrolled a toilet roll and patiently printed along it's whole length "FÜR DER LUFTWAFFE UND DER FUHRER". We stuffed it in the flare chute of my Spitfire with a brick on top to help it on it's way. In the next "Circus" at about 25,000 feet I pulled the flare chute release and the roll fluttered away into France, to the chortles of my colleagues flying alongside.

We could generally rely on a hearty and accurate greeting from the German 88mm anti-aircraft guns, even up to higher than 30,000 feet. The ugly black puffs would spring up all around us, close enough sometimes to hear the detonation above the sound of the Rolls Royce Merlin engine. If an orange coloured burst arrived we knew we could expect the Me 109s to turn up shortly. We speculated that we might be able to make the German gunners keep their heads down. It was well known that empty beer bottles dropped from an altitude made a frightening sound as they fell. I loaded half a dozen into my flare chute, and next time the flak came up down went the beer bottles. The flak stopped for a time!

\*Ed:- We printed the photo referred to in the above article in our last issue.

## BROADCASTING

## A winner for FIBS

The Falkland Islands Broadcasting Station has improved it's image as an imaginative station serving the needs of the community, as well as gaining many new listeners, due to it's unpretentious little half hour programme, In The Potting Shed.

This humble sounding programme has received praise from all over the Islands both from the gardeners, for whom it is designed, and from people like the writer, who have very little interest in horticulture. The reason for The Potting Shed's success is the style of the two men who chat into a microphone in their matter-of-fact way for half an hour every Wednesday evening. Joe King, who is a keen amateur gardener, and Gen Williams, who has worked for many years on the large Government House estate, often seem to be talking about anything but gardening, and the regular anecdotes give the half hour much of it's charm. But the gardening information is there, and it is always passed on to the listener in the down to earth language of the Saturday afternoon amateur.

While In The Potting Shed has always been good and well produced, it now has a much more spontaneous feeling to it. Joe and Gen may be reading from a script, but if they are they know how to disguise the fact. Their witty little exchanges really do seem to be off the cuff.

In the Falklands, where the vegetable garden is such an important part of life, and the flower bed is giver of colour to a sometimes drab environment, the programme is useful as well as being superbly entertaining. From the last bar of the apt John Denver song which serves as an introduction, to the moment Joe King says "well Gen, I think I'd better be getting along to the Eastward", it is a local programme to be proud of.

I must admit that I had to suppress a laugh when the introducer of a folk music programme, taped in the United Kingdom but broadcast here, said "now, you said that you specialise in folk music of the Falkland Islands." My immediate reaction was "there isn't any

Falkland folk music". But the gentleman was introducing Rock Berntsen, an Islander born and bred who left the Falklands some years ago to settle in England, and when I had heard the half dozen or so songs that Rock sang I realised that I was mistaken. There is a tradition of folk music in the Falklands - but we have almost lost it.

Almost all of the songs that Rock sang on the programme were written by him, and most of them described the Falklands, the people or the way of life here. A few of them were very poignant, as one could tell from the words and tempo that they were written out of nostalgia and feeling for the Islands. That, of course, is what most good folk music is all about; human feelings. Other songs were quite intentionally hilariously funny, with a humour that only a kelper could really understand.

In short, they were songs of the Falklands, and it was good to hear them sung and played so well. But they brought home to me the realisation that through the emmigration of people like Rock Berntsen we have lost and are losing so much.

#### SPECIAL REPORT

The annual garden and home produce show took place in the Stanley Gymnasium on Saturday 7th March.

The show is always well attended, and this year's was no exception. It was pleasing to see even a group of tourists admiring the vegetables, flowers and home produced goods on show. However it did appear to me that there were not quite so many entries as usual, and the tables appeared to be not quite full.

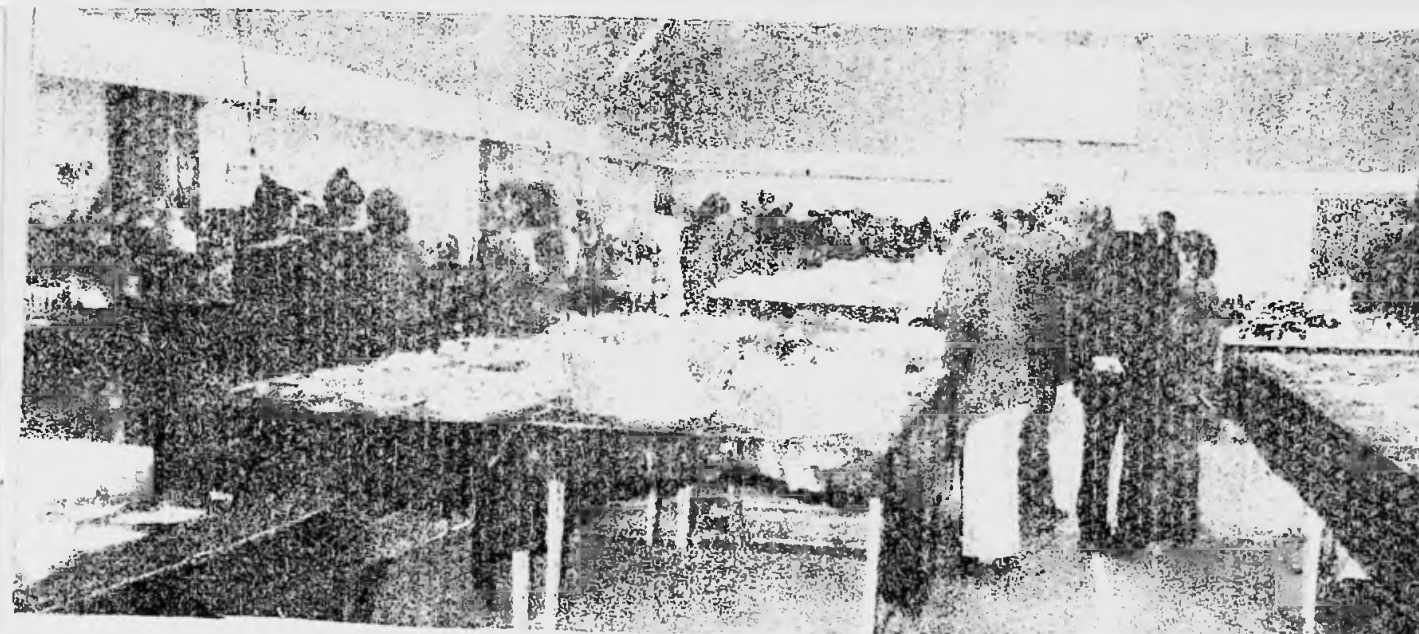
One of the most popular features of the Horticultural Show is the auction of entries that have been donated to the Horticultural Society. The auctioneer on this occasion was Neville Bennett, and he raised a useful amount of money from the good natured crowd of bidders.

The following were the major prize winners. There were, of course, many other prizes of £1.50, £1.00 and 50p; too many to mention here.

- Exhibitor with the most points over all the classes in the show: Miss BARBARA KING
- Exhibitor obtaining the most points in the vegetable classes: Mr. DAVE THOM
- Exhibitor of best collection of vegetables: Mrs. MARION BETTS
- Most outstanding exhibit in the potato classes: Mr. RAY HANSEN
- Most points in the home produce section: Miss BARBARA KING
- Most popular flower arrangement: 1st. Mrs. R. ROWLANDS; 2nd. Mrs. P. HALLIDAY; 3rd. Fr. MONAGHAN
- Most points in the flower section: Mrs. NANETTE KING
- Most points in the cookery section: Miss BARBARA KING
- Best working vegetable garden: 1st. Mr WILLIE FORD; 2nd. Mr. LEN MIDDLETON
- Best flower garden: 1st. Mrs. DAPHNE CLETHEROE; 2nd. Mrs. JEAN MORRISON

The King family dominated this show, and Barbara King in particular is to be congratulated. Conspicuous in their absence were entries from Rene Rowlands, a lady who normally has impressive entries in most sections of the show.

**MESSAGES** All good wishes for health and happiness to my daughter and son in law Betty and Derek Rozee, on their Silver Wedding Anniversary. Best wishes also from their two daughters Shirley and Phyllis and their families. From Mom and Bob in Scotland.



ABOVE: A general view of the Horticultural show in the Stanley Gymnasium. RIGHT: Joe King reporting on the show for In The Potting Shed. (See our article on page 9)

#### LETTERS (continued from page 6)

In a recent Friday evening news bulletin broadcast from the F.I. Broadcasting Station, the Editor of this magazine reported on the decision by Foreign Office inspectors that only Foreign Office employees and Royal Marine officers can carry the diplomatic mail between Stanley and the British Embassy in Buenos Aires. (See page 4 for full story). He stated that many civil servants who previously carried out the duty will be angered by this move.

Following the broadcast the following letter from the Governor of the Falklands was received by the Editor.

\* \* \*

Dear Mr Bound,

COURTIER

I heard your News Magazine on Friday evening and should like to put the record straight about the official courier service from Stanley to Buenos Aires. You were quite correct in stating that the Foreign and Commonwealth Office Inspectors told us during their recent visit that local couriers should no longer be used to carry the fortnightly diplomatic bag; but in doing so there was absolutely no question of "lack of trust" in or an "insult" to senior officials of the Falkland Islands Government. One of the standard F.C.O. regulations for the carrying of diplomatic bags throughout the world is that the



PHOTOS: G.L. BOUND

Government House,  
20th April 1981.



couriers must be U.K.-based officials. We have been fortunate in being able to ignore this regulation for as long as we have, and it was only a question of time before the inspectors brought us into line with the rest of the world.

Over the past year, only six local officials have availed themselves of the courier run, and while I sympathise with them for losing the chance of a trip to Buenos Aires on H.M.G. I have no grounds on which I could challenge the Inspectors' ruling.

Yours sincerely,

R.N. Hunt

**EDITOR.** Thank you for your explanation of the F.C.O move, but there are inconsistencies, and you underestimate the pride of the local people in assuming that it is the denial of further breaks in Buenos Aires "on H.M.G." for which they deserve sympathy. I am sure that in almost every case that it is the principal behind the F.C.O.'s ruling that has offended the officials concerned.

The most glaring of the inconsistencies in your explanation is the fact that Royal Marine officers are allowed to carry the bag. They are not, of course, Foreign and Commonwealth Office employees so should they not be banned along with the locals?

I also understand that Royal Marines are to accompany the couriers as guards. Why is this task not entrusted to the very capable Defence Force also. Of course the argument against this would be that they may have trouble getting time off from their regular jobs. But all employees here are entitled to local leave, and F.I.D.F. members may be willing to go on the courier run during their leave.

I have it on good authority that the F.C.O. tried to take a similar move some years ago but they were dissuaded by the then Governor. He convinced London that local employees were suitable for the job, as he knew them personally. It is hard to believe that the F.C.O. has been unaware of the status of the couriers here for so long. As far back as the sixties the diplomatic bag was carried by people who were not even government employees; the captains of R.M.S. "Darwin". I have a feeling that London has been content to allow local people to carry the bags until now. For some reason related to security or simple prejudice they have decided to put a stop to this employee "perk".

This matter is bound to be taken as an insult locally. Even if this is a rule applied world wide, it doesn't excuse it. There must be distrust or prejudice of all local employees in all F.C.O. bases. We should be asking ourselves what do our administrators have to hide from us.

The courier controversy brings up other questions. Why, for example, are locally born persons never employed at Government House in clerical positions? The stock answer, I suppose, is that G.H. is a Foreign Office post and must be manned by their people. But many of these secretarial jobs must demand no special training, and much money could be saved in this time of tightening belts by employing men or women here who would not require O.S.A.S. or expensive air passages every eighteen months. Again, this smells somewhat of mistrust or information that should not be available to Falklanders.

I would emphasise that I do not work for the government, and so my opinions cannot be considered "sour grapes".

# births

To Mr. and Mrs. COLIN BLYTH on 11th April, a daughter, Lesley Ann  
To Mr. and Mrs. ALISTAIR MARSH on 30th April, a daughter, Michelle Jane

# marriages

Fiona Sloggie and Peter Fairweather on 28th February in Sussex,  
Susan Betts and Ian Hansen on 11th April at Pebble Island.

# deaths

19.3.81 June Lee, in Stanley  
20.3.81 Enoch (Benie) Hirtle, in Buenos Aires  
5.3.81 Mally Galloway, in South Africa.

We offer our sincere sympathy to families and friends.

their passenger and freight carrying 'planes between Stanley and Comodoro Rivadavia for almost ten years now, recently altered their weekly schedule. It was announced that the Saturday F27 turbo-prop flight would be discontinued for the time being, and there would only be one F28 jet flight a week. This aircraft will arrive on Tuesday afternoon and depart the following day. The last F27 before the schedule changes left Stanley on Saturday 19th April.

It seems likely that the regular F27 flights will recommence in September or October, when the volume of passengers will again make the service worth while.

The L.A.D.E. alterations mean that a minimum of tourists will be visiting the Islands during the winter months. Even with the twice weekly service less tourists make the journey during the winter than in the summer, but this year it seems likely that the number will drop to almost zero.

# camp teachers meet

Meetings of camp teachers on the East and West now seem to be a regular feature in the education calendar, and this year the seminars were attended by Joan Bird, a visiting advisor from Brighton Polytechnic in England.

The first of these gatherings took place at North Arm on the 27th March, where Philip Hutton was host at his school. One of the discussions at this meeting concerned the problems of teaching a class that may be composed of children whose ages vary from six to nearly fifteen. Considerable difficulties are encountered in giving each child the attention he or she needs at a unique stage of development. Val and Rob Rutterford, representing Darwin School, showed how useful pre-recorded cassettes can be in coping with this problem.

The necessity of teaching the children about the environment through out door activities was discussed, and it was appreciated that outdoor games are an important part of the curriculum.

Similar aspects of education in the camp were discussed at the meeting for West teachers, which took place on 13th March at Fox Bay East. Grizelda Cockwell's school was the conference room on this occasion, and the teachers were also able to visit Dot Gordon's school at Fox Bay West.

at Fox Bay East, as at North Arm, all of the parents of children attending the schools were visited.

# LOCAL BOYS MAKE GOOD

Cable and Wireless have informed the PENGUIN NEWS that several of their locally employed staff are doing well with their technical training in the United Kingdom.

Charles Keenleyside, who is attending the company's advanced engineering course at Porthcurno in Cornwall, recently obtained passes with distinction in the following City and Guilds examinations: telecommunications principles, mathematics and basic microwave. He now qualifies for the full Telecommunication Technicians Certificate.

Greg Clarke and David McLeod are at the Cable and Wireless college in Porthcurno also, and results received so far indicate that they are academically in the top half of their class of sixteen students.

HERE AND THERE (CONT'D FROM PAGE 4)

# LADE schedule changes

Lineas Aereas Del Estado, who have flown



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## **STANLEY TURNS OUT**

A large percentage of the population of Stanley responded to the request by visiting Daily Express journalists for a community photograph, on Saturday 25th April. The crowd gathered at around 10.30 a.m. on the front lawn of Government House. Governor P.H. Hunt can be seen in the foreground of the above photograph.

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## UK WARNS OIL CO'S AWAY FROM FI AREA

The British government has warned international oil companies of the possible consequences from Britain should they cooperate with the Argentine petroleum company YPF in any search for oil or gas in the disputed seas between the Falkland Islands and Argentina.

The warning suggested that the UK government would take legal action against such companies, and notices to this effect were published in the Paris-based International Herald Tribune and other publications circulating in the petroleum business.

The British move was in response to Argentina's invitation for tenders to be submitted for research contracts in areas near the median line between the Islands and Argentina. The counter reaction from Argentina was swift, as expected, and they dismissed the British warning as irrelevant. They said that Argentina will continue to search in what the state-ment called that country's "territorial waters".

The giant oil organisations Shell and Esso have been working with YPF in areas closer to the continent for some time, and their efforts have resulted in several strikes in the area slightly to the east of the entrance to the Straits of Magellan.

## Cheers ENDURANCE

Falkland Islanders were shocked by the announcement from Government House on the 26th June that HMS "ENDURANCE" would be withdrawn from service following the 1981/82 southern summer.

The "ENDURANCE" has been the Royal Navy's only surface vessel to regularly patrol Antarctic and Falkland waters in recent years, but it's withdrawal has been deemed necessary due to extensive cuts in the UK's defence budget.

A message expressing serious concern and an appeal that the decision be reconsidered was quickly despatched to London from the FI government.

The Major in charge of the Marine detachment in the Falklands hopes that the withdrawing of "ENDURANCE" will result in more of the Navy's "grey funnel" warships visiting the Islands, and also said that the move will not greatly effect the work of the Marines in the Islands.

WHO, ME?! TRACY PECK, MAY QUEEN 1981. SEE PAGE 10.





## ARGENTINA: FURTHER DELAY INSUPPORTABLE

Argentine general L.F. Galtieri recently made a speech at that country's Army Day celebrations in which he suggested that progress at the negotiations over the future of the Falklands is too slow. According to the English language daily The Buenos Aires Herald, Sr Galtieri said that negotiations between Britain and Argentina had been going on so long that any further delay in handing over the Islands would be "insupportable".

He also said that Britain should not try to influence oil companies authorised by the Argentine government to explore in sections of the sea bed between the Falklands and Argentina.

## THE DEATH SHIP

Outrage was widespread in the Falklands at the recent disclosure of cruel conditions on the Chilean ship which recently transported sheep from the FIC farm Goose Green to Punta Arenas in Chile.

According to eyewitnesses, between 100 and 150 of the animals died on the approximately 7 hour journey between Goose Green and Stanley, from which port the ship, the "MARITZA ARLETTE", was cleared for departure by customs officials.

The sheep were loosely packed in some cases, and, according to the local vet Steve Whitley, this would mean that the sheep would be unable to remain on their feet in rough waters. In addition the surface on which the sheep were standing was steel, and this would further add to their discomfort.

According to one report which reached the PENGUIN NEWS, members of the crew simply waded into the pens as soon as one fell over, and threw it into the sea. The islander piloting the vessel told us that two animals floating away from the ship in Port William were moving their heads. Obviously they were not dead.

The sheep were probably on the ship for about four days, and bearing in mind that a large number died on the shortest stage of the journey in quite calm waters, the death toll by the time Punt Arenas was reached must have been staggering.

The sheep were kept around Goose Green for several days with little food and water while the final details of the business deal were ironed out.

The feeling seems to be prevalent here that, although the animals are exported for eventual slaughter, they should not be forced to suffer any more than is absolutely necessary.

The "Maritza Arlette" was also due to transport several items of heavy earth moving machinery which had been sold by the government to a Chilean businessman some time ago. A further trip is planned to embark the vehicles and more sheep.

A representative of an Argentine farming company arrived in Stanley recently with similar plans to purchase live sheep from Falkland farms. His company plans to utilise the Argentine navy's ship "ISLA DE LOS ESTADOS", which makes occasional calls at Stanley.

## SOUTH ATLANTIC TREATY

An important United States army general is to meet with officials from Argentina, South Africa, Uruguay, Brazil and several other countries soon in Buenos Aires. The purpose of the proposed meeting is to formulate the establishment of a South Atlantic treaty.

On similar lines to NATO, the organisation's chief purpose would be to oppose Soviet influence on both sides of the Atlantic Ocean, but a side effect may be that Argentina may gain considerable support for its standpoint on the Falklands issue from other member states.

Argentina's membership of another international body, the Non-aligned Countries group, could be attributed to the support that it gains there for its territorial beliefs. Argentine Foreign Minister, Hector Camilion, admitted recently that his country considers the organisation a good forum for the expression of its views on such matters as the Falklands. This, he said, was Argentina's main motive for membership.

## FIBS IN TROUBLE

The Transcription Service of the BBC, upon which the Falkland Islands Broadcasting Station relies heavily, is to cease (unless the move is blocked in Parliament) early in 1982.

At present FIBS broadcasting consists, in roughly equal parts of BBC transcriptions, locally produced programmes and BBC World Service programmes that are re-broadcast from the station. The latter category consists mainly of news and current affairs programmes.

The Broadcasting Officer, Patrick Watts, said that it will be very difficult to continue broadcasting to the same extent if the Transcription service is terminated. The BBC, too, are far from pleased about the matter which is a result of British government cuts in expenditure.

If the service is discontinued FIBS will no longer be able to put out such popular programmes as "Dateline", "Profile", "Rockline" and "The Men From the Ministry". "Calling The Falklands" will not be effected.

## POLITICS

### 20% budget

Dubbed "the 20% budget" by one Legislative Council member because many sources of revenue controlled by the government have risen by approximately that proportion, this year's recipe for financial survival will have widespread effects on Islanders.

The proposals were revealed on the 11th June by the Financial Secretary, Harold Rowlands, and while some small changes were made by Councillors behind closed doors, they were accepted to a great extent.

Some of the proposal that will readily affect Falklanders and others making use of government facilities:

Internal postage rates - up from 3p to 5p for a normal letter.

Family Allowances - see page 15 for details.

FIGAS - The boarding charge raised to £11.50 and the mileage fee up from 25p to 30p per mile. The rebate for residents is increased from 10p to 12p per mile. The maximum fare for a resident has also been raised from £20 to £25.

Vehicle tax - cars up from £2 to £10 per annum and motorbikes up from £2 to £4.

Telephones - All rates raised by 20%. Private now £25.30 yearly and business £60.

Customs Duties - All raised by 20%, meaning that beer is up 1/2p per can, spirits by 55p per bottle and cigarettes by 3p per packet.

Electricity - raised from 6.5p per unit to 8p.

Government house rental - raised by 20%

Harbour dues - raised by 20% (average sized trawlers paid £110 to £140 per day; they will now pay £132 to £168 per day).

Stanley rates - taxation on houses and land has not yet been revised, but almost certainly will be by Standing Finance Committee.

The Financial Secretary spoke generally about the economy of the country, and the following were his major points.

The economic outlook for the short term is not good, and he forecast that 1982/83 would be even more difficult than this financial year. But we should not be too pessimistic as there have been hard times due to low wool prices before, and we have always survived them.

Tourism is proving to be a useful supplement to the economy, and he said it can be expected to grow.

Other new sources of revenue are difficult to pinpoint, and he believes that even if we were able to go ahead with the exploitation of resources beneath the sea, revenue would take quite some time to emerge.

"Every possible source of revenue deserves exploring" said Mr Rowlands, and "in the meantime it is essential that all public expenditure is scrutinised carefully".

Not all members were content with every detail of the proposed budget, and had an opportunity to voice their doubts and disagreements.

TIM BLAKE (West Falkland). He found it difficult to see how ordinary expenditure could have jumped from £1,131,000 to £2,474,000 in about four years. He was disturbed at proposed FIGAS and postal increases as this would be an additional hardship for people living in remoter areas of the Islands.

TIM MILLER (Camp). Mr Miller was angered by the way the budget had apparently been arranged to a very great degree by Executive Council, which is a largely unelected

body. He described this as a "high-handed attitude", and said that he wished to know what plans had been cut. In his opinion the proposed rises in local postage rates was excessive. With regard to the relationship with Argentina, Mr Miller felt that the Communications Agreement should be negotiated so that LADE can be charged the appropriate airport landing fees. At present no charge is levied.

WILLY BOWLES (Stanley). He suggested that if the £38,000 allocated to the improvement of Stanley roads is spent by the end of the financial year, then the road taxes could be increased next year. Postal rates, he felt, should not rise as much as was proposed if there is to be no delivery service.

STUART WALLACE (Stanley). He felt that the proposed increases in government housing rents may be too low as the people occupying government houses are often contracted from overseas. These people are normally given considerable allowances to cover such expenses, and they can afford to pay realistic rents. He viewed the increase in postal rates as appropriate.

ADRIAN MONK (EAST FALKLAND). Mr Monk did not feel that it was imperative that the country have a balanced economy if it meant that essential items of expenditure were axed. If necessary the reserves should be used to pay for these. (Ed: The government has reserves of £640,000) He felt that the suggestion of the depopulation of the West due to the increased hardships to Islanders living in remoter area, which was mentioned by Mr Blake, was "a good old red herring that West Falkland members drag before us year after year". This council member spoke out very strongly against the proposed postal increases, pointing out that virtually no service is provided. Also opposed by Mr Monk were suggestions that all telephone rentals should be raised. Camp 'phones, he pointed out, were simply party lines and very often had to be maintained by the farms. The service in Stanley, however, is a different case, and quite a good system exists there. In Mr Monks opinion camp stations should provide their own air strip fire fighting equipment.

BILL GOSS (Stanley). The post of development Officer should be seriously considered and we should have some assurance that there is going to be development. He felt that it is not the first time that we have "had our backs against the wall", and he was sure that we would come out of it again. Mr Goss agreed with the proposed increase in postage rates

## GOVERNOR'S SPEECH

Governor R.M. Hunt opened the latest session of Legislative Council with a long speech covering many topics. In reporting this we have taken only the main points - to print it in it's entirety would be impossible in a magazine with such limited space.

“ THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT'S ATTITUDE TO THE ISLANDS. They want exactly the same thing for the Islands as the Islanders themselves want: peace and prosperity under British administration. There is no question of the British government forcing the Islanders into some agreement with the Argentines against their wishes.

THE BUDGET. The dead hand of the dispute hangs over everything we do or try to do, and the budget for this year must be seen in the context of the political wrangle. The state of the world economy has adversely effected the wool prices and severely hurt the economy of the Islands. A modest surplus of £5675 has been forecast for the next financial year thanks to drastic pruning of expenditure in all government departments. A £500,000 deficit had been forecast. If the economy had gone into the red we would have been forced to appeal for grant in aid from the United Kingdom. This would have meant that that country would dictate to us how money be raised and spent. In that way we would lose our right of self government.

LABOUR. The automatic cost of living bonus system is to be discontinued for the next few

year, as the economy cannot afford this. With decreasing wool prices and largely uncontrollable inflation, continued wage increases will result in unemployment.

GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS. The Public Works Department. This is the biggest spender and the work of the PWD is carried out by a small staff of five expatriate Englishmen, twenty-two other established officers and between sixty and seventy hourly paid workers. Twelve kilometres of the Darwin Road have now been laid by the department. Maintenance costs on other completed projects provided by British aid are very high due to below standard construction and poor design. Two serious problems are the upkeep of the airport access road and the clearance of drainage ditches at the airport. The Director of Public Works has said that the only real solution to the problem of Stanley roads is a complete rebuilding programme, and this would be a £3,000,000 project which is out of the question at the moment. The purchase of four new pre-fabricated houses has gone ahead and work will start on the erection of these soon. Present production of electricity is insufficient to provide for the demand that will exist in the near future, and a new generator is to be purchased to fulfill this need. The water treatment plant and network of mains pipes need urgent attention, as it is estimated that 68% of water is lost from the network into the ground. The buildings maintenance branch of the PWD has done well with several small projects accomplished. A concrete block making plant has been established.

The Medical Department. There was an almost complete change in top level staffing this year, and for most of the year the department was understaffed. A new X-ray machine was installed. The newly appointed doctors have increased the frequency of camp visits. It is hoped that operating theatre equipment promised by the European Development Fund will arrive this year, and it is expected that a new doctor will be appointed soon. The reduction of LADE flights has made it more difficult to send patients to Argentina for treatment, but assurance has been received that the Saturday flight will be resumed in September. We should be in a sorry state without the services of the dentist, who has served here for many years.

The Education Department. There has been a major change in management here, with most of the posts being filled by persons already resident in the Falklands. Generally the staffing level has been good. The Senior Master in the senior school, Jim Lellman, retired this year after many years of service. It is anticipated that the hostel for camp children resident in Stanley will be finished by 27th August, and children will be moved in as soon as possible after that. There is no doubt about the structural soundness of the building. There is a possibility that a modest sized swimming pool will be constructed at a later date within the hostel complex.

The Air Service. Some 580 passengers have been carried by the Islander aircraft since early March this year, and twelve airstrips have been licenced for it's use around the camp. A further two have been cleared for use and exempted from certain conditions of the licence. Most strips have stood up comparatively well to winter conditions. The two Beaver 'planes have carried over 2600 passengers since early March. If all goes well it is hoped to have all three 'planes in service for the summer season. FIGAS has a full compliment of pilots but is lacking ground staff. The service has now moved it's office to a more readily accessible site in the center of town. The acting Director of Civil Aviation is to undergo a training course in the United Kingdom soon.

The Posts and Telecommunications Department. The Philatelic Bureau is the main earner of revenue in this department, and sales of stamps this year are expected to have realised £205,000. They should raise £500,000 next year. This year five sets of commemorative stamps were issued, and another five are planned for the coming financial year. The stamp coordinating committee has recently lost one of it's principal members, Doug Morrison. A newly formed broadcasting committee with the task of organising programmes broadcast from the local station has recently been formed, and has met three times in the past six months. The extra winter broadcasting has meant that the station is on



the air for an extra ten hours a week. The time has come for a critical look at the cable rediffusion system around Stanley and the medium wave transmitter; both of which are getting old. An FM radio system that would be cheaper to maintain could be introduced. Most camp stations now have the AIL sets, which improve the radio telephone network. There are 482 holders of amateur 2 metre radio licences in the Islands.

Customs and Harbour Department. It is estimated that by the end of the financial year the department will have contributed over £300,000 in revenue from harbour dues and import duties. The source of harbour dues are the Polish fishing vessels, and we must be careful not to discourage these ships from calling by charging them too heavily. We should be able to offer more than just a haven for ships. It is still intended to build a new fuel and general cargo jetty in Stanley, and we are now close to an agreement with Argentina on this matter. It is hoped that the Argentine Air Force construction team will be able to make a start in the coming summer. The "FORREST" steamed some 3,000 miles during the year, and last October carried emergency aviation fuel from Punta Arenas. She returned there later for inspection and maintenance work, and the Admiralty fuel barge is present there for the same purpose. We could save much expense if we had slipping facilities in Stanley.

Police and Prisons. At no point during the year was the department fully staffed. It is expected that at any time now a senior officer will arrive from the UK to assist the Police Force.

Agriculture. A member of the council, Adrian Monk, will shortly be standing down to take up the post of Agricultural Officer. New rules concerning the control and eradication of Hydatidosis should be brought into effect on the 1st July. The response from persons interested in purchasing portions of Roy Cove has been good, and the successful candidates should be decided upon soon. Two new persons from the UK have been appointed to the Grasslands Trials Unit, and a new "Goose Officer" is about to be appointed. An area on the North side of the Camber is to be used for GTU experimental work.

We continue our coverage of the Legco meetings on page 13, where we detail the more important of the questions put to the administration and the answers that were provided.

## NATURE

This is the first of a series of articles written by John Peatfield, who is a keen amateur birdwatcher and a member of the Falkland Islands Trust.

# SPARROWS

When Graham asked me to start a regular nature feature I thought of all the interesting topics to begin with. Suddenly my thoughts turned to one of the least obvious candidates, but one no less interesting. So let's start with the House Sparrow.

According to most sources the House Sparrow arrived in Stanley in 1911, and then distributed itself very patchily around the Falklands. This is not that surprising as the House Sparrow is highly adapted to living with man, needing a reasonable level of human population and habitation for successful establishment.

This reliance on human settlement is well known, for instance on one island of the English coast, Hibre, the presence of House Sparrows is accurately coincident with human habitation. In times of settlement the House Sparrows quickly establish a breeding population, disappearing again when the settlement stops.

Large supermarkets may have a resident flock of Sparrows feeding inside the building, and

surviving very well on the spilt food. Even more amazing is the recorded presence of Sparrows in coal mines. Breeding has been recorded in this alien environment, the birds being sustained by scraps from miners meals.

So the relatively sparse population and settlement of the Falklands is a far from ideal House Sparrow habitat, only Stanley supporting a large population. The small but isolated groups found around the Islands have depended on introduction, possibly via boat, from this main population. The bird is quite sedentary and not likely to indulge in migrations to assist in distribution, unless along a chain of human habitation.

These small groups tend to become isolated, and new blood is unlikely to enter the group. It is even possible that the Falkland House Sparrow may become steadily different from their mainland relatives.

Largely unmolested by man, the Sparrows main predator to contend with is the cat. Peregrine Falcons and Red-backed Buzzards do not hunt in or around town or settlements to any great degree, so probably make no impact on the number of Sparrows. In fact the Falkland House Sparrow probably has a relatively quiet life. Not so their mainland counterparts.

Throughout their continental range in the Americas, Europe, Africa and Asia, the Sparrow has to be on the lookout for hawks and falcons well adapted to man's presence and hunting in the urban environment. The American, European and Asian Kestrels, Hobbies and related small falcons and the well named Sparrow Hawks prey heavily on urban populations of Sparrows.

The local Sparrows had a taste of this dangerous life over the past year with the arrival of two types of small bird of prey. Last autumn and winter a pair of American Kestrels (known as Cinnamon Kestrels) were seen in the Stanley area. One in particular hunted along Ross road between the "FORREST" and Moody Brook.

This small Falcon is an effective predator of small birds in open spaces, with its dashing, swooping flight, and it made the Sparrows distinctly edgy. However the ace hunters are the broad-winged, long tailed Hawks of the Accipiter family. Fierce, agile and strong, these Hawks are the masters of hunting in woodland, bush and even between buildings. Their approach is silent, low and cunning, using natural features to great advantage. Once close the Hawk accelerates, picks out a single individual and pursues relentlessly.

Over the past few weeks an immature Hawk, probably a Sharp-shinned Hawk, has been creating havoc amongst local Sparrows. Anne has seen it suddenly swoop into a hen run and attack the feeding Sparrows. When they fled into a Macrocarpa hedge the Hawk calmly walked in after them! Tony Chater watched, astounded, when the same bird chased a bird around and through a Macrocarpa in town. The exhausted Sparrow could not escape.

No doubt the House Sparrows hope that this bird finds his way back to the mainland and leaves them to contend with well fed cats. In the meantime the local bird scene is enlivened by a bold, fearless, yellow eyed "Sparrow" Hawk.

## MUSIC

# TOWN HALL CONCERT

The Town Hall in Stanley rang to the sound of voices and instruments for over two hours on the evenings of 26th and 27th May. No, it wasn't a dance or a film, but a variety concert, the sort of event that was at one time an almost annual event in Stanley. These days, however, such entertainments are rare indeed, and the novelty of the show was reflected in the number of people who packed themselves into the hall. In fact the audience was almost too big on the first night, and quite a number of people resorted

to standing or sitting on tables at the very back of the hall.

The music ranged in styles from traditional accordian and violin through folk and country to rock and roll. Having been involved in the concert, the Editor cannot comment very objectively on the performances of the many people involved. Suffice to say that the audience lapped up everything, applauding vigorously every song and act. Incidentally, the rock group that the Editor was a part of was named on the spur of the moment "The Penguin Noise". The pun was intentional!

The various groups and their musicians were the following: The Fighting Pig Band (rock) Peter King, Gerard Robson, Manfred Keenleyside and Simon Goss; Tony Chater and Les Lee (country folk); The Angus Jaffray Allstars (Accordian with backing) A.J., Gerard Robson, and Manfred Keenleyside; Elizabeth and Simon Goss and Graham Bound (folk); Rosita Betts (Chilean folk); The Penguin Noise (rock) Gerard Robson, Simon Goss, Peter King and Graham Bound; Agatha Christie (rock and country) Alec Betts, Peter King and Gerard Robson; Lellman's Illustrious Lollipop Band (accordian and violin) Jim Lellman, Owen McPhee, Gerard Robson and Peter King.

The show relied heavily on a number of backstage helpers who carried out such vital tasks as operating curtains and selling tickets.

In all it was an unashamedly amateur but most successful production. How about another one next winter?

## OIL - JUST WHERE IS IT?

With so much talk of oil (the pros and cons of its exploitation, who should exploit it anyway, is it really there, and so on ...) the PENGUIN NEWS thought that this would be an appropriate time to look at the matter in some detail. Not being geologists and having only vague memories of 'O'level physical geography, we immediately consulted the Encyclopaedia Britannica and that "Bible" of Falkland development, The Shackleton Report.

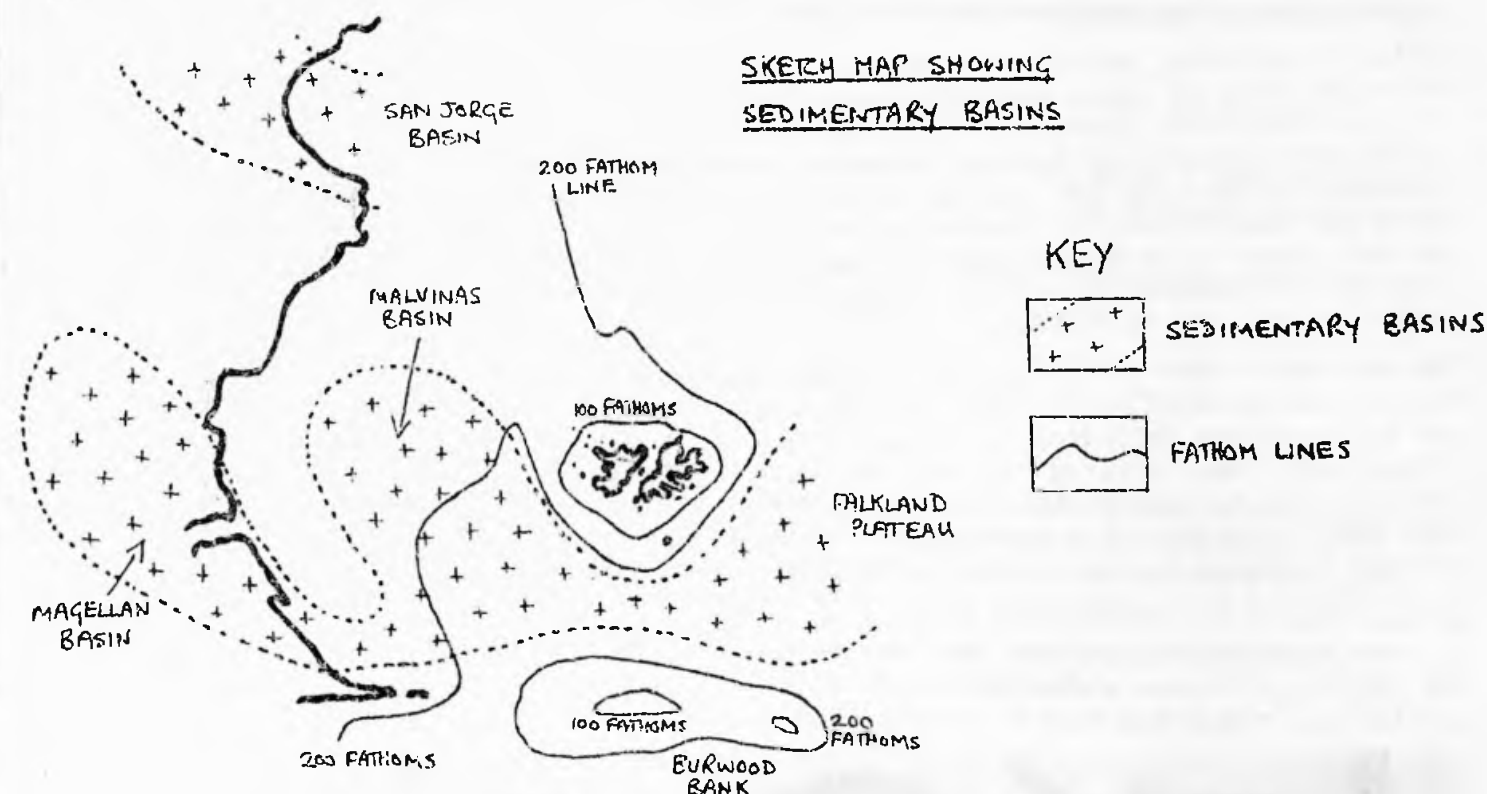
Shackleton's chapter on the possible exploitation of petroleum and gas around the Falklands is something of a digest of the results of the few very limited exploratory operations that have been carried out over the past decade or so, and the several experts involved produced a very concise and objective examination of the possibilities in this area.

Oil and gas are found in sedimentary basins, or in other words in depressions of rock formed over millions of years by the depositing of layers of rock and mineral particles and dead marine creatures on the sea bed. These layers are transformed by pressure and chemical reaction into solid rock, and are then distorted by forces inside the earth's crust into mountain ranges and basins. Given the correct conditions hydrocarbon deposits can form in the latter.

It is these sedimentary basins that concern us, as they exist in the South Atlantic area not far from the Falklands. According to Shackleton, the potential areas of deposits are the Malvinas Basin (the official name of the area that lies between the Islands and the South American continent), Burwood Bank and the Falkland Plateau. The San Jorge Basin, further away to the north west has already been proven to contain considerable deposits on land, but this is far too distant to have any relevance to the Falklands. In any case, drilling offshore there from 1968 to 1971 revealed that the possibilities other than on land are very limited.

The Malvinas Basin is thought by many to be an extension of the Magellan Basin, a sedimentary block which extends well into Patagonia and Tierra del Fuego, and which already yields oil and gas to Chile and Argentina. As can be seen on our sketch map, it is believed to narrow to a ribbon just north of Staten Island before sweeping north and covering much

of the area between the Falklands and South America. Research by YPF seems to have confirmed this theory. Of all the sedimentary areas near the Islands, the Malvinas Basin is likely to be the one which first receives the attention of the oil companies. The sediment is deep and may be as thick as 3.5 kilometres, this being a good sign for the geologists. Sedimentary rock beneath the North Sea is of a similar thickness. Unfortunately the rock bed appears to become thinner near the Falklands and Burwood Bank, possibly tapering out to only 0.7 kilometres. Ironically it would appear that the sedimentary rock is thickest, and therefore most promising, around the median line between the Falklands and Argentina.



The other two areas of possible petroleum deposits, Burwood Bank and the Falkland Plateau to the south and east of the Islands, give the experts much less reason for optimism. Very little research has been conducted in the Burwood Bank area but what has been done indicates nothing of any great interest. As mentioned earlier, the thickness of rock is not very great there. As far as the Falkland Plateau is concerned, the American vessel "GLOMAR CHALLENGER" has made several drillings into the rock below the surface there, and the results together with other seismic work carried out seem to indicate the presence of immature hydrocarbons in younger sedimentary rock which would be of no commercial use. In addition the rock in this area is thought to be only about one kilometre thick; insufficient depth to contain sizeable deposits of any sort. Shackleton stresses, however, that no conclusion can be arrived at until a more detailed survey of the area is carried out.

There is one other factor that must be considered when considering the petroleum question. That is what is known as hard rock capping, or in layman's terms simply a layer of hard rock through which oil and gas cannot escape. It is, as it were, the bottle-top that keeps it all in. The evidence suggests that this layer exists in the Malvinas Basin, and this gives further basis for optimism.

So it would appear that the sedimentary basin with the most potential lies between the Falklands and Argentina; an area which is still disputed by Britain and that country. However should the dispute be solved and the green light given for exploratory drilling,



the ocean and climatic conditions should not prove too much of a problem for the rigs. This area of ocean has a worse reputation than it deserves, and it is estimated that wave heights in excess of three metres exist in the area of West Falkland for only 15 to 30% of the time. If anything this is less severe than conditions in the North Sea, and the surface is quickly flattened out due to the action of the Falkland current moving north. There is virtually no risk of ice beres other than in exceptionally cold winters, when they could possibly drift up from the Antarctic seas.

The technology has already been developed for ocean drilling, thanks largely to the effort of the British in the North Sea. This knowledge and equipment would be readily available to any company drilling off the Falklands.

That, if anything, would come shooting up the drill pipes when the rigs eventually penetrate the kilometres of ocean and rock strata somewhere between the Falklands and the continent. The Magellan Basin produces a large proportion of gas, and assuming that the Malvinas Basin is an extension of this, it is quite possible that the quantity of gas here could be similar. If that is the case it might pose a serious problem. It costs a great deal of money to liquefy gas for transport, and there is no large ready market for the fuel. It may well have to be simply burnt off at the drilling rig as was done in the North Sea until recently. Petroleum of a good grade, however, would be greeted with rejoicing by most. Marketing that is no problem.

The one thing that we can say for certain regarding hydrocarbons around the Falklands is that we can be sure of nothing. A tremendous amount of research would have to be carried out to determine definitely if oil, gas or both are present. At least two years of further seismic work and drilling with no less than five rigs would then be necessary to determine the approximate size of the fields. It should be remembered that even the Argentines, who have been carrying out a good deal of exploratory work off the coast of Tierra del Fuego and the entrance to the Straits of Magellan, have not touched on the Malvinas Basin.

To say that the Falklands are sitting on a fortune in oil, as some journalists have, would be pure speculation, but the evidence gathered so far is teasing and beckoning to say the least. With our modern civilization's addiction to oil it cannot be long before the politicians are pressed to a solution and the search begins in earnest.



**THE MAY BALL 1981** The May Ball, organised jointly by the Girls and Boys Brigades, is probably the most important social event of the year. Girls from Stanley and the camp

look their prettiest in the hope that they will be crowned "May Queen". This year the title was awarded to Tracy Peck. The runner-up was her sister Christine! This is believed to be the first time that two sisters have won the titles in the same year.

Father Terry looks justifiably proud in our photo on page 10.

#### CONTACTS

Letters from the following people who would like to have penfriends in the Falklands arrived on the Editor's desk recently. Perhaps you would like to get in touch with them.

\* \* \*  
Mr. LADISLAV NOVOTNY, Hradcany 84, 28905, Zehun, Czechoslovakia. This gentleman collects stamps and has a general interest in the Islands.  
Mr. A. SIMPSON, 151 Prince Albert Street, Ottawa, Canada, K1K 1Z8. Also a philatelist.  
Mr. B. GILBERT, 19931 Kingston Drive, Miami, Florida 33157, USA. Mr Gilbert is fifteen years of age.  
Mr J. REUTHER, DDR Ehrenfriedersdorf, Schillerstrasse 59, German Democratic Republic (East Germany). Mr Reuther is a collector of postcards.

#### LETTER FROM LONDON

by Jackie Rathbone

## GREEN FINGERS

The "Green revolution" has slowly invaded London households, in the shape of hanging, creeping and flowering indoor plants. For those who have inherited green fingers nothing could be simpler than watering, pruning and fertilising; but for the more unfortunate nature destroyer the tasks become his weapons of destruction.

So for these people who flood their plant pots, over enrichen their soil with potent fertilisers, and who, by pruning, leave a stump of a stem, there is a cure - for them that is; not for the poor mangled stem sitting limply in its bright red pot.

The "perfect plant" has just made its appearance on the British market. It was designed by a couple of well-meaning Swedes who suffer from that terrible disease (which many of us also suffer from), namely "The dreaded "green plant extermination virus". They now have a remedy for this. Strangely enough though, the "medicine" comes in one of those red plastic flower pots with soil in it. And, even moresurprising, it actually bears a plant!

What is more unbelievable still is that this lovely, leafy plant requires nothing more than an occasional dusting. And to top it all, the Swedes vow it will last up to ten years without water, fertilisers and certainly, no pruning.

Couldn't very well go wrong there... unless they've pulled a fast one on us poor plant purchasers and are in fact selling us what amounts to a plastic version of nature in a pot.

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(Editor: Congratulations on your coming marriage, Jackie)

PHOTOS: G.L. BOUND

## A new anthem?

A member of the PENGUIN NEWS staff heard the following song sung by the dance band at a recent hop in the Town Hall. Sung to the tune of Woddy Guthrie's "This Land is Your Land", and with many of his words still intact, it goes:

(Chorus) This land is your land, this land is my land // From the Pembroke Lighthouse



to the Jason Islands, // From the Eddystone Rock to Beauchene Island, // This land belongs to you and me.

As I was walking the Darwin Highway // I saw above me Usherne Mountain, // I saw below me Lively Island, // This land belongs to you and me.

I've roamed and rambled by the Warrab River // And I've listened to her trickling waters, // While all around me the mountains were singing // This land belongs to you and me.

Polish Fishermen are selling increasingly large quantities of goods around Stanley...

## legco: questions

One of the most interesting stages in any Legco meeting is the time allotted for spoken and written questions that are put to the administration by members. Now follow some of the more notable of those from the latest meetings.

STUART WALLACE (Stanley West). Can the Chief Secretary confirm that LADE will be paying a tax from extra activities? (Editor: there has been some concern recently that LADE are moving into areas of business that have been the domain of local firms - for example the sale of international air tickets).

DICK BAKER (Chief Secretary). I cannot at this moment confirm that. What I can say is that LADE have offered to pay taxes to the Falkland Islands government. The problem at the moment is how exactly they would be assessed.

STUART WALLACE. Would the Chief Secretary please take on board that this sort of occurrence could happen in many other fields, for example tourism? This has caused a great deal of concern to local traders.

DICK BAKER. Sir, I have been made somewhat forcibly aware of the amount of concern on the part of local traders and, indeed, of the populace generally.

WILLY BOWLES (Stanley). Allowing for adverse weather conditions, what distances of completed road (Editor: The Darwin road) are forecast for each of the next five years?

DICK BAKER. The planned progress of the road is as follows: 1979 4 kilometres, 1980 4.5 kilometres, 1981 3.7 kilometres, 1982 8 kilometres, 1983 14.8 kilometres, 1984 15 kilometres, 1985 38 kilometres. This makes a total of 88 kilometres.

STUART WALLACE. What is the situation regarding the possibility of the Argentine Air Force constructing a jetty in Stanley?

DICK BAKER. Under the provision of the 1974 agreement concerning the supply and marketing of Argentine petroleum based products, the construction of a jetty in Stanley to handle such products and general cargo is planned. An agreement covering the construction, maintenance and operation of this jetty is now being negotiated, and under this it is intended that the Argentine Air Force should build it.

STUART WALLACE. Could the Chief Secretary indicate who will control this and who will



work it?

DICK BAKER. These points are at present under discussion, but it is of course intended that we should have the relevant measure of control.

STUART WALLACE. What plans, apart from those concerning FIGAS pilots, do the administration have for continuing the policy of making overseas training courses available for certain categories of staff?

DICK BAKER. The administration have important plans for the continuation of these. We have two persons involved in aircraft engineering courses in Scotland. The senior clerk in the Philatelic Bureau has just left to begin a course in philatelic bureau management. Later in the year another officer will be undergoing a course in radiography and related subjects. Applications are currently under consideration in London for the Acting Director of Civil Aviation to undergo a specially arranged course in civil aviation administration. Arrangements are in hand for the Senior Carpenter to undergo a course which should suit him for wider and more senior responsibilities in the PWD. Plans are being considered for the possible further training overseas of some apprentices. There is the possibility that more police officers may receive training in the UK. It now costs over £23,000 to train one of our pilots, and allocation of funds from the UK is stringently controlled.

STUART WALLACE. When will the school hostel be finished?

DICK BAKER. It is scheduled to be completed and handed over to the government on the 27th August this year. Current progress indicates that the building is likely to be completed by that date.

TIM MILLER (East Falkland camp). Will the administration provide, at least to Council, a map showing the theoretical dividing line between Argentine and Falkland waters, and the blocks of sea bed that have been leased out by Argentina for oil exploration, and also those blocks that are proposed for lease?

DICK BAKER. An accurate map giving the information requested is not available here, but the Foreign and Commonwealth Office has been asked to provide this, and copies will be distributed to members as soon as this arrives.

TIM MILLER. How many tourists have visited the Islands by sea in the past twelve months?

DICK BAKER. 4,637 tourists visited in that time by sea.

TIM MILLER. Is Britain entitled to evict, by force if necessary, the illegal Argentine settlement on Southern Thule island?

DICK BAKER. Southern Thule is British territory, and the British government has protested repeatedly to the Argentines about their illegal presence there. However international law and the UN charter require disputes to be settled by peaceful means and not by force. The United Kingdom believes firmly in this principle.

TIM MILLER. What response has been received from the UK government to the motion passed by this council in January requesting that Falkland Islanders be given the right of abode in the United Kingdom as British citizens under the new nationality act?

DICK BAKER. The response received was as follows: "HMG have taken note of the motion, but consider that it would be invidious to exempt any particular dependent territory from the proposed citizenship provisions." If the bill is passed as it stands, those Islanders who do not have the right of abode in the United Kingdom will become citizens of the British Dependent Territories.

TIM MILLER. What oil companies have applied to the Foreign and Commonwealth Office for prospecting and drilling rights in waters around the Falklands, and on our side of the median line between the Islands and Argentina?

DICK BAKER. Some small companies have shown interest in exploring the Falklands' conti-

mental shelf, but none have yet submitted an application that the UK government could accept.

STUART WALLACE. With the possibility of there being unemployment in the Falklands, it is perhaps not a suitable time to be recruiting immigrants from St Helena. Do you agree that in the circumstances we should consider informing the St Helena government that we do not now wish to proceed with the plan?

DICK BAKER. I take the honourable members point. We are taking a long hard look at it and will be in contact with the Governor of St Helena very shortly.

## MOTIONS PASSED

Several proposed changes in legislation were passed by Legislative Council, and one or two other motions which were proposed and carried will have effects on people living in the Falklands.

The Road Traffic Ordinance amendment requires that, will enable the Governor in council to make regulations requiring the use of crash helmets of a certain standard by motorcyclists

Another amendment to the Road Traffic Ordinance changed the speed limits on roads within and outside of Stanley. Drivers inside the town boundary will be limited to a speed of 25 miles per hour and outside to a speed of 50 miles per hour.

A change in the Family Allowances legislation means that parents with two children will receive £3.50 per month for each child in government assistance. Parents with more than two children will receive £7.00 per child with the exception of the first two born. They will each receive £3.50. These figures represent increases of 50p and £1.00 respectively.

Amendments to the Old Age Pensions Act will mean that a single pensioner will receive £13 per week (£11 was the previous allowance), and a married couple will receive £19.50 (an increase of £3). Contributions from wage earners will rise accordingly.

At an early stage of the Legco meetings a motion was unanimously passed to invite the Queen to attend the celebrations that will take place to mark the 150th year of continuous British rule, that will be held in 1983. A message was dispatched the following day to Buckingham Palace. (see our article on page 16)

As mentioned earlier, we cannot claim to have covered the meetings in every detail. A large proportion of the proceedings were formalities and, in any case the PENGUIN NEWS is severely limited by lack of pages. We would have liked to quote extensively some of the speeches of members, but this was simply not possible. We have, of course, endeavoured to record the most important and interesting aspects of the proceedings.

## EDITORIAL

The Clean Up Stanley Campaign is a great idea and is long overdue. Stanley could be - indeed was - an attractive little city, and if a big effort is made it will result in a much more pleasant environment for everyone. Just one thing: the government should remember that some of their property is in need of a little "dishing up". The grass verges to the roads and the several large expanses of grass, such as Victory Green and front of the Secretariat should have priority. If the campaign is successful, then why not extend it to the area around Stanley. Messrs Johnson Construction did not bother to restore the land to its natural state after their bull-dozer had ravaged it; one only has to look at the airport road to appreciate that, and this would be a good project to kick off with.

Few residents of Stanley can be unaware of the several people who are currently making the rounds of Stanley asking the residents for their opinions of Nicholas Ridley's suggestion of "lease-back" as a solution to the political problem.

They are apparently compiling a survey that will be presented to the authorities to support their opposition to Ridley's idea. I was asked if I would like to place my name beneath those of others who oppose lease-back or in the section reserved for those who are in favour of it. If I did not wish to place my name in either section I was told that I would be listed as "sitting on the fence". I felt that I could not be listed as supporting lease-back, as I do not think that it is a good idea. But neither could I place my name in the other section, as to do so would suggest that I am completely satisfied with the colonial system and that I desire a deadlock. I believe, of course, that it is wrong, though practical at the moment, that Falklanders should suffer the humiliation of being dictated to by Britain - a country which will not even allow the majority of us to live within its borders. I think we should aspire to greater things, free of both Argentine and British domination.

And so the well-meaning lady on my door step put me down as "sitting on the fence"; an unfortunate turn of phrase as it suggests that one is waiting to see which side will be the best to jump down into. It may also suggest that one is for lease-back but hesitant to say so, or simply too weak minded to make a decision of any sort.

So I hope that the results of this unofficial survey will not be taken too seriously. Instead let us have a well conducted referendum which would permit Islanders to express any shade of opinion that they may have. Some of the options could be maintenance of the status quo, lease-back, independence or limited independence with some British rule maintained. The government should base their policy on the opinion of the majority.

Despite the Editor's personal view, the PENGUIN NEWS will be pleased to print letters from readers expressing any political opinion - space permitting, of course.

## HERE AND THERE

NEWS THAT DOESN'T QUITE MAKE HEADLINES

**ELECTIONS** The Governor, sitting as president of the Legislative Council, announced that following the completion of the session then in progress the Council would be dissolved.

Falklanders will go to the poles on 29th September and 14th October.

The announcement was expected, as this Legislative Council had been in existence for almost the four year term.

**AIRPORT TRAFFIC** Acting Director of Civil Aviation Gerald Cheek recently informed the PENGUIN NEWS that from January to December 1980 there were 560 movements (a take off and a landing constitutes two movements) at Stanley Airport.

**THANKS** to John Morrison for his great help.

The aircraft using Stanley Airport were mainly Fokker F-28, Fokker F-27, Britten Norman Islander and Cessna 'planes. There were also several visits from De Havilland Twin Otters and Piper Navajos.

### FIBS BROADCAST CONTROVERSIAL INTERVIEW

The Broadcasting Officer of the Falkland Islands Broadcasting Station Patrick Watts recently spent some time in Buenos Aires. While there he recorded an interview with Argentine minister Carlos Blanco.

The interview was broadcast by FIBS following his return to the Falklands, and in it Sr Blanco expressed his government's opinion on the Falklands issue.

Some listeners spoke out strongly against the interview, apparently believing that the efforts of the station should be aimed in other directions.

However most Council Members felt that it had been a worth while enterprise.

#### QUEEN HONOURS LOCAL BOBBY

It was recently announced from Government House that Inspector Donald Hugh Macmillan has been awarded the Queen's Police Medal for his work in the Falkland Islands Police Force over many years.

Inspector Macmillan has been Acting Chief Police Officer since the resignation of Terry Peck from that post in 1980. He has faced the problem of a seriously under staffed force for some time.

SUPPLY SHIP ARRIVES The regular Falklands' supply vessel, the Danish ship m.v. "AES" arrived in Stanley harbour on the 21st.

Unloading was delayed for some days due to rain, and following the loading of a large number of bales of wool she departed for South Georgia and London. "AES" carried a large quantity of philatelic first day covers to the scientific base at South Georgia where they will be given the Falkland Islands Dependency cache. Antarctic postman Charles Coutts accompanied the cargo.

NEW BOOK ABOUT THE BATTLE The story of the Battle of the Falklands, which was one of the most important naval engagements of the First World War, has been retold, and a new book about the battle (reputedly well researched) is to be published in the UK soon.

GROUP SETS TRAVEL RECORD In what we believe to be the fastest journey ever made between Stanley and London, the Outward Bound Tours annual London group left Stanley Airport on the morning of 6th May, spent only a few hours in Buenos Aires, and arrived at Heathrow just 25 hours and 20 minutes later.

The journey would have been faster still, had the group not been delayed due to a strike in Madrid.

GENTOO ON THE MOVE The motor vessel "GENTOO", a ship with a long history in the Falklands, recently moved from its mooring place of many years west of the government jetty in Stanley to a new site in the Canache.

The boat was recently bought by local resident Dave Emsely, and he plans to live on it alongside the old jetty in the Canache. Mr Emsely told us that the new mooring will probably be "GENTOO's" last, as he does not plan to move it under its own "steam".

The ship was built as a trawler in the UK during the first decade of this century. In recent years she has been owned by the late Jack Davis, Bill Hills and a short lived treasure hunting company.

## COME TO OUR PARTY, YOUR MAJESTY

Falkland Islanders will celebrate one hundred and fifty years of continuous British rule next year. As we mentioned in an earlier article concerning the recent Legislative Council meeting, the Council unanimously passed a motion inviting the Queen to attend the celebrations. Governor Hunt happily sent a telegram the following day containing a formal invitation.

There are some doubts, however, about whether the invitation will be accepted, and while almost certainly everyone in the Islands would like her to visit, the British government may deem it unwise. Royalty hardly ever visit areas of unrest or where there are political disputes in existence.

A committee is to be formed soon to organise the celebrations in the Falklands, and it will be its task to ensure that the anniversary becomes a time to remember.

An important commemorative set of stamps is being designed at present by local artist Duffy Sheridan, and the high costs to the country of a Royal visit could easily be made up by the sale of the stamp issue. The stamp issue to commemorate the hundredth year of British rule in 1933 made philatelic history, and set the standard for countries all over the world. A complete set of these stamps would sell today for well over £1000.



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## ARGENTINA: TIME HAS COME FOR EFFECTIVE NEGOTIATIONS

Argentina's military government implied in a note recently handed to the British Ambassador in Buenos Aires that Argentine patience was being severely strained by the slow progress of negotiations over the future of the Falklands.

The July 27th note said that "the time has come for these negotiations to be effective. It is not possible to postpone (talks) without territorial integrity and national dignity being affected". Significantly, the statement suggested, though it did not say so in as many words, that the continuation of services currently provided by Argentina to the Falklands (LADE air service and fuel) would be dependent on that country's satisfaction with the progress of negotiations.

Another important paragraph of the statement referred to the wishes of the Islanders. Argentina has repeatedly said that the interests of Falklanders will be taken into consideration, but until now we believe that there has been no reference to self determination in an official statement. In this case the Foreign Ministry said that Islanders' wishes cannot be considered as "there is a great lack of knowledge in the Islands as to what happens on the mainland of our territory". The suggestion was very obviously that Falklanders are not wise enough to determine their own future.

The Foreign Ministry in Buenos Aires further narrowed their standpoint on the issue by pointing out that any "realistic" negotiations must start by recognising the country's rights to the Islands. It is extremely unlikely, if not impossible, that any Falkland or British delegation to talks would submit to such an Argentine demand. It seems clear from this and other phrases in the communique that they are not willing to compromise, and will settle for nothing less than total control over the Islands.

It is not known when the next round of talks will take place, but the British and Falkland administrations wish to delay them until after the general election which will take place here in September and October. Should the next round of talks fail, as did the last one at which the "freeze" idea was proposed, it seems likely that Argentine initiative may take a new course that could involve the withdrawal of some services.

## MARINES TO GET NEW BASE

The Royal Marines detachment permanently based in Stanley are to have a new barracks complex to replace the ageing buildings at Woody Brook.

The Commanding Officer of the Marines told the PENGUIN NEWS that the buildings will be prefabricated in the United Kingdom and will be erected on a site slightly to the east of the town boundary just off the airport road by about thirty Royal Engineers. The site has been leased to the Ministry of Defence for a period of 99 years.

Preliminary surveying has already begun, and several persons are expected to arrive from England to carry out a more detailed study in the near future. It is believed that the construction of the barracks will commence in September 1982. In the meantime the Marines will have to be satisfied with the remote Moody Brook, about three miles from Stanley and about six from the airport.

## ARGENTINES HARASS POLES

A naval vessel of the Argentine fleet stopped and boarded a Polish fishing ship on the 24th July. The ship, which was operating near the Falklands, was ordered by the captain of the destroyer "Domecq Garcia" to cease his operations in the area and to communicate the order to other ships of the Polish fishing fleet.



Following the incident the Poles were advised by the Falkland government that they were operating in international waters, and the Argentine government therefore had no legal right to control their activities in the area.

Despite the fact that Argentine reconnaissance aircraft have also been reported flying over the trawlers, the Poles are continuing to fish with, reportedly, good results. According to the Stanley Harbour department, most ships are now working in the area to the north-east and south-east of the Islands, where large hauls of Blue Whiting and other fish are being made.

#### BRITISH M.P.'S TO VISIT FALKLANDS

Two members of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association who are also members of the British House of Commons, are due to arrive in the Falklands for a two week visit on the 15th September.

Such visits are funded by the Association, and are made periodically. One recent MP to visit the islands, Ian Gowe, is now private secretary to the Prime Minister.

The two MPs, Eric Ogden and Michael Shersby, are believed to be sympathetic to the problems of Islanders. Mr Ogden is a member of the UK Falkland Islands Committee. Mr Shersby recently tabled a motion in the House of Commons in an attempt to win complete British nationality status for Falklanders.

It is expected that both men will have ample opportunity to meet Islanders, and will be living at Government House as guests of Governor Hunt.

#### ARMIES TAKE MORE ACTIVE ROLE

The Royal Marines based at Stanley have recently become more active and prominent in their reconnaissance and patrolling duties, particularly in the area of Stanley Airport.

Armed Marines take up positions around the tarmac and terminal buildings prior to every arrival and departure of an international flight, but the number of men involved is not known.

THE PENGUIN NEWS spoke to the Commanding Officer of the Marines Major Garry Noote, and he told us that the operations at the airport are routine and are not in response to any threat. He described the activity as reconnaissance, and pointed out that other detachments have watched the area from a post on Anopos Hill. The airport duty was, he said, "just another way of doing it".

#### THE WEATHER DURING JULY

The highest temperature, 3.100 was recorded on the 4th and the lowest, -4.400, on the 13th. The average wind speed was 12.2 knots. Frost was recorded on several occasions during the month.

Summary: warmer than usual and less than average wind. The rainfall was about average.

NOTE: Although we do not have all the figures for this month, we do have one rather surprising figure. The highest temperature recorded was 14.00 on the 20th. This was the highest August temperature in the records at the Stanley Meteorological station, and crowned a winter that has been amazingly mild.

#### ISLANDERS FIGHT TO OBTAIN FULL RECOGNITION AS BRITISH CITIZENS

The United Kingdom government is at present introducing legislation that will severely restrict the number of people who have the right to live and work in the UK. If passed in its entirety, the bill will mean that only citizens of the colonies who have a parent or grandparent born in the UK will have the automatic right of abode in that country.

Until now the Thatcher government has maintained that no colony can be made an exception to the rule, however that the one exception being the time in Port William assisting the trawlers in their operations. The House of Lords recently passed a proposal which will entitle them to rights as normal British citizens, and it looks as though the move might be ratified by the Commons. According to a source in the Government House this move was made because Gibraltar is in the area of the European Economic Community and thus has the right to enter any country of the organisation without restriction.

Falkland Islanders on the whole are concerned that, though most of their ancestors came from Britain and Islanders have traditionally referred to Britain as "home", they are not now wanted by that country. Due to this sentiment the Falkland Islands Committee is circulating a petition to support their demands for full British citizenship for Falklanders. It is hoped that the petition with its pages of signatures will be handed to the Prime Minister on the 28th September by a person from the XI Office in London.

Islanders have a considerable number of supporters in both houses of Parliament, and recently a debate took place in the House of Lords concerning the issue of citizenship for Islanders. Speakers supporting the motion mentioned the facts that the Islands are unique as a colony in that there was no indigenous population when the colonists arrived, and that Islanders had shown great loyalty and respect during the two world wars. The motion was, however, withdrawn, but it is believed that it will be reintroduced.

## PORT NEWS

### SHIPS WHICH ARRIVED IN STANLEY & PORT WILLIAM DURING JULY

DATE	NAME	NATIONALITY	NETT TONS	ARRIVED FROM
2	"Pletwal"	Polish	1041	High Seas
2	"Sejwal"	Polish	1040	High Seas
2	"Kaszalot"	Polish	1043	High Seas
4	"Maritza Arlette"	Chilean (reg. Panama)	493	Punta Arenas
9	"Isla De Los Estados"	Argentine	1256	Puerto Madryn
15	"Dmitry Zhloba"	Russian	8205	High Seas
15	"Pletwal"	Polish	1041	High Seas
15	"Bonito"	Polish	1010	High Seas
16	"Narwal"	Polish	1046	High Seas
16	"Sejwal"	Polish	1043	High Seas
17	"Kaszalot"	Polish	1040	High Seas
17	"Wlocznik"	Polish (reg. Cyprus)	1069	High Seas
17	"Kalmar"	Polish	1066	High Seas
17	"Mustel"	Polish	989	High Seas
25	"Lewanter"	Polish	2496	Poland
30	"Narwal"	Polish	1046	High Seas
30	"Wlocznik"	Polish	1069	High Seas
31	"Limon"	Spanish	3744	Cape Town
31	"Bonito"	Polish	1012	High Seas

As most readers will be aware, most of the Polish vessels named above are fishing trawlers, the one exception being the "Lewanter" which is the flagship of the fleet and spends most of the time in Port William assisting the trawlers in their operations.

The largest vessel to visit the Falklands during July was the Soviet tanker "Dmitry Zhloba", which called at Port William to supply oil to the Polish ships.

"Maritza Arlette", a curious vessel with gaping bow doors and the ability to dock in almost no depth of water, called to embark several items of heavy earth moving equipment which had been sold by the government to a Chilean businessman some months ago.

## FLASHBACK

2.2.72 - RUSSIAN SUBMARINE VISITS STANLEY

On the 9th February 1972 the Falklands welcomed what is probably its strangest maritime visitor ever. All other candidates for the title, such as eastern block trawlers and bath tub scale yachts, paled into insignificance alongside the whale-like, sinister, black Russian submarine "Lyra" and its supply ship "M. Kalinin".

The 1900 ton sub's visit was shrouded in secrecy, and the pilot was the only local person who was allowed aboard. Curious Boys Brigade members who rowed out to the two vessels were reportedly waved off with sub-machine guns.

According to the entry in the Harbour Master's register, both ships were carrying out oceanographic research for the Soviet Navy, and, suprisingly, a look in the Government House copy of Jane's Fighting Ships seems to confirm this. According to the definitive book on the subject, the "Lyra" was a fighting ship with two tubes for launching SSN-4 missiles and with ten torpedo tubes. It was powered by three diesel and three electric engines. It had a speed of 18 knots on the surface and fifteen below, and all of this was maintained by a crew of 85 men. A footnote to the description of the sub said that it was thought that the "Lyra" and several more of its type were to be converted from a military role to carry out oceanographic work.

The submarine and its support ship stayed only a few days in Stanley before steaming off to continue their work - whatever it was!

## COALITE 'LOSES' POISONOUS WASTE

The Falkland Islands Company is by far the largest and most powerful commercial concern in the Islands and has been referred to by some as a second government. The FIC owns approximately 45% of the farming land, has a total monopoly of shipping in and to and from the Islands, and acts as exclusive banker and supplier of fuel and food to most of its many employees in the Falklands. The words of the old folk song apply nowhere more aptly than in the Falklands: "St Peter don't you call for I've sold my sould to the company store".

But the policies and aims of the FIC do not begin or end at that long office on

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UK based company; Coalite.

Coalite is mostly involved in fuel and chemical enterprises, but they take a surprising interest in their little Falkland subsidiary. The Managing Director Ted Needham has visited the Islands on several occasions. They are very much at the helm of the PIC.

Coalite is, perhaps, not the lily-white organisation that it would like us to think it is, and they were recently involved in the loss of a heap of highly toxic rubble. In the following paragraphs we outline the story which is condensed from an article originally published in a much respected British weekly magazine. Ted Needham features in the story.

The People of Morton, Stretton, Shirland and Hingham - tiny villages in north Derby - are afraid that somewhere beneath their green fields lies an unknown quantity of one of the most poisonous chemicals known, tetrachlorodibenzo-para-dioxin, commonly known as dioxin. The substance was accidentally produced in an explosion which demolished a factory belonging to Coalite in 1968. After the accident, which killed one person and resulted in over seventy others developing a dioxin caused skin disease, the plant was reduced to rubble, and the contaminated material was buried.

But now no one appears to know for certain where the material lies, or if they do know are not willing to say. Local people think that it was buried in a former open cast coal mine which was filled in in 1969. Now there are fears that the dioxin may be disturbed, with horrible results, by a mining company that has obtained permission to work in the area.

In 1976 concern was aroused in the rural Derby area because of the tragedy in northern Italy when dioxin was released in an industrial accident. A report was subsequently prepared by the Derbyshire County Council concerning the Coalite affair. The writer of the report had to rely entirely on assurances from Ted Needham about, for example, the impermeability of the site where the rubble is buried, but great confusion over the actual site was revealed. While the report states that the dioxin in one site, another person knowledgeable in the matter stated that he believed it to lie in at least two places. There is confusion too over the depth of the contaminated rubble, and while Needham informed the residents of one village that it is over 100 feet below ground level, the report states that it is between 60 and 150 feet. The official Coalite report states that the material is 150 feet down at the bottom of an old mine, but yet another source claims that it lies no deeper than 40 feet. The latter figure is given credence by the National Coal Board, who state that the mine in question was never more than 60 feet deep.

The packaging of the rubble is another cause for alarm and speculation. Needham claimed that it was sealed in drums before being buried, but another believes that it was placed in nothing more secure than plastic bags. Another source believes that no containers were used. It appears that Coalite's missing dioxin may not have been decomposed by biological action, as this could only have happened quite close to the surface. Even at 60 feet there could have been little decomposition.

The person on the local council is better informed than most. David Bookbinder threatened Needham with legal action if he did not reveal the site, and finally a rough sketch with three crosses on it was produced. Bookbinder believes that the map and the crosses were drawn rapidly to cover up Needham's lack of knowledge on the matter, as the plan is so vague. It is suspected that there may be another dioxin dump near the Coalite home town of Bolsover, and employees there maintain that parts of the demolished factory, such as spiral staircases, lay openly on site for many years. Children regularly played on the tip, and recently some developed mild symptoms of poisoning after swimming in a rainwater pool there.

The Derbyshire County Council and Coalite don't seem to know and show little sign of caring where the dioxin is, although there is no doubt that the material would be dangerous if exposed or leaked into a water supply. It is a dormant threat to the villagers of the area, and, for this reason perhaps, only they seem to locate and isolate the dioxin.

## HERE AND THERE

### "GENTOO" KEELS OVER

As we reported in our last issue, the motor vessel "Gentoo" was recently bought by Mr. Emsley and towed to the jetty in the quiche at the eastern end of Stanley Harbour, where he planned to convert it into a houseboat.

The towing operation was carried out without incident, however when in position at the jetty the ship rested on the bottom at low tide and developed a slight list. It is thought that two full forty gallon drums of fuel on the deck rolled to the port side and soon put the "Gentoo" almost completely on its side. There was no one on the ship at the time.

### "LINBLAD EXPLORER" NOT TO VISIT THIS YEAR

The MV "Linblad Explorer", a small luxury tourist ship which has made regular visits to tourist centres around the Islands since 1969, will not be calling at the Falklands during the 1981/82 season.

The ship, which carries some 80 (mostly wealthy American) passengers, will make several visits during the following summer.

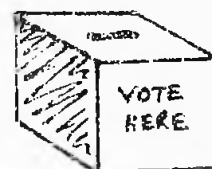
Ownership of the "Explorer" has recently changed somewhat, and the joint owners are now Linblad Travel Inc. and the China Navigation Company.

### NEW POLICE CHIEF ARRIVES SOON

The new Superintendent of Police is expected to arrive in the country from the UK on the 15th September.

He was appointed some months ago to replace Terry Peck, who resigned from the post in 1979. In the interim period Inspector Donald Macmillan has supervised the Force.

## Elections 1981



The New Falkland Islands Legislative Council will be elected during September and October, and at this stage it looks as though the contest will be fiercely fought by a number of candidates.

Nomination day, when the names of all persons standing for election must be registered together with those of their proposers and supporters, is

15th September. Camp nominations will be received at Fox Bay East for the West and Goose Green for the East camp.

Votes for East and West Stanley and East and West camp will be cast on the 28th September, and following the publication of these results, Falklanders will go to the polls again on 15th October to elect representatives for the whole camp division and the whole Stanley division. In all there are six seats at stake: East, West and the entire camp and East, West and the whole of Stanley.

The PENGUIN NEWS has been able to confirm that the following people hope to stand for selection in the Stanley area: Alec Betts, Stuart Wallace and Graham Bound (the editor of this magazine). Willy Dowles has said that he is as yet undecided, but may be standing. With nomination day still some way off, it is of course quite probable that more persons will be proposed.

We regret that we have no information concerning nominations for the camp area, but we would welcome any news from East or West concerning this.

Persons hoping to be elected must provide a deposit of £25 which can only be refunded if the candidate achieves more than 10% of the votes.

We hope to produce a small "Election Special" issue of the PENGUIN NEWS in a few weeks time, although this is not certain.

### THE FARTING WORLD

## ANY OLD ENGINES?

We learnt from the "Buenos Aires Herald" a few weeks ago that Messrs Perkins Engines of Peterborough, England will be celebrating their golden jubilee during 1982, and they hope to mark the event by finding the oldest working example of their products. The Engine will be given pride of place in a new museum. Once the desired machine has been located Perkins will offer the owner a brand new engine in exchange, and there will be a £100 prize for anyone providing a lead which results in the

### TOWN HALL CLOCK TICKING NICELY

Listeners to "The Winter Quiz" from the FI Broadcasting Station can now rest assured that at least one regular question will no longer be put to the panels: "At what position is the Town Hall clock stuck?"

The large time piece on the south side of the building has at long last been fixed, and appears to be keeping accurate time. Its light also brightens Ross Road on dark nights.

### NEW STANLEY HOUSES

Work on the four pre-fabricated bungalow type houses which were received by the government recently appears to be going well, with most concrete foundations almost completed.

The erection of foundations is considered to be the most time consuming part of the project, and it is hoped that the buildings will be ready for occupation in a few months.

All four houses are situated on Ross Road West near the FICAS "Beaver" hangar.



So if your boat, tractor, compressor or any other device propelled by an internal combustion engine is looking a little ancient, scrape some of the muck and oil off it and see if the trade mark reads "Perkins". If it does and you think it is thirties or forties vintage, take the number down and send it off to Perkins. You may get an offer that you can't refuse by return.

#### CONTACTS

As usual we have the names of a few people who would very much like to make friends with Falkland Islanders. If you reply to them please mention that you found their names and addresses in the PENGUIN NEWS.

is AMANDA DAWN SMITH, c/Colon No 12 - 10B, Alicante, Spain (Espana)  
Mr AL FARAGO, General Delivery, Victoria, B.C., Canada, V8W 2L9. Mr Farago is a businessman in his twenties, and would enjoy corresponding with anybody in the Islands.

#### THE PENGUIN INTERVIEW

### ARGENTINE OFFICIAL OPINION

Our correspondent Jack Epstein recently had a long conversation with several officials of the "Malvinas" department of the Argentine Foreign Ministry. From this interview he was able to sum up Argentine official opinion with reference to the Falklands as follows.

Their opinion on the legalities of the dispute: "Since there is no doubt about who is correct this is a political issue rather than a legal one" The Islands were taken by force and sovereignty has never been relinquished. Therefore the British are occupying the Islands illegally. (The government here was always referred to as "The government in occupation") Ownership is Argentine due to Argentina's inheritance of all Spanish possessions in the area.

On Falkland Islanders: They always referred to Kelpers as "those poor people", and they believe that they are being taken advantage of by the British government and the FI Company. They claim that Islanders are simple, common folk who don't understand the greater ramifications of the dispute. According to the Malvinas Office Falklanders "interests" will be considered but not their wishes. This attitude they justify by claiming that the Falklanders are a transplanted people and are not indigenous. "They are not a third party".

On the British: The British do not want to solve the problem at all because of the possibility of oil being discovered in the region. Negotiations with the British were going well until 1973 when oil became an issue. Since that time, they said, the British have been devious, and have used the Kelper issue to their advantage. Their need for the agreement of the Islanders to any suggested solution is not the real reason for their stalling. "To what extent is this authentic and to what extent diversion? They seem to use it whenever it suits them".

On the FIC: "They are the feudal lords, and are fighting to keep us out because they know it would mean the end of their monopoly".

On democracy: "To what point do they have democracy when the governor is appointed by the Queen, and he appoints many of the government officials? We are ready to give them all the safeguards that they want. We will not change their way of life".

On territorial claims: The reason that they recently invited bids for drilling sites on what the British do not consider to be Argentine property is simple. They consider the whole continental shelf to belong to them; the sea bed and the islands on that shelf. The drilling sites, they claim, are within Argentina's 200 mile economic zone (not universally recognised. ED) and by their reasoning it is not a violation of the UN declaration that neither party should take unilateral action of such a nature.

On lease-back: "As a matter of principle we will not accept lease-back, but we would consider and study it. It has never been put forward officially by Great Britain.

On discovery: According to the two Argentine officials, neither party can say for sure who discovered the Islands, but they believe that the first map featuring the Falklands appeared in Spain in 1541.

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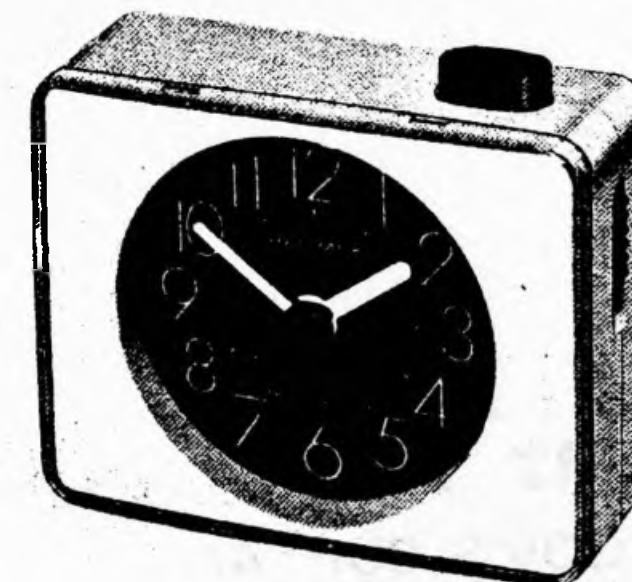
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#### ARGENTINE OFFICIAL OPINION

On the importance of the Falkland Islands: "With the Beagle Channel crisis people tend to forget that the Malvinas has always been the first priority in our external relations".

Editor: We stress that all of the foregoing opinions were expressed by Argentine officials, and we print them in this issue in an effort to illuminate the attitudes and actions of the other side in the political wrangle.

#### COMMUNICATIONS

##### AIR LINK WITH CHILE?

The administration has been approached by two different Chileans recently who expressed an interest in establishing a passenger carrying air link between Punta Arenas in southern Chile and Port Stanley.

The Chief Secretary was first approached by an executive of TAMA, a small domestic Chilean airline, who was visiting the Islands with several other persons who were finalising a deal

concerning the sale of surplus government machinery. Although no firm proposal resulted from this meeting, it is believed that TAMA is still looking at the matter.

The second proposal came from an individual who holds a commercial pilot's licence and owns an aircraft. He intends to commence the operation with several charter flights in order to determine the demand in Chile. Probably this would be a monthly service, but frequency would depend, of course, upon demand.

Several flights have already been made between Punta Arenas and Stanley using small Cessna and Piper aircraft. It is believed that a small propeller driven aircraft would make the journey in about two and a half hours.

Argentina would probably not welcome an air link between Chile and the Falklands, but there would be little that they could do about it legally. The 1972 Communications agreement applies only to travel to and from Argentina, and gives them no control over traffic from other countries.

## BY SHIP TO ST HELENA

St Helena is fortunate in having a much more frequent surface communication with the outside world than does the Falklands. The RMS "St Helena", owned by the St Helena Shipping Company based in Helston, Cornwall makes regular and frequent voyages to St Helena, stopping along the way at Las Palmas, Ascension and continuing to South Africa.

The vessel is small but ideally suited to its role, carrying freight of all sorts and - just as essentially bearing in mind that St Helena has no air link - 76 passengers. The accommodation block is aft of the cargo area, and passenger facilities include a swimming pool, a shop and a small bar.

The 1,892 nett tons ship makes about ten voyages a year from Avonmouth, and calls at St Helena at least twice during each voyage.

In a recent letter to the PENGUIN NEWS the Managing Director of the St Helena Shipping Co. Mr A.M.B. Bell suggested that it may be possible some time in the future for the ship's itinerary to include a call at Stanley on at least some of its voyages. Such a service would certainly mean a great step forward for the Falklands, as once again there would be means by which persons could travel to the Islands by sea. We would also have a very necessary alternative route for freight.

In the political sense it would also be a good move for the Islands. The Argentine government would lose the total control over persons entering the Islands that they enjoy at present, and a withdrawal of LADE services would not have such dire consequences.

## SPORT By Patrick Watts

### GOV'S CUP: AN AMAZING VICTORY

The 1981 Governor's Cup was thought by many to have been the best in recent years. Probably the hurricane performance of Colin Smith in winning the final influenced many people's feelings.

To begin at the end of the story may sound a bit Chinese, but a final of just one minute and 25 seconds must take pride of place. Smith coming up against a veteran of four previous finals William Whitney, showed no sign of nerves as he began both legs with his first dart and finished both at his first attempt. Inbetween he used eleven darts in the first leg and ten in the second, making a total of just 25 darts for both legs. This must surely be one of the most spectacular performances by a winner since the tournament was introduced to the Falklands in 1959. William Whitney can think himself unlucky to have met the winner displaying such devastating form

for the two legs. Whitney played well, but didn't have an opportunity to try for a finishing double - most unusual this. It was, incidentally, William Whitney's fifth appearance in the final of the tournament; a record to be proud of.

In the semi finals Smith had struggled to beat Terry Reive, while Whitney played steadily to gain his final place over Royal Marine Gordon Fleet. Fleet took the third spot by beating Terry Reive.

Jane Summers distinguished herself by upsetting several of the top male players, and took her place in the quarter finals before bowing out.

Last year's winner Charlie Clifton had the misfortune to play Garry Hewitt in the first round, and after an entertaining match lost by a two-one scoreline. Hewitt then succumbed in the third round.

Favourite for the title and top league player of the season James Lang played well below form, and, rather surprisingly,

went out to Tony McLaren in the first round.

Most definitely the 1981 Governor's cup will be remembered for a long time thanks to the exciting performance of Colin Smith in winning.

The Darts Club Individual Knockout Championship was played off in the Victory Bar, with the final eight players competing. The standard did not match that of last year, and only the quarter final match between James Lang and Terry Reive really set the crowd buzzing when Lang had a 140 finish. Lang advanced to the final where he met Ian Clark, who earlier in the season had lost to Pat Whitney in the Johnny Walker Championship. Clarke this time came out a winner by a 2-1 score line, and achieved his first major victory after being on the verge for so long.

The Kendall Cup is reaching its closing stages, with three teams - The Islanders and the two Rose teams - battling it out. The Rose 'B' look favourites to retain their title. The Knockout cup will be decided when the Islanders and Fleetwing Flyers meet shortly.

NATURE

by John Peatfield

## Bird Brain

Admittedly birds do not possess large brains, and their most familiar representative the hen does not do much to dispel the general idea of stupidity. However is "bird brain"

really an apt term to describe a person who does not exhibit too many signs of intelligence? In fact the evidence is mounting to show that the bird has an amazingly capable brain, especially in relation to the complex behaviour of migration and navigation.

The ability of birds to migrate has long been appreciated and exploited. The Homing Pigeon was used by the Roman legions to relay news of victories and defeats back to Rome. The Pigeon even carried secret messages in World War Two. This remarkable ability is now being researched, and in that sense the humble homing pigeon must be one of the most intensely investigated animals.

The first discoveries demonstrated how important the sun is in helping the bird navigate, and it was later appreciated that nocturnal migrants use the stars. However a sun or star compass can only give you information about direction if an awareness of time (both daily and seasonal) is possessed. This is because the sun and the stars change their position in the sky with time, and the animal must be able to work out its position relative to these objects.

Most probably all animals have a biological clock. It is "running" all one's life and is corrected constantly by various clues such as day length, sun rise and temperature. Comparison of sun or star position against the time enables the bird to orientate itself in a particular direction. This is known as azimuth and is a critical factor in navigation. Yet birds can still navigate successfully when these clues are obscured by clouds. How?

It is research into the alternative or back up systems of orientation that has revealed the remarkable range of capabilities that birds have.

The earth's magnetic field is very weak but it is now becoming apparent that birds are able to use it. Almost certainly they use it in a different way to our use of a magnetic compass. Most exciting is the recent discovery of an area in the pigeon's brain containing a magnetic sensitive substance.

Research has shown that birds are sensitive to gravitational and air pressure changes, along with polarised and ultraviolet light. The exact roles that these play is uncertain, but the use of light which passes through clouds must be vital.

The most far-fetched discovery is that birds are sensitive to very low frequency infrasound. This sound (inaudible to the human ear) is generated by wind passing over a mountain or waves on a shore, and can carry for hundreds of miles. It is being suggested that birds may use these sounds as beacons to help their position finding.

On top of all these capabilities this tiny brain is then able to calculate and integrate all the varieties of information and translate this into decisions about flying direction, times and alterations. We build computers to do the same thing!

So next time you are tempted to call some one a bird brain, think again. It's a compliment!

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**FILLER.** The sun never sets on the British Empire because God doesn't trust them in the dark.



## BIRTHS

- 30.1.81. To Reynold & Pam Reid, a daughter, Joseph Reynold Benjamin  
 3.7.81. To Colin & Irene McDonald, a daughter, Kathleen Rose  
 13.7.81. To John and Mandy McLeod, a daughter, Louise  
 29.7.81. To Gavin & Deidre Marsh, a daughter, Karen Diana  
 23.7.81. To Jean Paul & Claudine Leseure, a son, Island Bernard

## MARRIAGES

- 1.8.81. Gavin Brook Hardcastle & Deborah Jane Hilton Smith.  
 16.8.81. Dereck Smith & Julia Trinidad Lanhez

## DEATHS

- 8.5.81. Frederick William Barnes  
 26.7.81. Mabel Annie Barnes

- Our sympathy to families & friends -

# Royal Wedding celebrations

The 29th July was declared a holiday in the Falklands in honour of the marriage of Prince Charles and Lady Diana Spencer.

Celebrations, at least on an official level, were almost non-existent however, and many people expressed surprise that a "colony ball" was not organised. It was left to the Stanley Social Club and the Royal Marines to arrange two dances, on the 29th and 30th. Both were well attended.

Two teams of Argentine journalists flew in to Stanley to report on the local celebrations, one from the popular magazine "Siete Dias" and a camera crew from a Buenos Aires T.V. station. The magazine featured a short pictorial feature the following week, and Stanley residents were shown making merry in a Town Hall emblazoned with flags and portraits of the royal couple.

### HOSTEL COMPLETION: PUT BACK SIX WEEKS.

The Stanley School Hostel was supposed to be ready for occupation and officially handed over to the Education Department on 27th August. However Superintendent of Public Works John Broderick was not satisfied with the building when he examined it on the day. Consequently the contractors and the government agreed that the hand-over date should be put back by six weeks so that the (mostly minor) faults can be rectified. The project, already some years behind schedule, is being financed by the Overseas Development Administration of the UK government. The FIC are the contractors.

### THE CENSUS: ONLY 1813 PEOPLE

The report on the December 7th census was released recently. Several new statistics were included (such as the number of 2 metre transceivers per household), and the thin volume makes interesting reading.

We have taken some of the more interesting figures and print them here for the benefit of those who have been unable to read the complete report.

At the time of the census there were 1050 people living in Stanley and 763 in camp. The figures for 1972 (the year of the last census) were 1079 and 878. The population has therefore declined by 144, and the figures indicate that the major loss has been from the camp.

The proportions of the population in age groups has remained fairly static since 1972, with 17.65% being between 5 and 15 in 1980, 60.62% between 15 and 60, and 14.02% over 60. A slightly larger proportion of the population was made up by the over 60's in 1980 compared to 1972. This could be attributed to less people of retirement age leaving to resettle overseas.

There were 32 births in 1980 and 39 in 1972. The lowest figure for the interim period was 14 in 1979.

The death rate has also dropped slightly, nine persons having died in 1980 (not including one marine who disappeared without trace at North Arm) and 10 in 1972. The highest number for the period occurred in 1977, when 16 males and 12 females died.

The Falklands seem to be a melting pot of nationalities, and although the majority were born in the UK, there are 45 Argentines, 41 Chileans, 23 Born in the USA, 5 New Zealanders, and a few in each case who were born in Australia, Columbia, Hong Kong, France, Kenya, Tanzania, Switzerland, Poland, South Africa, Uruguay and China. We could go on!

Religions represented in the Islands include Church of England (931), Non-conformist (367), Roman Catholic (210), Baha'i (30), Jehovah's Witness (12). Those with no religion numbered 107

At the time of the census there were 263 2-metre radio sets around the Islands, and 371 four-wheel drive vehicles. Evidence surely that Islanders are not going without a few of the comforts of the twentieth century.

Copies of the 1980 census can be obtained from the Secretariat in Stanley.

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## SPECIAL ELECTION ISSUE

In order to give the general elections in the Falklands maximum coverage at the appropriate time, we have decided to publish this special edition of the PENGUIN NEWS. This will be mailed to our camp and overseas customers in a few weeks together with issue number 17.

### BLAKE FOR WEST - BINNIE FOR EAST

With the elections in Stanley promising to be the most hotly contested for many years, most people were surprised to learn that just three people were nominated from the two camp constituencies East and West Falkland.

Following nomination day, 22nd September, it was announced that Tim Blake, manager of Hill Cove, had been the only person nominated for the West, and would therefore regain uncontested the seat that he held on the recently dissolved Legislative Council.

For the East Falkland area the response was not quite so quiet, and two farm managers were nominated. They were Ronnie Binnie of Fitzroy and Brook Hardcastle of Goose Green. The 28th September polling resulted in a victory for Mr Binnie who attained 33 votes over Mr Hardcastle's 72.

East and West campers will vote again on 15th October to elect a further representative for the whole of the East and West area. It seems likely that Mr Hardcastle will stand for election again on that occasion, and it is also quite possible that there will be one or two more candidates. If by any chance there are no nominations for the West and East division, the Governor will be obliged to select a person to fill the vacant seat. However that eventuality does not seem very likely.

### STANLEY: A LIVELY ELECTION

As mentioned earlier, the first round of voting in Stanley, which will take place on the 1st October, will see a probably unprecedented number of candidates. In all, eight persons have been nominated for the two Stanley constituencies.

Persons hoping to gain the West seat are (in alphabetical order) Graham Bound, Willy Bowles, John Cheek and Desmond King. Of these men only Willy Bowles has served on Council before. John Cheek has run for council unsuccessfully twice in the past, and Desmond King once.

East Stanley candidates are Bill Goss, Mike Harris, Chris Spall and Stuart Wallace. Of these Mr Goss and Mr Wallace have council experience, Mr Wallace having represented West Stanley on the last Legco and Mr Goss having been nominated by the Governor for the East seat as there were no candidates for that area.

### CONSTITUTIONAL CONTROVERSY

Under the recently revised constitution of the Falklands, no person who receives any payment from the crown is eligible for election to Legislative Council, and this clause of the constitution has recently resulted in some controversy. David Colville, an employee of the Plant and Transport Authority, and Neville Bennett who works in the government Central Store, wished to stand for the East and West areas of Stanley respectively. Both Mr Bennett and Mr Colville decided that with job vacancies not common place, they could not risk resigning their employment with government in order to stand for council.

Many prospective council members have pointed out the flaws in the constitution, and it seems to be a belief held by many that at least junior employees of the government should be allowed to hold public office. It was also suggested by a few candidates that the formation of Executive Council as defined under the constitution should be reexamined with a view to ensuring

that more of its members are elected by the people. It seems quite likely that the new council will wish to reexamine the constitution, and possibly change some clauses.

## CONTROVERSY OVER BROADCASTING TOO

The radio is the most effective and far reaching media in the Falklands, and many candidates wished to use the Falkland Islands broadcasting station in order to promote their policies. In previous rather unexciting elections, contested by just a few candidates, the prospective councillors were apparently happy with one election speech broadcast once following nomination day and repeated on the eve of polling day. This time, however, an increased desire to use the station by some and an opposition to use of it by others, has resulted in the Chief Secretary and the Broadcasting department deciding that political broadcasts by candidates must be limited to just two speeches at the traditional times with a duration of twenty minutes maximum. However, in a minor break with tradition, it was agreed that candidates could broadcast two different speeches.

A ban was also placed on items for the Friday evening "Newsletter" of a political nature, and this resulted in the resignation of news reader David Colville on grounds of alleged censorship. This rule, however, was accidentally relaxed when a letter opposing one of the candidates was read on the programme. The candidate was permitted to reply on a later programme from the station.

A political discussion programme was withdrawn, although it had been recorded and first broadcast before the nomination day, because one candidate was involved and it was felt by some that he would have an unfair advantage.

## WHO WILL STAND FOR STANLEY ON 14th?

There is no doubt that a number of the candidates who fail to win seats for Stanley East and West areas on 1st October will have another attempt on the 15th, when one representative for the whole of the capital will be elected.

Some candidates, too, are standing only for the whole of Stanley seat, and these as far as we know are Alec Betts and Jan Cheek. If two of the 1st October losers stand from each of the two Stanley constituencies, it will mean a probably unprecedented six persons running for one seat on Leeco.

## Editorial

FROM THE EDITOR AND CANDIDATE.

As most people will be aware, I am nominated for the West Stanley area seat on council, and I would like to take this opportunity to let you know more about my general policies and hopes for our future.

I could sum up my political standpoint in just a few words: the Falklands are for the Falkland Islanders. We and our descendants made them what they are, and it will be us who decide what happens to them in the future. The country which lays claim to us, Argentina, has contributed nothing constructive to our development and heritage, and that country must not be allowed to control the course of our future.

I am a person who believes strongly in consultation, and while I believe that we must continue the process of negotiation for as long as we can, no decision can be arrived at without the full support of the majority of the Falkland Islanders, as expressed in a referendum. I also stand for a much more dynamic effort to find sources of financial assistance. We have to have more industries in order to boost our population and release our economy from the grip of the wool industry, and we must work hard to locate these and establish them here. The assistance that we can get from the British government is very limited, and we must make a great effort to tap other sources of aid that, without doubt, exist.

Obviously I do not have room here to express my views on every subject affecting our lives in these Islands, but I assure you that I have very strong opinions and some proposals which apply to almost every aspect of our society. One of the subjects which I would like to discuss at greater length is education. Apparently my speech over the radio and my letter to all persons living in the west division of Stanley offended some or even all of the teaching fraternity. One such person who criticised my views obviously believed that I had suggested that the secondary teachers that we have in our employment at present are not qualified to teach subjects to 'A' level standard. Well sir, if you had read and listened a little more carefully you would have realised that I said the following: "Any person who has gone through three or four years of teacher training should

## EDITORIAL CONTINUED

be able to do just that (teach to 'A' level) for at least one subject." As I have never denied that our teachers in town are qualified, and as you pointed out so kindly that you are indeed very qualified, there appear to be few reasons why we should send our children overseas to attain a higher standard of education.

So at least you agree with me that we have the most essential factor: qualified teachers. The argument will, no doubt, be put forward that books or facilities are lacking, but you will have noticed that I believe education must be one of our top priorities for expenditure, and so if books or facilities are needed then we must buy them. However what special facilities do we need to teach 'A' level maths, English, geography or history? I cannot think of many.

What is lacking mainly is a longer working day so that special 'A' level classes can be squeezed into the timetable. Like so many children I had to go to another country for my education, and at the school I attended in Uruguay there were fewer qualified British teachers, a very limited budget, books that sometimes looked as though they were printed by Garton and virtually no help from the government. But the school day was at least one and a quarter hours longer than it is here, and children studying at an advanced level had classes at lunchtime or after school hours. Children and teachers worked long hours but the resulting examination passes made it worth while.

The argument may also be put up that there are not enough children in the Stanley school to make 'A' level classes worth while. But with the extended working day, classes for a few children working to a higher level need not interfere with the time devoted to the rest of the student body. And, of course, the fewer the students in a class the more attention they can enjoy from the teacher.

So, again, thank you for illustrating my point in your letter to the broadcasting station that we do have the basic requirement to uprate our education to 'A' level; that is qualified teachers. The rest of the minor problems can be overcome, and I will do all that I can to assist this if I am elected to Legislative council. An 'A' level system here would mean hard work for every one concerned, but surely it would be better than sending our young people seven or eight thousand miles away?

## British MP's visit

Two members of the British Parliament, Eric Ogden (Labour) and Michael Shersby (conservative), arrived in Stanley on 15th September on a visit sponsored by the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association. Both MP's apparently put party differences behind them, and travelled extensively around the Islands meeting the people of most settlements. In Stanley they stayed at Government House, and attended several meetings with members of local organisations, societies and committees.

Perhaps the most important of their meetings in Stanley was a public reception held in the Town hall which was preceded by a questions and answers session. At this meeting they expressed their opinion that the talks should continue for as long as possible, although Mr Shersby, at least, felt that the negotiations may not be able to continue for very much longer. In response to a question from the PENGUIN NEWS editor, Mr Shersby said that contingency plans do exist for the supply of fuel and the maintenance of communications should the Argentine government decide to withdraw these services following a break down of talks. At a later meeting with the youth of Stanley the two men stressed that in an emergency the Islands can be defended, and reminded the people gathered there that, despite the defence cuts, Britain still has the third largest navy in the world. They voiced on several occasions their intention to try and persuade the British administration to maintain the presence of "Endurance" in the South Atlantic, as they realised the importance of this ship to Falkland Islanders.

Concerning the new nationality bill currently on its way through parliament, Mr Shersby and Mr Ogden felt fairly optimistic that Falkland Islanders may be given complete British nationality status. In this connection the MP's also suggested that it may be possible for the Islands to become politically integrated with Britain in much the same way that the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man are. We would in that case retain our legislative powers but would also have a representative in parliament, and enjoy full British citizenship. It was their intention, they said, to look closely at this possibility on their return to the United Kingdom.



The two parliamentarians, who repeatedly said how much they had enjoyed their visit, left the Falklands by the LADE flight of 30th September.



THIS CARTOON APPEARED IN THE "BUENOS AIRES HERALD" 19.9.81. THE CRATES READ "SUPPLIES FOR THE FALKLANDS".

As many expected, the Argentine government made considerable use of the recent Buenos Aires to Stanley flights by "Hercules" aircraft for propaganda purposes. The government news agency issued the following item which appeared in the "Buenos Aires Herald" of 16th September.

"The Argentine Air Force transported food supplies to the Malvinas (Falkland) Islands over the weekend free of charge, the Foreign Ministry stated yesterday. Difficulties in the delivery of supplies purchased from Argentine companies brought a cry for help from the Islands to the Argentine government, which promptly provided a "Hercules" C-130 to fly the required food from the mainland".

While essentially true, the article was rather misleading. In fact there was no "cry for help". The Argentine Air Force representative in Stanley had heard of the Falkland Islands Company's attempts to obtain fodder and other bulk supplies from Montevideo by a Polish fishing vessel, and offered to see if it was possible to have the supplies air freighted from Buenos Aires. Strictly speaking the supplies were food stuffs, but the press release suggests that it was for human consumption. The majority of the shipment was grain and other animal fodder. A military film crew travelled to the Islands aboard the "Hercules" plane.

**SATURDAY FLIGHTS RESUMED.** LADE resumed its Saturday Fokker F-27 flights to Stanley on the 6th September after a break of several months.

**NEW MAN IN RIDLEY'S SHOES.** Nicholas Ridley, who visited the Falklands as Minister of State at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office in November last year, has been replaced by Richard Luce.

Mr Ridley, who put forward the famous lease-back suggestion, has been promoted to a position in the Treasury.

Mr Luce visited the Islands a few years ago.

**TRAGEDY AT FITZROY.** Melvyn Summers, an employee of the Falkland Islands Company at Fitzroy, died tragically on the 26th September.

As the coroner's inquest is still to be held, we are unable to publish any details of the incident.

Mr Summers, who was 25 years old, left a wife and no children.

#### GOVERNOR HUNT RETURNS TO ISLANDS

Governor R.M. Hunt arrived back in the Falklands from leave in the United Kingdom on the 15th September.

While in England he looked into several new industries for the Islands. The PENGUIN NEWS editor interviewed him shortly after his arrival in Stanley, and we hope to print a lengthy article resulting from that interview in our next issue.

**BIRTHS** To Don and Margaret Davidson, a daughter Catherine on the 29.8.81.

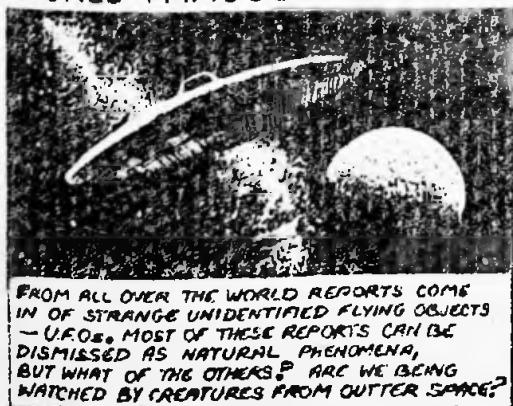
To Roy and Elizabeth Ross, a daughter Cara Jane on the 12.9.81.

Our apologies to Mr and Mrs R. Reid for wrongly recording in our last issue the birth of their son Joseph Reynold Benjamin on the 30.1.81.

#### MARRIAGE

24.9.81. Susan Butler and Simon Bonner at Port Howard.

#### WORLD FAMOUS MYSTERIES





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## Islanders lose citizenship battle

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In an amazingly close vote in the House of Lords, a motion that would give Falklanders full rights as British citizens, free to come and go from the UK as they please, was defeated.

The Lords voted 90 to 90 in the debate for Falklanders special status and the deadlock was broken by the chairman who voted against the motion.

Many people were hopeful that the result would be favourable for the three hundred odd Islanders who are not allowed to live and work in the UK, and the visiting members of Parliament had recently suggested that there was reason for optimism, especially as Gibraltarians have

been given the full citizenship rights.

The new nationality bill means that Falkland Islanders who do not have a parent or grandparent born in the United Kingdom will be considered citizens of the British Dependent Territories. Such people will have a British passport, but the words "holder is entitled to the right of abode in the United Kingdom" will be well inked out.



Such people only have the right of abode in the territory of their birth.

(Photograph above shows Sukey Cameron of the Falkland Islands Office presenting the petition at 10 Downing Street)

The Falkland Islands' Committee, a UK based pressure group which spends much of its time in a watchdog role over the Foreign and Commonwealth Office and in publicising the Falklands problem, placed considerable pressure on parliament to consider the case of the Falklanders favourably, and even handed in a petition to 10 Downing Street with the signatures of the vast majority of Islanders.

The feeling in the Islands following the adoption of the bill appears to be one of resigned anger. In a place where people have become well aware that loyalty expressed over many generations is swiftly forgotten, they are not surprised that they have been pushed a little further out into the cold.

## REMEMBER, REMEMBER THE FIFTH OF NOVEMBER

The Newly elected Legislative Council met for the first time on the 5th November when they were officially sworn in. While there was no sign of gunpowder in the basement of the Town Hall, metaphorically speaking there could well be a few explosions from the council chamber over the next year or so.

The new council members, Messers Tim Blake (West Camp), Ronnie Binnie (East Camp), Tony Blake (Camp), John Cheek (Stanley west), Bill Goss (Stanley east) and Terry Peck (Stanley) were given the opportunity to speak their minds towards the end of the session during the motion for adjournment. One or two members chose to say little, but the notable exception was Terry Peck who addressed the meeting at considerable length and strongly criticized the Plant and Transport Authority for what he alleged was slow work on the Darwin Road. He also blasted the government housing policy pointing out that the properties most in need of repair such as the Hodson Villas on Davis Street are largely ignored in favour of the more elaborate dwellings often occupied by expatriate English staff. Mr Peck also criticized the sales, some months ago, of government houses, saying that in his belief the prices demanded were too high (the houses were sold to the highest bidder, but reserve prices were publicised). Mr Peck also expressed his concern at the influence and property that the Argentine government now has in the Islands. Mentioning the LADE houses, office, and gas and fuel depots, he said "enough is enough".

Three members, Tim Blake, John Cheek and Tony Blake voiced their belief that constitutional change is essential, and the new council should look at this question in the near future.

East Falkland member Ronnie Binnie informed the council that he too was "very disappointed with the progress of the Darwin Road", and a lot of the responsibility for the failure of PATA must fall on the administration.

There is no doubt that the most outspoken member at this first meeting was Terry Peck, and the proof that he and to an extent Ronnie Binnie ruffled a good many feathers in the administration was soon to appear. The Chief Secretary broadcast a message to all employees of PATA to the effect that the administration was satisfied with the efforts of the department, and restated that they were hampered by factors beyond their control. Whether this announcement was issued due to fear that PATA may take offence and consequent union action in reply to the criticism, or whether the Chief Secretary was acting from the anger of members of the administration, we do not know. But a number of people felt that Mr Baker's action had been uncalled for, even a demonstration of disloyalty to the council. They pointed out that the administration exists only to carry out the policies of the elected government.

At the November 5th session Messers Tim Blake and Terry Peck were elected to Executive Council, the body that makes day to day policy decisions in the running of the country. Other members of Exco are Mary Jennings (representing the Union), Bill Luxton and the two ex-officio Members, the Chief Secretary and the Financial Secretary.

The committee responsible for education has also been reconstituted and now consists of Messers Binnie, Cheek, Peck and Tony Blake.

With the exception of the two ex-officio members, the Chief Secretary and the Financial Secretary, only two persons remain on Legco from the old council. They are Bill Goss and Tim Blake. It seems very likely that the predominantly new team will not allow itself to

to be dictated to by the Foreign Office and it is a good bet that the voice most often raised in dissent will be that of Terry Peck.

No date has yet been set for the next round of talks between Argentina, Britain and the Falklands, but it is believed that they will take place before Christmas in a neutral venue. We believe that the new Legco wishes Falklands representatives to attend the negotiations.

## WHO GOT WHAT

The two tier election system in The Falklands, whereby voting is spaced out over about two weeks, is often criticized as cumbersome and expensive, but at least it does give determined aspiring councillors a second chance should they fail in the first round. Indeed several persons did have a second go. The complete results were as follows:

### EAST STANLEY ON THE 1st OCTOBER

William Henry Goss 93 votes  
Stuart Barrett Wallace - 43  
Michael Ronald Harris - 37  
Christopher Richard Spall - 22

### WEST STANLEY ON THE 1st OCTOBER

John Edward Cheek - 115 votes  
William Edward Bowles - 67  
Desmond George Buckley King - 61  
Graham Leslie Bound - 28

### EAST CAMP ON THE 1st OCTOBER

Ronald Eric Binnie - 133 votes  
Brook Hardcastle - 72

### WEST CAMP ON THE 1st OCTOBER

Lionel Geoffrey Blake (uncontested)

### WHOLE STANLEY AREA ON THE 14th OCTOBER

Terence John Peck - 110 votes  
William Edward Bowles - 94  
Stuart Barrett Wallace - 74  
Desmond George Buckley King - 58  
Donald Davidson - 56  
Michael Ronald Harris - 41  
Janet Linda Cheek - 39

### WHOLE CAMP AREA ON THE 14th OCTOBER

Anthony Thomas Blake - 172 votes  
Timothy John Durose Miller - 126  
Alan Charles Miller - 43

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The turn out was remarkably good, and the average was 75% of the electorate voted.

The constitution requires that a candidate must receive at least 10% of the vote or the £25 deposit will be retained by the administration. In the recent elections only Jan Cheek and Mike Harris lost their deposits both as a result of the 14th October Stanley polling.

## UNCONFIDENTIAL VOTING

Many voters must have been surprised to find on their ballot paper a number

which was identical to the figure on the counterfoil retained by the supervisor at the polling booth. The insertion of the voter's electorate list number alongside that of the counterfoil meant that it would be a simple matter to trace the voter's ballot paper and determine exactly who he had voted for.

Other observant voters were even more shocked when they noticed that they were expected to mark their cross on the papers with a pencil which was provided. Of course it is a simple matter to erase a pencil mark and replace it with another.

While no one to our knowledge has suggested that the election was rigged in any way (and the PENGUIN NEWS is quite certain that it was not), or that peoples' choices are being checked, at least one or two persons did refuse to vote in protest at the undemocratic system.

This has apparently been the method used in the Falklands during elections for many years, and may well be a hang over from the bad old colonial days when most posts on councils were filled at the whim of the governor, and those few chosen by the people had to be acceptable to the administration.

Voting in the Falklands is now far from confidential even to the extent that the identity of those who did not vote can be known. Anyone spoiling their vote too would be instantly identifiable. There is bound to be considerable pressure to have the faults in the system rectified.

## ARE THE SCREWS BEING TIGHTENED?

At the end of last summer the Argentine air service LADE announced that its service from Comodoro Rivadavia to Stanley would be reduced from two to just one flight per week. They said, however, that the second flight would be reintroduced in the Spring, and this promise



*Letters to the Penguin News are welcomed and are published whenever possible.*

was kept. When the Saturday flights recommenced in September the Argentine government decided that they would be for a trial period only, and if sufficient traffic was not forthcoming they would be discontinued. Consequently LADE returned to a once weekly service on November 2nd using a Fokker F-28 "Fellowship" jet.

There has been speculation in the Islands that the move heralds a change in Argentine official attitude to the Islanders, possibly in reaction to the hostile stances taken by many candidates in the recent elections. The PENGUIN NEWS has heard that Argentina was considerably shocked to hear so many persons in broadcast speeches criticising the Argentine government's covetous nature and expressing the view that they should not be allowed to obtain any further footholds in the Islands. Therefore the LADE move may have been made out of pique rather than financial necessity. Further evidence that official Argentine policy may be changing is the considerable increase in freight rates on LADE and the difficulty of obtaining fresh fruit. Fruit has not been flown to Stanley for some weeks.

However, surprisingly to those who do believe that Argentina is becoming less charitable to the Islanders, Gas del Estado recently introduced a new service of small gas bottles and suitable appliances. Several high ranking officers of the state owned concern visited the Islands for the inauguration of the service, and the public were invited to view the appliances in the Parish Hall in Stanley.

The new gas service however has been planned for some months, indeed well before LADE announced that they were reverting to a once weekly service.

## Marine Addis case re examined

The case of Royal Marine Addis, who disappeared on the night of 7th/8th of August 1980, is being re-examined by the Chief of Police Ronald Lamb.

Marine Addis was visiting North Arm with a group of other Marines aboard MV Forrest and the evening was spent in the settlement social club, the last place where the missing soldier was seen. The most obvious explanation

is that he left the party and either wandered off lost into the camp to die of hypothermia (it was a cold winter night and he was wearing civilian clothes) or he fell over the side of the jetty and drowned. But the original military enquiry and the civilian inquest could come to no conclusion, as evidence was virtually non-existent. The inquest recorded an open verdict, and the case lay in the filing cabinet of the Stanley police station until recently.

Shortly after the incident the missing Marine's mother travelled to the Islands at the expense of the Ministry of Defence, and upon her return to Britain indicated that she wished for a more thorough enquiry to take place.

A Captain Gallagher of the Royal Military Police interviewed every Marine who had served with the missing man in the Falklands (The Stanley detachment has since changed) and then arrived in Stanley to assist Mr Lamb with investigations here.

During his stay the two policemen travelled to North Arm and followed up every rumour that has circulated about the case. As a result of one rumour indicating that the corpse lay beneath a settlement peat stack, forty tons of peat were moved by tractor - to no avail. Another story suggested that the sheep dip, which had not been used for several years, may hold the body, and still another indicated that it may be hidden in the loft of the cinema. These sites and many others were carefully investigated with negative results.

With only a few exceptions every person who was in the bar on the night has been interviewed, and almost every story has been followed to its origin: speculation.

There is no indication whatsoever that Marine Addis' death was due to foul play. From the interviews with other Marines it appears that he was not particularly unpopular and there would appear to be no motive for a crime.

Many local people who know the North Arm area well say that coastal conditions in the area would not allow a body to be swept well out to sea. It would be much more likely that it would come aground on a reef. However other sources say that with correct tidal conditions and some degree of coincidence it could be possible for it to be carried a good distance from North Arm. However it would still probably wash up somewhere in Adventure Sound.

Despite thorough searches by divers, aircraft, people on horseback and

in vehicles, there has been no sign of the unfortunate young man since that night in the Social club. People have been along the coast since, and have gathered sheep on the North Arm camp several times. But he could still be out there. At the turn of the century a man called Ned Casey wandered into the camp in a fog. He perished and his remains were not discovered for some twenty five years.

The Marine Addis case will not be closed unless a body or skeleton is found and identified as his, and then only if pathological tests determine that he died of natural causes. In the meantime the police have a few more rumours to follow up and one or two more people to interview, but after fifteen months the trail (if there is one) is distinctly cold.

### GOVERNOR LOOKS AT NEW DEVELOPMENT IDEAS

Following the return of Governor Hunt to the Falklands a short time ago, the PENGUIN NEWS editor spoke to him about new ideas for industry that he had looked into while in the United Kingdom.

The most interesting and potentially profitable of these was a company interested in exploiting the abundant kelp around the Islands. An American director plans to visit the Islands with his Japanese associate during the summer, and was fairly optimistic that a scheme using a floating factory ship would prove profitable. During the southern winter the firm would concentrate its efforts off the Canadian coast.

The last company to attempt to exploit the Islands' kelp was Alginate Industries. However they encountered several problems, one of which was the drying of the product. It may be that these problems can be overcome by the use of a floating factory.

The Governor also looked closely at some small industries in the north of Scotland. The most potentially useful of these was a small concern spinning wool and mechanically knitting the fibre into sweaters.

The machinery used in the family concern had been bought second hand in Glasgow, and, while old fashioned, was still useful.

Governor Hunt recognizes the serious need for diversification in our industry and these two ideas, as well as a few more, may provide the means to break away from total dependence on the wool export trade.

## HAPPENINGS

### COUNCILLOR ATTENDS CONFERENCE IN FIJI

Legislative and Executive Council member Tim Blake recently flew to Fiji to attend the Commonwealth Parliamentary conference there.

This has become an annual event now, and Leeco members chose a representative to attend the function which most of them consider to be important. It is the only international meeting at which we can voice our arguments and opinions.

This year the main conference was presided by a mini conference for the smaller members of the Commonwealth. This too was attended by Mr Blake, who said that it was less formal than the main meeting.

### AT LAST... A NEW STANLEY BAKERY

The Upland Goose has recently expanded its business to include a bakery. Selling cakes and buns as well as bread, the shop is open twice a week.

Since the closure of Dobbys Bakery in 1980 Stanley has been without such a basic service, and housewives have been forced to make their own bread.

### CINDY BUXTON ON SOUTH GEORGIA

Cindy Buxton, roving wildlife photographer daughter of Lord Buxton, chief of Anglia Television is back in the Falklands - albeit on our most remote island.

The RRS "John Biscoe" took Miss Buxton and her assistant Annie Price to South Georgia in October, and they will be spending the summer there making further films for "Survival", a subsidiary of Anglia.

The two girls spent the summers of 79/80 and 80/81 on the western fringes of the Falklands doing the same work.

### PATA STARTS WORK FROM BOTH ENDS

A small team of men are now working on the Stanley to Darwin Road at Bluff Cove.

Living in caravans not far from the settlement, the men equipped with lorries and several items of earth moving machinery, will work in a north easterly direction to meet up with the construction gang working from Stanley.

The long planned move has taken some time to organise, and maintenance of the group will no doubt pose some logistic problems. However small spare parts for the machines can be air dropped by FIGAS and Bluff Cove is any case, now only about 45 minutes journey overland from the Stanley end of the road.

As we mentioned in another article, the road project has come into some criticism recently from a few new members of Legislative Council.

#### LADE HOUSE PARTY OFF?

A considerable amount of controversy was generated some time ago when Lineas Aereas del Estado announced that they intended to hold a house warming party when their new house was completed.

Many expressed the view that such a celebration would be a propaganda coup for the Argentine Government, and would probably be attended by high government officials from Buenos Aires as well as TV and press teams.

Wishing to avoid a demonstration of opposition by local people, the administration in Stanley recommended that the party not be held. A councillor also suggested to the LADE chief that it may be diplomatic to forget the idea.

While there has been no official indication that the celebration is cancelled, it is beginning to look as though the idea may be shelved or at least downgraded to a small unostentatious gathering.

From the very day of its suggestion the new LADE house has met with much opposition from Falkland Islanders. After much discussion a patch of ground to the west of Race Course road was leased to the Argentine Air Force, and the pre-fabricated house of Brazilian origin was completed recently.

#### REDUNDANCIES IN CABLE & WIRELESS

The huge communications company Cable and Wireless who handle telecommunications in the Falklands has confirmed to PENGUIN NEWS that two of their staff have been given twelve months notice of the termination of their employment.

The two men are watchkeepers at the transmitting station, and have been working with the company for many years. The company told this paper that the move is part of

an economising process that began in 1979 when the operating hours were cut from 15 to 10 and the Town Hall office was closed. The redundancies were referred to by the company as abolition of posts and they said that there are no immediate plans for similar action.

The two watchkeepers have been offered alternative work in the company at a lower wage, or can accept redundancy payment.

## sports by our sports Editor P. Watts

### DARTS

The 1981 Darts season came to its conclusion with the team honours being fairly evenly distributed. The Rose 'B' team retained the Kendal Cup, the premier championship but they achieved little else. Their two top players James Lang and Pat Whitney both won over 100 legs between them, but as the season closed their team mates lost form and with it went valuable titles like the Knockout and the Cinzano.

It appeared as if the Islanders would provide the main challenge in the Kendal Cup, but they suffered some unexpected defeats against lesser opposition and could only manage 3rd place, losing out to the Beachcombers for the runner-up spot.

The Challenge Shield which is something like a second division, went to the Marine 'B' squad with the Nancy Trawlers finishing second. The Islanders did manage to win one title, the team knockout, beating the Fleetwing Flyers in the Final. The Flyers have been the winners' bogey team for most of the season. The Cinzano Shield went to the Beachcombers who improved steadily as the season progressed. The final tournament of the season, the Chief Constable's medals is designed for teams that have failed to win any of the major championships. Here The Rose 'A', for so long the top side, narrowly beat the Nancy Trawlers to gain some consolation for a generally poor season.

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#### SOUND AND VISION

## video revolution

Like all such schemes the government, if handling it, would have spent several years importing "experts" to handle feasibility studies, awaiting long reports and generally strangling the process in that ubiquitous red tape. However, fortunately the government was not involved in the introduction of television - or a form of it - to the Falklands. Video has been left to private

enterprise and as a result we are benefitting from this marvel of modern technology almost as quickly as the rest of the world. However now, as I will go on to explain, may be the time for Government to step in.

The first video recorder arrived in Stanley in February 1980, and slowly the attraction of the gadget caught on. Now there are (at a conservative estimate) 35 machines around town and camp, and for most owners there is a steady supply of taped programmes arriving from the United Kingdom. Of course this is not television as it exists in England but it may be even better. With the video tape system viewers control the material that they are watching and not vice versa. One can be selective about a programme to be viewed as one is about a record to be listened to, and the temptation to watch all of the trash put out by unscrupulous commercial concerns as exist in most countries is not present.

In the camp more than in Stanley the video revolution is changing life. Free time has always been one of the major social problems on the farms. To be sure there is the social club and bar on larger farms which may be open several or every evening of the week, and there are films once or twice a week but what does one do the rest of the time and once one is tired of clubs and films Video presents a solution to the problem and can have an important educating role too.

In town and camp people who have rarely or never left the Islands can have a wider appreciation of life in the outside world. They can see with their own eyes the brutal reality of riots in Brixton and dole queues in the "News at Ten". The cameras view of life in the rest of the world may make prospective emigrants realise that the quality of life in the Falklands is very high. Up until now how have many of us formed our opinions of the outside world? Through Hollywood images.

Also on the positive side there is the mental stimulation that good television can give us. Minds perhaps a little dulled by the limited experiences of the Falklands can be excited by seeing, for example, the Olympics or an interview with a famous statesman.

But now maybe the time for the Government to recognise the value of TV and step in to build their own small transmitting station. Amid cries of ridicule and accusations of inducement to spend on non essentials, let me quickly point out that such

a scheme need not be as expensive as many think. After all we do not need all the latest advances in video technology and the basic hardware can be purchased by the average family. The transmitter for a start would only have to work in a small radius (relays for other parts of the Islands would come later) and the probable cost of the whole project would be in the region of £350,000 assuming that equipment is all of a professional standard. A cable TV system would be quite a lot cheaper and could be more profitable. Without the considerable expense of a transmitter (about £100,000) Cost to the consumer would be affordable; say £24 for installation of the system and £12 per month rental. Allowing for 150 households joining the system this would mean an income (but not profit) of over £23,000 per year. Of course, in considering the idea government would have to examine the figures carefully, and they may find that if they make do with cameras and video recorders designed for use in the home the price could fall dramatically. We may not have to even foot the bill ourselves, and if we look around we may just find some organisation willing to give us a nice cheque. Indeed I heard a story recently that Phillips of Holland were willing to assist in this way some years ago.

Programme output would rely heavily on pre-recorded material obtained from the U.K., but there is at least one source that would be willing to supply at a very low fee indeed, and there may be others. Most important, the danger of polluting our young people's minds with an endless succession of trashy programmes would not be present as there would be no commercial competition to cause this. Output would, in any case, be monitored carefully by a responsible committee. A T.V. station would, in short, expand on the good work that the existing video recorder system is carrying out.

But, getting back to paragraph one, if the idea is entertained at all (and probably it will not be, even though it is not pie in the sky) we can expect droves of experts, shelves of reports and miles of red tape. However we may just have to put up with this if we want to keep our population. They need the comforts of the 20th century, and one of those is T.V.

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## TREASURE HUNTING IN THE FALKLANDS

Dave Ewenon spent several years in the Falklands during the early seventies, and developed a keen interest in the many wrecked ships that litter our coastlines. He married local girl Carol Watson and then returned to the United Kingdom where he worked as a professional skin diver in, among other places, the North Sea. But he couldn't get the temptation of diving on Falkland wrecks out of his system, and he recently returned here to salvage what he can from the sunken vessels.

Having invested a good deal of his own money in the project and bought a schooner called the "Penguin" here in Stanley, Dave envisages spending several years working around the Islands. As far as anyone knows (and it is possible to find out from surviving cargo manifests) there were no cargoes of gold or other precious items on any of the ships, and so Dave's main interest will be in non-ferrous metal, those that do not rust and corrode, and maritime artifacts. Copper and brass fetches a good price on the scrap market and there is considerable demand for items of ships equipment such as portholes and bells. This latter type of find he would like to see stay in the Falklands, and he will give the Government or any other concerns interested in the preservation of Falkland heritage the opportunity to buy whatever he recovers.

Falkland legislation allows for the salvager to retain 90% of the value of any item brought to the surface, and the authorities retain 10%. However income tax is also paid on the profits of any sale.

As far as equipment is concerned Dave could not ask for much more. Thanks to a full face mask and a long cable he can have communications with the surface boat, and two compressors keep his several air cylinders full. If he encounters anything heavy that is worth lifting, his air bag lifting gear can rapidly raise a 3 ton load to the surface.

The time until Christmas will be mainly spent looking around the Stanley area, where one ship - either the "Sydney Dacres" or the "Levenside" - lies in a remarkable state of preservation. In the new year he will turn his attention to the "Luigie Grey" which lies just off Ruggles Island in the Falkland Sound. The "Luigie Grey" has long been a temptation to divers, as she was carrying a cargo of marble statues when she foundered during the last century. One or two of the statues, which were bound for Valparaiso, have been recovered, but a twenty foot

tall statue of Christ is still believed to lie in the remains of the ship.

The "Penguin", a vessel with a long history in the Falklands, will take about a year to repair. Some damage, especially in the rudder area, is extensive. In the mean time Dave intends to use his 15ft Gemini inflatable boat and two outboard motors, taking the lot overland where necessary.

With ship to diver communication equipment a diving companion is not mandatory, but he would like to work with another local diver is possible. If the several qualified divers here are unable to work with him a second diver may come out from the U.K.

We will keep readers informed from time to time about the progress of the underwater venture.

## BAS 'PLANES LOST

The two De Havilland "Twin Otter" aircraft belonging to the British Antarctic Survey were damaged beyond repair during a severe storm at Rothera base on the 20th November.

Both Aircraft (registered in the Falklands as VP-FAW and VP-FAZ) were on the ground at the time and there were no casualties.

The B.A.S. statement concerning the incident added that the two field parties at present carrying out work in the area of Damoy and James Ross Island are in "very strong positions". The loss of the two 'planes will mean, however, that it will be difficult to assist such field parties over the summer.

It is believed that the two "Twin Otters" were not insured, and will cost the British tax payer 1½ million pounds to replace.

The main BAS supply ship RRS "Bransfield" arrived in Stanley from Rio de Janeiro on the 26th November. "John Biscoe" is about to commence an offshore biological programme and is expected to return to Stanley in late January.

## SPORTS REPORT continued from page 6

The individual titles proved to be a bonanza for James Lang. He carried off the Player of the Year award yet again. He also scored most 100's and achieved the most three dart finishes. His aggregate of all competitions could not be bettered.

The remaining individual titles were shared. Les Biggs took the bull centres, Colin Smith (the Governors Cup Champ) won the 101 and over championship. Harry Ford started most times during the season with his first dart, and Robert Finlayson was the only player to score the maximum 180.

Generally it was an interesting season with just a few unhappy moments occurring when one or two teams did not fulfill their obligations and gave away 15 points.

Now the darts season is over the outdoor sports begin. The football season is just getting under way, and 3 teams will contest the first tournament. A disappointingly low number of players have registered this season, and it looks as if the local side will be hard pressed to retain the Shield.

## BIRTHS

To David and Gwynne Clarke, a son, Joseph Gwyn, on the 5th October.  
To Roy and Elizabeth Anne Ross, a daughter, Cara Jane on the 12th September.  
To Don and Margaret Davidson, a daughter Catherine, on the 29th August.

## MARRIAGES

Dennis James Humphries and Margaret Anne Knight, on the 24th October.  
Neil Ford and Penny McKay, on the 10th October.  
Kevin Kilcarrin and Diane Brown, on the 12th October.  
Susan Anne Butler and Simon Forner, on the 24th September (at Port Howard)

## FARMING IN THE FALKLANDS

## G.T.U. NEED INFO

Roving veterinary Officer of the Grasslands Trials Unit, Steve Whitley recently appealed for help from the public to discover more about animal diseases in the Falklands.

He said in a letter dated the 2nd October that the sort of things which he is interested in are mainly the following. In cattle: hydatid cysts, black livers, twins and deformities. In horses: hydatid cysts, black livers, unaccounted deaths, runny noses, scabby legs. "North Arm nose" (swollen nose). In sheep: Scabby mouths, deformities, animals in abnormally good or bad condition, very heavy or light fleeces. In pigs: litter size and deaths, In cats: kittens with paralysis, deformities, deaths. In dogs: large litter sizes, puppy deaths, blindness. In wildlife: Unusual deaths and sightings.

As a general rule of thumb, however, Steve would like to hear about anything which may have a veterinary connection.

Samples from the animals are very often useful, but the collection of these may cause problems. Whenever possible the animal should be kept alive until the case has been discussed with Steve - unless this would mean prolonging any suffering. Whenever possible contact the veterinary office before gathering any samples. Some samples may be deep frozen and others preserved in formalin. Written notes which have a bearing on the case would be useful. Age, place and date found and signs of illness are good details to note, and a photograph is often helpful.

If you want to contact Steve Whitley his two metre call sign is VP8 AIZ, and that of the GTU office is VP8 XACF. Contact can, of course, also be made over the government R/T system.

## SHEARING WITH DRUGS

Technology seems to pay more attention to agriculture than it does to most other industries and so we should not be surprised to hear of a new product that may radically change the sheep farming industry.

It is a very special drug which when injected into the sheep causes it's fleece to fall off. Just like that - no need to shear it at all; it comes off all on its own like a coat. Of course much to the relief of the shearing gangs, the product (which has been tested in the Islands) needs to be perfected considerably, and there does not seem to be an immediate likelihood of it being used in the Falklands in a larger way.

The principal stumbling block seems to be the rather unpredictable timing of the fleece shedding, and if it happens when the animals are in a crowded paddock then the fleece will be trampled and damaged. Of course sheep cannot be kept locked in sheds for long periods while managers hang around waiting for the drug to take its rather unnatural course.

The other problem concerning the wonder drug is that it leaves the sheep completely bare of wool. Ordinary shearing ensures that the sheep retains a short protective covering and so the animal can be released immediately with no risk of it dying from cold. It's likely that with our unpredictable climate, even in summer, sheep released of their woolly coats by chemical means would have to be retained in sheds until they had a slight covering. Of course that is completely out of the question, but no doubt the men in white coats are at this very moment trying to resolve these little problems. It is possible that the days of traditional shearing may be numbered.

## MONEY MATTERS

## IS EATING TOO EXPENSIVE?

Grumbles about the high price of groceries in the Falklands are often heard and just as often are justified. For readers who maybe wondering how our prices compare with those in the United Kingdom we have gathered a few figures. But when considering this matter one has to remember that freight rates are quite high, and this does put the price of essential foods up quite a lot. We are confident that the importers of foodstuffs and other household essentials do keep their profit margins at a reasonable level.

Here then are the U.K. prices of some of the items that are sold in stores around Stanley, and while we must confess to not having had time to make a similar list from our stores, you may like to compare the prices with some of the things you filled your shopping bag with yesterday. It's interesting to note that some items are considerably cheaper in the Falklands. For example a mutton carcass. We would not dream of paying £28 the following UK prices may now have changed slightly as they were noted a little while ago.

Milk (pint) 19½p	Schweppes Tonic (8.50oz) 17p	CoOp instant coffee (200g) 9p
CoOp 99 Tea (125g) 24½p	CoOp Pineapple cubes (11lb) 31½p	CoOp Peaches (822g) 49p
Custard Creams biscuits 16p	CoOp table salt (750g) 17½p	Raspberry jam (11lb) 34p
Peeled tomatoes (14oz) 12p	Andrex twin pack 39p	Coca Cola (can) 22p
Eggs (dozen) 70p	Butter (250g) 40p	Chicken (frozen) (1b) 45p
Pork chops (1b) £1.00	Leg of lamb (1b) £1.30	Shoulder of lamb (1b) £1.00
Lamb chops (1b) £2.00	New potatoes (1b) 14p	Tomatoes (1b) 40p
Oranges (dozen) 95p	Edam cheese (1b) 75p	Sugar 45p (Kilo)
Trout (1b) 22.00	Mutton carcass £28.00	Cup of coffee with milk 18p
Petrol (gallon) £1.50	Cigarettes (20) 90p	

Steve Whitley was kind enough to send us a copy of a chart which we found very interesting indeed. From it we can see that the average British manual worker spends £34.10; that is 30.7% of the 111.00 weekly wage. That proportion sounds quite high, but in comparison to a few countries the British are laughing. In the USSR the average worker earns £30.00 a week and spends £29.81 on food. That is an astonishing 99%! To give some idea of the high prices that Russians have to put up with (if the food is obtainable at all), let us quote a few: butter (80oz) 64p, sugar (21b) 64p, eggs (dozen) 89p and chocolate (4oz) 71p. Some of the essential goods, however, are cheaper in Moscow than they are in London or Stanley. For example toothpaste (85ml) 29p, bread (28oz) 12p and dish washing liquid (litre) 57p.

With the help of a few sources we have worked out a very approximate average manual worker's wage at £59.30. But what percentage of that is spent on foodstuffs and essentials, we do not know. Perhaps someone would be interested in carrying out a survey so that we can accurately compare our lot with that of other nationalities.

## WORLD FAMOUS MYSTERIES

### THE LINES OF NAZCA

ONE OF THE STRANGEST MYSTERIES OF THE WORLD ARE THE MARKINGS TO BE SEEN ON THE PLAINS AT NAZCA IN PERU. THE TERRAIN IS MOUNTAINOUS, ARID AND WATERED ONLY BY SEASONAL TORRENTIAL RAIN. THE POPULATION IS SPARSE AND VERY POOR - BUT IN THIS DESOLATE PLACE, GREAT WORKS HAVE BEEN CARVED IN THE ROCKS AND EARTH OVER A DISTANCE OF MORE THAN 30 MILES - SO ACCURATELY THEY MIGHT HAVE COME FROM AN ARCHITECT'S DRAWING BOARD.

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FURROWS IN THE GROUND MAKE CLEAR PATTERNS - SHAPES OF PLANTS AND ANIMALS AND OTHER INEXPLICABLE DESIGNS - PARALLEL LINES RUN DEAD STRAIGHT FOR MILES, UNDETERRED BY THE RISE AND FALL OF THE GROUND.

IT HAS BEEN SUGGESTED THAT THEY ARE ROADS - BUT THEY LEAD NOWHERE - IT COULD BE AN ENORMOUS CALENDAR, CONSTRUCTED TO SHOW THE SEASONS FOR AGRICULTURAL PURPOSES - BUT WHAT IS THE MEANING OF THE STRANGE DESIGNS? ONE OTHER ENIGMA IS THAT THESE GREAT WORKS WERE CLEARLY MADE YEARS BEFORE FLIGHT BECAME AVAILABLE TO MAN, BUT, THEY ARE SO LARGE THEY CAN ONLY BE TRULY APPRECIATED FROM THE AIR.

## NEWS

## More talks soon

According to a report in the English language daily "The Buenos Aires Herald", the Argentine Foreign Minister Oscar Camilion met with his British counterpart Lord Carrington in New York recently, and the two men had agreed "in the course of the next few weeks" to "fix a date for specific negotiations". He added that there is a "totally clear understanding that the current situation as regards the Falklands cannot continue any longer and that the time has come to negotiate".

Concerning the rights of the Falklanders the Argentine minister said "we are committed to respecting the interests of the Islanders" but one cannot "consider that they have the right of veto in negotiations".

## BUSINESS

## TOURISM: DEAD OR DORMANT?

Whatever it is it's certainly lying pretty low. In fact the tourist season has not opened at all this year, and the few Stanley tourist operators and hotels are noticing the sharp decline in business.

There are two reasons why the mainly South American visitors have not returned in the numbers to which we have become accustomed, and the most important of these is the withdrawal of the second weekly LADE flight. If people wish to visit the Islands they must stay here for at least one week, and in most cases this is just too long. It is extremely difficult for the tourist to travel to the camp, and it is also expensive, so that there is no way that the majority can see anything other than Stanley. Consequently three days is about the maximum enjoyable stay for the South American, and virtually no tourist operator overseas wants to send groups to the Falklands for longer than this.

There is another problem which we have no hope of rectifying; the exchange rate for the Argentine peso. Their economy has always been in a state of flux, but over the past six months the peso has been devalued to an almost incredible degree. It now stands at 22,000 to the pound whereas at this time last year it was in the region of 8,000. This means of course that the goods that Argentines are so partial to are no longer cheap for them in Stanley, in fact they are quite expensive, and it is certainly not worth making the shopping trips to the Falklands that they used to indulge in.

There is some pressure on LADE in Buenos Aires to have the Saturday flight reintroduced and they appear to be at least considering the question, in response to pleas from Argentine tour operators who say that they can easily organize groups to visit the Islands.



for a few days at a time. Certainly the last two boom seasons would not be repeated, but we would enjoy the benefits of a small industry again.

There has been speculation in some quarters that the demise of tourism may have been the result of a Argentine Government policy to discourage their people from coming here by limiting air contact. If LADE reacts favourably to the requests of the Buenos Aires travel agents then we will at least know that the F27 flight was discontinued for genuine reasons of economy.

Tourism is not a popular industry in the Falklands - indeed it is probably unpopular with the masses the world over. Furthermore it has received virtually no encouragement from the government, and while agriculture has been aided by millions of pounds and the establishment of the Grasslands Trials Unit, tourism has only been honoured on a set of stamps. Admittedly there has been half-hearted investment in one or two schemes, but the traditionally farmer-dominated Legislative and Executive Councils have never really wished to see an alternative industry such as tourism develop. Everyone, especially our councils, should remember that it is not only the tourist agencies, hotel and boarding house owners who benefit, but it is the whole community through income tax.

It looks as though the regular cruise vessels will continue, but they will not bring a lot of money into the country. Those Argentines and Brazilians (prices are not attractive for them either) on the "Eugenio C" and other ships will not be spending a lot, and so we will benefit only from harbour fees. Americans and Europeans that visit aboard the "World Discoverer" have never contributed a great deal to the Islands.

The "Discoverer" will call three times this summer, and the larger ships five times.

#### FAITH THEMES

Religion ... is not a series of beliefs, a set of customs; religion is the teaching of the Lord God, teachings which constitute the very life of humankind, which urge high thoughts upon the mind, refine the character and lay the groundwork for man's everlasting honour.

Abdu'l-Baha

#### CONTACTS

The following people would like to have penfriends in the Falklands.

Robert Bazika, Sidliste 781, 76302 Gottwaldov-Malenovice, Czechoslovakia  
Mr Bazika is a collector of stamps and philatelic items of the Falklands and the British Antarctic Territory. He included with his letter a packet of stamps, and any person who writes to him can collect these from the Penguin News office.

Inelar Deo Jairam, 14 Cornelia Ida Public Road, West Coast Demerara, Guyana, South America.  
This 24 year old gentleman collects all stamps and coins and likes making friends.

#### LABOUR

## F.I.C. LOSES 9 VIDEOS AND 1 EMPLOYEE

The Falkland Islands Company have cashed in on the video boom, and were expecting 20 video recorders and 10 televisions for their West Store by the recent voyage of m.v. "AES". However the expensive items fell victim to those turkey vultures of the quay side, the cargo brochures, and nine videos and a TV disappeared somewhere along the line. This naturally caused considerable alarm in the company, and it seems that the finger of suspicion may have begun to point at the warehouse keeper Val Berntsen.

Mr Berntsen told the PENGUIN NEWS that he had given the company one month's notice of his resignation because he did not feel that he could work where he was not trusted. He told us that he had been approached by a person from the company's shipping office and told that if the video recorders and TV were missing then he would be held responsible.

Two days after the incident resulting in Mr Berntsen's resignation the company discovered that the items had not been correctly checked into the warehouse and that they had almost certainly been stolen before the AES had left the United Kingdom. But even though the company's executives must have been aware that Mr Berntsen felt that he was under

under suspicion from the resignation letter, no apology was offered to him and no attempt was made to clear up any misunderstanding. Instead he was told that instead of working until the end of the month he could terminate his employment at the end of that week.

Having been somewhat shocked at this story we went along to the FIC's office in Stanley and spoke to the Deputy Manager Terry Spruce. He said that Mr Berntsen had not been suspected of stealing the items, and therefore no apology had been made to him when it was realised that the video equipment had not been off-loaded here. Mr Berntsen was told, claimed the FIC, that he could leave the job before his one month's notice was up because another person had already been located to fill the post. Mr Spruce conceded that a person in the shipping office may have told the warehouse man that he would be held responsible if the items were missing, but he said that this was not the company opinion. Mr Spruce said that Val Berntsen had not left the company in an atmosphere of bad feeling.

Yet bad feeling there was, and it seems that a man resigned his job due to unfounded suspicion of his dishonesty. There is no reason to believe that the missing equipment is in the Falklands, and police in the U.K. are now investigating the case. It is hoped that the police will not confine their enquiries to the T.V. equipment. The degree of theft that occurs to Falkland Islands cargo is alarmingly high.



## C. AND W. VISIT

Long time Falkland resident Ron McCormick achieved his ambition of many years when he recently attended a country and western music festival in Nashville, Tennessee. Ron arranged the visit through contacts made over his ham radio, and while in Tennessee lived with friends in Johnson City. He was delighted when he was made an honorary citizen of the town, and the photo above shows him being presented with a certificate to commemorate the occasion by the Mayor.

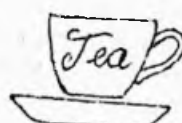
Back stage at the Grand Ole Opry he met several famous country singers, and one way and another found himself almost as much of a curiosity as some of the stars. Several papers printed articles about this devoted fan who had travelled to Tennessee all the way from the Falklands.



## Upland Goose Hotel Stanley - Falkland Islands **GIFT SHOP**

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## MORE HOSTEL TROUBLE

Coinciding with the visit of a senior Coalite director and ex site manager Chris Nicholson, a dispute seems to have arisen at the problematical School Hostel site in Stanley. According to our source, Brian Paul (foreman) and his wife and work mate Sonia, have refused to continue work for the present in protest at the directive from Coalite that they should take short cuts and use "cowboy" methods in order to speed up the completion of the building. Mr Paul regards some of the methods as unprofessional and insists that certain standards should be adhered to.

We telephoned the Manager of the Falkland Islands Company in Stanley in an effort to confirm these reports, and his response seemed to indicate that a delicate situation does exist. Mr Milne's response to our query was "no comment". He did, however say that we could discuss the matter with the visiting Coalite director when he returns to Stanley, but our printing deadline does not permit us to do this.

Further developments will, no doubt occur before this edition is published, and already we have heard that the two other work men at the site have expressed their concern at the building methods that are being suggested.

## EDITORIAL continued.

Few residents of Stanley can be unaware of the several people who are currently making the rounds of Stanley asking the residents for their opinions of Nicholas Ridley's suggestion of "lease-back" as a solution to the political problem.

They are apparently compiling a survey that will be presented to the authorities to support their opposition to Ridley's idea. I was asked if I would like to place my name beneath those of others who oppose lease-back or in the section reserved for those who are in favour of it. If I did not wish to place my name in either section I was told that I would be listed as "sitting on the fence". I felt that I could not be listed as supporting lease-back, as I do not think that it is a good idea. But neither could I place my name in the other section, as to do so would suggest that I am completely satisfied with the colonial system and that I desire a deadlock. I believe, of course, that it is wrong, though practical at the moment, that Falklanders should suffer the humiliation of being dictated to by Britain - a country which will not even allow the majority of us to live within its borders. I think we should aspire to greater things, free of both Argentine and British domination.

And so the well-meaning lady on my door step put me down as "sitting on the fence"; an unfortunate turn of phrase as it suggests that one is waiting to see which side will be the best to jump down into. It may also suggest that one is for lease-back but hesitant to say so, or simply too weak minded to make a decision of any sort.

So I hope that the results of this unofficial survey will not be taken too seriously. Instead let us have a well conducted referendum which would permit Islanders to express any shade of opinion that they may have. Some of the options could be maintenance of the status quo, lease-back, independence or limited independence with some British rule maintained. The government should base their policy on the opinion of the majority.

Despite the Editor's personal view, the PENGUIN NEWS will be pleased to print letters from readers expressing any political opinion - space permitting, of course.

## HERE AND THERE

### NEWS THAT DOESN'T QUITE MAKE HEADLINES

**ELECTIONS** The Governor, sitting as president of the Legislative Council, announced that following the completion of the session then in progress the Council would be dissolved.

Falklanders will go to the poles on 29th September and 14th October.

The announcement was expected, as this Legislative Council had been in existence for almost the four year term.

**AIRPORT TRAFFIC** Acting Director of Civil Aviation Gerald Cheek recently informed the PENGUIN NEWS that from January to December 1980 there were 560 movements (a take off and a landing constitutes two movements) at Stanley Airport.

**THANKS** to John Morrison for his great help.

The aircraft using Stanley Airport were mainly Fokker F-28, Fokker F-27, Britten Norman Islander and Cessna 'planes. There were also several visits from De Havilland Twin Otters and Piper Navajos.

### FIBS BROADCAST CONTROVERSIAL INTERVIEW

The Broadcasting Officer of the Falkland Islands Broadcasting Station Patrick Watts recently spent some time in Buenos Aires. While there he recorded an interview with Argentine minister Carlos Blanco.

The interview was broadcast by FIBS following his return to the Falklands, and in it Sr Blanco expressed his government's opinion on the Falklands issue.

Some listeners spoke out strongly against the interview, apparently believing that the efforts of the station should be aimed in other directions.

However most Council Members felt that it had been a worth while enterprise.



### QUEEN HONOURS LOCAL BOBBY

It was recently announced from Government House that Inspector Donald Hugh Macmillan has been awarded the Queen's Police Medal for his work in the Falkland Islands Police Force over many years.

Inspector Macmillan has been Acting Chief Police Officer since the resignation of Terry Peck from that post in 1980. He has faced the problem of a seriously under staffed force for some time.

SUPPLY SHIP ARRIVES The regular Falklands' supply vessel, the Danish ship m.v. "AES" arrived in Stanley harbour on the 21st.

Unloading was delayed for some days due to rain, and following the loading of a large number of bales of wool she departed for South Georgia and London. "AES" carried a large quantity of philatelic first day covers to the scientific base at South Georgia where they will be given the Falkland Islands Dependency cache. Antarctic postman Charles Coutts accompanied the cargo.

NEW BOOK ABOUT THE BATTLE The story of the Battle of the Falklands, which was one of the most important naval engagements of the First World War, has been retold, and a new book about the battle (reputedly well researched) is to be published in the UK soon.

GROUP SETS TRAVEL RECORD In what we believe to be the fastest journey ever made between Stanley and London, the Outward Bound Tours annual London group left Stanley Airport on the morning of 6th May, spent only a few hours in Buenos Aires, and arrived at Heathrow just 25 hours and 20 minutes later.

The journey would have been faster still, had the group not been delayed due to a strike in Madrid.

GENTOO ON THE MOVE The motor vessel "GENTOO", a ship with a long history in the Falklands, recently moved from its mooring place of many years west of the government jetty in Stanley to a new site in the Canache.

The boat was recently bought by local resident Dave Emsely, and he plans to live on it alongside the old jetty in the Canache. Mr Emsely told us that the new mooring will probably be "GENTOO's" last, as he does not plan to move it under its own "steam".

The ship was built as a trawler in the UK during the first decade of this century. In recent years she has been owned by the late Jack Davis, Bill Hills and a short lived treasure hunting company.

## COME TO OUR PARTY, YOUR MAJESTY

Falkland Islanders will celebrate one hundred and fifty years of continuous British rule next year. As we mentioned in an earlier article concerning the recent Legislative Council meeting, the Council unanimously passed a motion inviting the Queen to attend the celebrations. Governor Hunt happily sent a telegram the following day containing a formal invitation.

There are some doubts, however, about whether the invitation will be accepted, and while almost certainly everyone in the Islands would like her to visit, the British government may deem it unwise. Royalty hardly ever visit areas of unrest or where there are political disputes in existence.

A committee is to be formed soon to organise the celebrations in the Falklands, and it will be its task to ensure that the anniversary becomes a time to remember.

An important commemorative set of stamps is being designed at present by local artist Duffy Sheridan, and the high costs to the country of a Royal visit could easily be made up by the sale of the stamp issue. The stamp issue to commemorate the hundredth year of British rule in 1933 made philatelic history, and set the standard for countries all over the world. A complete set of these stamps would sell today for well over £1000.