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In almost every issue over the past few months, it has been our sad duty to report the deaths of servicemen. Often these men were killed while engaged on duties that added to the defence of the Falklands.

When a fighter aircraft crashes or there is some other violent and tragic incident, Islanders are saddened as deeply as anyone. They know that another life has been sacrificed for the sake of their Islands, and they do not forget it.

Despite the scurrilous and damaging campaigns of some newspapers, Falklanders are grateful for the efforts that are being made on their behalf.

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AND LOTS MORE!

Our coverage of the Minister's visit meant that some of our planned articles had to be shelved. A close look at the operations of the contracting firms will now appear in FN number 56, as will a piece concerning the Falklands new constitution.

The Baroness in the Falklands

Baroness Young, Minister of State at the Foreign Office, and the government official with direct responsibilities for the Falklands and South America, arrived at R.A.F. Stanley on the 11th of January. She was to remain in the Islands for one week, travelling widely, and meeting Islanders, servicemen and contract workers.

It was a hectic programme which allowed little time for relaxation. By the final day of her familiarisation tour the Minister estimated that she had met in the region of one third of the Islanders. As she said, it was "no mean feat".

Lady Young's first date was with Major General Spacie and other senior officers of the three services, who were to provide a comprehensive military briefing. After a brief private meeting with Sir Rex Hunt the following morning, the Minister's party embarked on a tour of government departments, schools, building sites and offices. The tour included an opening ceremony at the new Standard Chartered Bank.

Friday, Saturday and Sunday were to see Lady Young, the Civil Commissioner and the ministerial entourage engaged on a whistlestop tour of the camp, travelling by FIGAS and helicopter. The itinerary included visits to San Carlos (where a wreath was laid at the memorial in the Blue Beach Military Cemetery), Kelley's Garden, the new farms at Packe's Port Howard, Port Howard and Chartres. On Saturday morning the party were to meet a different Falklands population: thousands of Rockhopper penguins and Albatross on the rocky coast of New Island. Drenched by a cold and driving rain, the Baroness posed for photos in the huge rookeries. At both Fox Bay settlements the Minister was again able to meet with local people, and had a taste of overland travel during the 30-minute drive between East and West. The party stayed overnight at North Arm, and moved on the following day to the Falklands largest farm settlement at Goose Green. Later in the afternoon over one-and-a-half hours were spent at the Mount Pleasant Airport site and East Cove. Following this tour, Baroness Young was to remark that the project is going ahead quickly.

The camp tour concluded with a call at Fitzroy, and here the Baroness took the opportunity to pay her respects to the men of the Welsh Guards who died nearby.

On Monday the officials resumed the Stanley tour, this time paying more attention to the important or pioneering centres of business. Lady Young looked around the Penguin Ale Brewery, and went on to meet staff of the FI Company at their offices. She inspected the recently expanded Cable and Wireless Station and looked in on the Police Station and the Philatelic Bureau.

The two most important meetings of the visit occurred on Monday. Councillors, the Commissioners, and the Baroness with her advisors met at Government House around 11.30 am, and their discussions continued through lunch. The proceedings were, of course, confidential, but one tantalising, though disputed detail did leak out. One person who attended the meeting told the F.I. Broadcasting Station that the Baroness had indicated that a 200-mile maritime zone could be declared within one year. The Baroness later denied this, stating simply that the question is being "actively considered".

That evening she joined the largest gathering of her tour. In the region of two hundred people were in Stanley's Town Hall at 7.00 pm, and questions were fired at the dais in rapid succession. Baroness Young's responses were often non-committal, and it was evident following the meeting that many citizens felt frustrated at the lack of straight forward answers.

Asked whether she was aware of the number of times Councillors had made clear their desire for control over the waters around the Islands, and whether that control would be granted, the Minister simply stated: "I'd like you to accept that this is very much a matter we have before us." She would not detail the legal and diplomatic complexities that are involved, telling another Islander that she felt it would "not be appropriate" to detail the difficulties.

Lady Young was asked when the Foreign and Commonwealth Office would provide its blessing for the establishment of the planned FI Development Corporation (a locally administered body which will provide material assistance and advice to new enterprises, funded with money provided by the British Government). Again, there was no commitment from the Minister, although she did say that there is no reason why "in the meantime any development should be held up".

Baroness Young was evasive when asked about the likely effect of public opinion of British Government Falklands' policy. She considered such questions hypothetical, and would only repeat the British Government's present line on the matter. "We are not going to negotiate the sovereignty of the Islands. I can give you that undertaking on behalf of the Government". The Minister made clear, however, that there is a need to improve relations with Argentina. "Our view is that there are a number of areas - for example economic and commercial - where we would like to see better bilateral relations."

It was clear that distrust of the Foreign Office (such a prevalent feeling before the war) has not altogether vanished. Sydney Miller stood up and told the meeting "Some of us here have lost all faith in the FCO". While that rather extreme view was not perhaps truly representative of the assembled Islanders, the Baroness's answers did little to bolster faith in the one British Government department which has most to do with Falklands affairs.

The Minister was able to reassure Falklanders on a few points. The Mount Pleasant Airport would, she assured the people in the hall, be large enough to handle wide-bodied jets carrying a full complement of passengers, and flying to and from Ascension Island.

There were positive things said too, although in general terms, about the future. "There is much to be heartened by in the economic future. There is a great potential".

Baroness Young seemed favourably impressed by the Islands and the people. She pointed out that relations between the military and civilian communities "have struck me as excellent". She spoke well of the quality of life. "I don't think that anybody coming to the Falklands need imagine they are coming to somewhere backward. I have seen quite a few examples of modern technology available to everyone." Later, at the winding up press conference, the Baroness elaborated on this theme. "That the Islanders are attached to their traditional way of life is in no doubt, but that they are prepared to face up squarely to and, indeed, embrace the challenges of the 20th century is no less evident."

Tuesday's programme involved mainly visits to military installations in the Stanley area, although one hour was reserved for a discussion with the Civil Commissioner. Early that evening Baroness Young shook hands with the officials who had been her hosts for the past week, and climbed aboard the RAF Hercules which would take her on the first leg of her journey back to Whitehall.

FAY BY DAY - A look at local news

20.12.83. Johnnie Walker darts tournament tonight and 21st. Won by C. Smith. Cable and Wireless offered half price direct dialling 'phone cards for use during the introductory period. New design £5.00 notes were placed in circulation during this week.

23.12.83. In a message on "Calling the Falklands" the Prime Minister sent greetings to Islanders. "I know that you'll be having a truly traditional Christmas. I'll be thinking about Port Stanley, San Carlos Bay, Darwin ... every place that I visited. There is a great future to look forward to. We are trying to do everything we can to build that new airport, to rebuild the structure of the Falkland Islands, and to give the young people a chance to know that they have the kind of life which has become traditional in the Falkland Islands. Be of good cheer!"

26 & 27.12.83. Stanley Sports Association Race meeting. Champion Jockey was Neil Watson.

28.12.83. Steer Riding competition. Winner: Ronald Rozee.

30.12.83. At a ceremony on the S.S. UGANDA, a powerful microscope bought with funds mainly provided by the children of Golspie High School, Sutherland, is presented to the Education Department. It is dedicated to the memory of Scots Guardsman Jim Reynolds, who was killed on Tumbledown mountain.

31.12.83. LINDBLAD EXPLORER arrives in Stanley, and tonight entertains many Stanley folk on board. In the Town Hall hundreds of civilians and troops celebrated the new year at a dance which was lively, though somewhat marred by brawls.

1.1.84. Dick Baker, ex Chief Secretary was awarded the CBE.

3.1.84. Insect definitive stamps issued in Stanley and at Fox Bay East. 150th Anniversary issue were withdrawn although some over-printed anniversary stamps remain on sale.

2.1.84. Southland Sun 2, a tri-services exercise, mobilised forces on, around and above the Falklands today. The FI Defence Force were also involved, and remained on duty until late on the 5th.

4.1.84. An Army Air Corps helicopter with a crew of two was lost after leaving Pebble Island at around 10.00 p.m. An extensive search was organised, and the machine was located several days later off the coast of West Falkland. Captain John Belt (pilot) was buried at Blue Beach military cemetery. The body of Sergeant Roger Jones was flown to Ull for burial near his home.

7.1.84. Local resident Terry Betts offers fresh fruit for sale. It is over a year since fruit has been available.

8.1.84. The Forces organise a raft race, which takes place in choppy seas between the Government and the Public jetty.

11.1.84. Baroness Young, Minister of State at the Foreign Office, with responsibilities for the Falklands and South America arrives by RAF Hercules. She is accompanied by two Sunday Express reporters, and three advisors.

12.-17.1.84. Island-wide tours and meetings for the ministerial party, as detailed elsewhere in this issue. Baroness Young departed late on the 17th.

19.1.84. Michael Heseltine, Secretary of State for Defence, arrived this evening, at the start of a familiarisation tour lasting several days.

MR. HESELTINE IN THE FALKLANDS

The BBC's "Calling the Falklands" staff contacted journalist Christopher Lee, who is travelling with the minister, and asked why he thought Michael Heseltine planned his visit. Mr. Lee had this to say: "It is only natural that the Defence Secretary wants to see and hear for himself what is going on, and the problems of defending the Islands."

The PENGUIN NEWS Editor will be with the accompanying press party during much of the Minister's visit and FN number 55 will carry a full report.

JEFF GLOVER RETURNS TO THE FALKLANDS

Harrier pilot Jeff Glover flew into action in the Falklands, and during a sortie over Port Howard was shot down by the Argentines. He subsequently became the Argentines only prisoner of war.

Now he has again been posted to the Falklands, and as soon as he can get time off from the demanding duties of patrolling Falklands air space, he plans to visit the woman whose touching act of kindness he remembered throughout his period in hospital and captivity.

"I never actually met her", explained Jeff Glover, "but when I was in the Argentine field hospital, she turned up and gave the bloke in charge a couple of bars of chocolate to pass on to me. At the time I was in pain, and pretty down, so the gesture was appreciated".

The woman who Jeff knew simply by her first name is Sharon Middleton. She was delighted to learn that her friend has returned, and told the FN: "He'll certainly be very welcome here. I felt sorry for him, and wanted to let him know there were people here thinking of him."

LITTLE CHAY RITES

Dear Uncle Wrecks

Thank you for ansering my letters. My mum sed you woodnt rite but I sed I new you wood as your my favrite uncle and much better than uncle Ben who thinks he nows everythink. Old Grandad Ben McBenny told me wunce that Deen Brandon sed that when Uncle Ben first came out here from England in the Vikker of Bray the fokes used to call him a When-eye cus he wuz always goin on about "Wheneye was in Hong Kong or Siprus or sum other strange place".

As you sed, I asked my teecher to lern me about spelling but he sed he woodnt be able to do ennythink for me until july as he wuz just going off to camp for his skool hollidays and then he had to rush back to Stanley to ketch a bote at the end of Febury so that he cood go on leave to Ingland in time to get back here for the mid winter hollidays. Enny way he gave me a big Dixen Dicksun book so that I cood lern words for myself. I am using it for this letter but most of my words are not in the Dicksun book. My dad sed that book lernin aint no good, and that skoels are about as good as a second gooseman. He sed he never had any educashun in the camp wen he wuz a kid, and if nuthin else has changed why shood that. Dad thinks we shood turn the skool into a servicemens club and then the teachers woodnt need to worry about pubs being close to the skool.

Do you like the new creeply-crawly stamp I am putting on this letter? Me and Uncle Ben think there orful. They remind him of when he was in the rats last Christmas. He liked the osas appel set best cus it reminded him of all the frute he cood get before he came to the Forklands. Poor old Uncle Ben and Aunt Kelpie al- most died last week. The doctor sed they had been eatin too much army frute off the rubbish heap which the rats had been nibbling at. My mum sed that if we still had a borde of health you woodnt be allowed to dump frute and vejetables on the rubbish heap. It shood be berried or burnt or given to people so that the rats coodnt feed off it. Wots a borde of health Uncle Wrecks?

Big Charley got dad a job cuttin peet at osas rates of £2 a yard. Now he spends most of his time down at the Whalers Arms or at the Spit and Sawdust drinkin with Skinshed Lill. Poor old mum gets upset and theatens not to cut any more peet for him. But she always does. Dad sez 'thats livin orl right!'

Did you get enny turkey or roast beef for Chrissmas? We had to have mutton and spuds as usual so we thort we wood play it big and invite Big Charley up for dinner. Then maybe he wood ask us up to Monkey Island for wun of his big too-niter parteyes. Dad cracked a botel of rewharb wine that Ant Kelpie had given him and everythink was going just fine till someone shouted BOIL! Of course it had to be Big Charley and now I dont suppose he will ask us to his party. Enny-way the duff was good and seein as heed left we all had a bit more.

Dad and Uncle Ben went to the publik meeting last nite to see the Duchess but it wuz all so hi-pothetical that they didn't understand what it wuz all about -not even Uncle Ben. Whats hi-pothetical Uncle Wrecks?

Frum your faverite newew,

LITTLE CHAY

MEANWHILE BACK AT THE RANCH ... A tongue in beak look at the alternative news

Not easy to loose things in a little place like Stanley, right? WRONG! Just ask Messrs Fairclough International who have most unaccountably mislaid their twenty ton trailer. They think they saw it wizzing past behind an unidentified vehicle a little while ago, but since then nothing. Theories abound, but to our mind the most likely explanation is that the juggernaut rolled into one of the very same deep, fresh and quaking pools of concrete that it helped construct.

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These days one does not hear of any feeling but hostility towards the Argentines. But back in the early 70s things were a little different.

A gilt edged copy of a presentation document recently fell into my hands. Headed with the colourful Falklands crest, the documents were obviously meant to be framed as an expression of gratitude. The beautifully printed pieces of paper had this to say:-

"Presented to members of the Argentine Air Force Albatross Squadron by the people of the Falkland Islands as a tribute to their courage and skill in maintaining a regular air link between Comodoro Rivadavia and Stanley throughout the severe winter of 1972."

It wasn't long ago, but how times and feelings have changed.

THE PENGUIN POST BOX

Write to the Penguin News at PO Box 178, Port Stanley. Regardless of the views expressed in your letter, we would like to receive it. We stress, however, that opinions contained in this column are not necessarily shared by the Editor. Our paper is perhaps the only means you have to express your opinion publicly. Please use it.

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"I INDITE THOSE RESPONSIBLE FOR FAILING TO TACKLE THE PROBLEMS, AND SWEEPING YOUR READERS', THE ISLANDERS', FUTURE UNDER THE CARPET"

Dear Mr. Bound,

Reference FN 21st November, I noted the pessimistic viewpoint of Mr. Ron Reeves on the development of Falklands agriculture. The economic world is in the worst economic recession since the 1930s currently, and this background is effecting farms large and small.

There are improvements that can increase farm incomes in the Islands. Breeding techniques can increase wool value per kilo by up to 100%. Progress is being made on farms such as Rincon Grande, Pickthorne, Dunbar, Donnelly, Boundary, West Point, Harress and Johnson Harbour. The quantity of wool can be increased on the sheep's back, compounding the rise in income per animal.

The Grasslands Trials Unit will, I think, eventually produce systems of farm management and grassland improvement, which will increase sheep numbers or profit-able diversification, for all sizes of farms.

Expenditure on fencing (for rotational grazing and better stock management), drainage, reseeding, buildings, plant and machinery, would contribute to income in following years.

In the UK there are a multitude of grants available, (32½ - 50%) from the ODA or EEC, for all these and many other items. Everyone in the Islands should be critical that none are available for Falkland farming, to encourage reinvestment in agriculture.

Mr. Reeves seems to argue in favour of the neglect and lack of investment in your Islands, & the extraction of several millions sterling (e.g. from 1951 to 73 £1,900,000; and from 1976 - 80 £1,100,000) to the United Kingdom. He suggests some alternative landreform whilst maintaining large scale ranching for social reasons. Clearly subdivision owners may by choice establish their own farmhouses together at the existing settlements to share the facilities or cooperate in development, and to maximise FIG camp education and other services. This may be ideal. However, equally by choice, they may establish their farmhouses outside the existing settlements.

Mr. Reeves should be advised that your establishment (i.e. FITC, FIC, Coalite, FIA, FCO and HMG) are on record in opposition to land reform, and in favour of the disingenous, so called, gradual approach. Baroness Young of the FCO said in Parliament on 6th December, that the division of San Carlos and vague possible leasing of another farm (presumably foreign owned islands to the west) will keep the Civil Commissioner's officials occupied for the next two years. If there is "subdivision mania" amongst Islanders, then it will spring from the frustration of Islanders seeing the opportunity of breaking away from the tied-house, and instead owning their home and farm, gradually slipping away from them.

Such subdivision as has taken place recently has been in the non-FIC sector. When will some ideal land become available in Lafonia?

Given diversification, given the freedom for Islanders to choose where they work and for whom, there is no question of unemployment due to land reform, and many Islanders who have written to me would achieve a desire to have a real stake and future for themselves and their families.

In fact I favour a mixed farm economy with a few farms of substantial size, those already owner-occupied together with two or three of the existing overseas controlled farms of less than 35,000 sheep. There should also be a greatly increased number of farms of 3,000 to 5,000 sheep that are owner-occupied. From this base development and reinvestment would be created.

To conclude, I can do no better than quote the opening of Lord Shackleton's team's 1982 report: "In our 1976 socio-economic survey of the Falkland Islands, our

general conclusions were that, in spite of some major disadvantages of geography, communications, population size, a certain lack of cohesion and initiative, and the overhanging Argentine dimension, the Islands have been and could continue as a viable economic community, provided certain urgent problems were tackled. Briefly the most important of these were the need:

- (a) For reinvestment in agriculture to stem the flow of funds from the Islands.
- (b) To widen land ownership of farms in order to create opportunities for the independent Falkland Islanders to have a stake in the Islands, and generally to create more diversified job opportunities to stem immigration of young Falklanders.
- (c) For strong local government machine to initiate, assist and follow through on development opportunities."

End quote.

With this letter I indite those responsible for failing to tackle the problems, & sweeping your readers', the Islanders', future under the carpet.

Regards, COLIN SMITH, Abbey Mill Farm, Abbey Road, Knaresborough, North Yorkshire.

Editor's note: Mr. Smith owns shares in San Carlos farm, and his company is now selling the property in sections to individual Falklands farmers.

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BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS

B I R T H S

- 14.11.83 To Mandy and Robin Goodwin of Great Island, a daughter, JOANNE HAZEL ROSE
- 29.11.83 To Frances and Peter Biggs of Stanley, a son, DANIEL CRAIG
- 11.12.83 To Margaret and Gary Hewitt of Stanley, a daughter, SARA MARIE
- 21.12.83 To Trudy and Marvin Clarke of Stanley, a daughter, FELICITY MARIE

M A R R I A G E S

24.12.83 Leen Berntsen and Pamela Lloyd.

D E A T H S

- 17.10.83 Flight Lieutenant Jeffrey Kenneth Bell, RAF
- 17.10.83 Flight Lietenant John Richard Gostick, RAF

Flt. Lieut. Bell and Flt Lieut. Gostick were killed when their fighter aircraft crashed in the Falklands. Our sympathy to their families and colleagues.

On or about 21.11.83. Mrs. Jenny Lewis nee Triese formerly of Douglas Station.

Mrs. Lewis died in her sleep at estancia La Margarita, Santa Cruz, Argentina. Many readers will remember her hospital work in Stanley and in later years the Lewis'Douglas Station life

The PN gratefully receives news for this column about people cverseas who are connected with the Falklands.

WHO ON EARTH ARE THE P.S.A.?

There are a lot of them about, but not many people seem to know exactly what they are up to. With the help of the Property Services Agency itself, the PN has a close look at this organisation.

In recent months the people of Stanley may have noticed vehicles bearing the initials PSA. Both the vehicles and the people in them are recent arrivals, but the PSA association with the Falklands has existed for many years.

The Property Services Agency, to give this organisation its full title, is a part of the United Kingdom Department of the Environment.

Its job is to provide, manage, maintain and furnish properties used by the Government at home and abroad, including defence establishments, offices, courts, research laboratories, national museums and galleries, training centres and land.

Prior to the conflict the PSA managed the estate at Moody Brook, which was occupied by the Marines, and at Navy Point. Because the estate was small at that time no permanent PSA representative was based in the Falklands, and work at these sites was carried out under contract by the Falkland Islands Company.

Throughout the world there are many defence establishments similar to the pre-war Falklands estate. These are collectively known as Outstations within the Overseas Directorate of Works. Maurice Chammings, the present PSA Regional Director Falklands, had been, prior to his present appointment, responsible for these outstations for a number of years, and the extent of his travels indicates how the PSA's work is spread far and wide. In the course of his duties Mr. Chammings visited the United States, Canada, Belize, Bermuda, Gibraltar, Cyprus, Turkey, Sudan and Ascension Island.

Immediately following the conflict, the defence commitment and estate in the Falklands expanded. Barry Sygrove, estate surveyor for the PSA, arrived in Stanley in July 1982. He was followed in August 1982 by Maurice Chammings, who accompanied a team of Royal Engineers and a Royal Air Force representative. This team was to carry out a study of the Mount Pleasant area, reporting within two weeks on the suitability or otherwise of the site for an airfield.

Just fourteen months after the arrival of that party, the first vessels bringing men and materials arrived at East Cove. The mammoth task of constructing the airport was won by a consortium of three companies: Laing, Mowlem and ARC, Responsibility for control and supervision of the entire project is carried by the Property Services Agency.

In addition to its role at the airfield, the PSA will be taking over defence works responsibilities throughout the Islands from the Royal Engineers. PSA already run a large store of building materials in Stanley. In January transfer of responsibility for the quarry at Mary Hill will also be completed. Amey Roadstone will Operate this under contract to the PSA.

Although the PSA's involvement in the Falklands is large, it is only a part of the organisation's commitment world-wide. In 1982/83 the PSA expenditure on new construction and maintenance was £1,300 million.

PSA policies are determined by the Secretary of State for the Environment and two ministers. A non-executive board of persons outside government advise the ministers. Executive management is the responsibility of the Chief Executive and a Director of Defence Services responsible for all army, MOD procurement Executive and Overseas defence works.

The Property Services Agency has 18 employees in the Falklands; quite a small proportion of the 28,631 persons on their pay roll during 1983.

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What is the Baha'i attitude toward other religions?

ANSWER: Baha'is deeply revere Christ, Moses, and the founders of all the world's revealed religions such as Christianity, Judaism, Islam, as part of God's plan of progressive revelation down through the ages, and believe them to be the inspiration and cause of world civilizations that followed in their wake.

For further information about the Baha'i teachings, please write to PO Box 50, Stanley.

BARONESS YOUNG SPEAKS TO THE PRESS

Just prior to her Departure, the Barcness held a press conference at Government House. The Penguin News Editor was there, together with other local reporters and correspondents for Fleet Street newspapers and newsagencies. We print some of the more interesting questions and answers in the following article.

Before listening to the journalists' questions, Baroness Young made a short address, in which she said that her stay in the Islands had been very enjoyable. She felt that the goal of meeting as many people as possible had been accomplished. "When I include those who came to the public meeting and those I met in the settlements I believe I have met a pretty high percentage of the population of the Islands - perhaps approaching a third."

Most conversations with Islanders, said Lady Young, had centred around the future for the Falklands and redistribution of the land. On the latter topic, she had listened to differing opinions. "Some have told me firmly they have no interest in acquiring land; others - most of them younger people in the farms - have been anxious to acquire land of their own, and would frankly like to see more of it coming on the market." She reiterated the British Government's belief that a "gradualist approach" is best, but pointed out that "if it becomes apparent that supply is not meeting this realistic demand, we shall I am sure be willing to take another look at the matter."

The Minister pointed out, as she had on many occasions during the tour, that while sovereignty could not be discussed with the Argentines, other matters could be covered. She mentioned the possibility of an Argentine next-of-kin visit to the graves of Argentine servicemen who died in the Falklands. The return of the bodies to Argentina could also be discussed. The up-grading of official relations between Britain and Argentina is, in the Baroness's view, another point for negotiation.

There were complimentary remarks for the Islanders. "How misplaced are some of the suggestions we have read in the British press of a community here reluctant to come to terms with the 20th century. Even in the most sophisticated parts of Hampstead and Kensington I doubt you could find a higher percentage of video recorders or personal computers than I have seen in my visit to camp. That the Islanders are attached to their traditional way of life is in no doubt, but that they are prepared to face up squarely to and indeed embrace the challenges of the 20th century is no less evident."

Questions and Answers

Penguin News: "The matter of air links with some other South American country: I know that this is something your department has been giving a lot of thought to. Have you made any progress towards an agreement with a country other than Argentina?"

Baroness Young: "These are all matters which could be discussed in the context of bilateral relations with Argentina. We enjoy good relations with countries of South America. Clearly this is something we would like to see improved."

F.I. Broadcasting Station: "You said that influential Islanders are perhaps prepared to look at normal commercial and economic relations between Britain and Argentina, and also between the Islands themselves and Argentina. Has this come through strongly to you? I have spoken to some Councillors who to my mind feel completely the opposite. Not in their life time are they interested in getting back to Argentina."

Baroness Young: "I wouldn't have put it in my press statement if I hadn't believed it to be true. I've certainly had differences of view about attempts to normalise relations with Argentina. There are obviously economic advantages to the Islands to have better economic relations with certain countries of South America, and also Argentina. Some people have said this. Some people have taken the contrary view."

Sunday Express: "There were some suggestions that, emerging from your meeting with Councillors, you gave the impression that an exclusive fisheries zone might be established within the next twelve months."

Baroness Young: "I would like to confirm that the position is as I stated it last night (at the public meeting). It is a matter of much regret that statements were attributed to me which were quite untrue. The British Government are very well aware of the desire of the Falkland Islanders for a 200-mile fishing zone. They know the arguments for it, and it is being actively considered."

Sunday Express: "You are aware of some feeling that the runway (Mount Pleasant) should be longer. Is there anything specific you can say on that this morning?"

Baroness Young: "I think it might be helpful if I read a further piece of advice I've had from Group Captain Lavender: "With regard to take off capabilities,

the runway will be of sufficient length to permit a fully loaded Boeing 747 to uplift 445 passengers with baggage, plus 29,000 pounds of freight, and carry the necessary fuel for a direct flight to Ascension Island. Similarly, a DC10 would operate quite comfortably with its maximum passenger capability. However in certain adverse conditions it is acknowledged that wide bodied aircraft might be unable to take off with a full load. But the effect would be slight, and would result in only a marginal reduction to the maximum passenger carrying capability."

Penguin News: "You said something earlier about the difficulties and expenses involved in getting machinery, expertise and manpower to the Falklands to carry out the various building projects. Why is it that local expertise and manpower cannot be used? This would save a certain amount of money, it would solve some problems, and it would certainly please a lot of people here who feel they are missing some opportunities. I am not only talking about people who just wish to sell their labour; I am talking too about local people with some professional skills: welders, carpenters and these sort of people who operate their own businesses but don't have any share in this great building boom."

Baroness Young: "There is a shortage of people here to do all the work that has to be done, and so people have to be brought from Britain to do it."

Penguin News: "Given the opportunity a lot of people would like to work on these projects, and gain an increase in wages. A bill of rights in a new constitution would presumably include something about the right of every person to take the employment that he wishes. Don't you feel that if we had a bill of rights that this control on labour would contradict it?"

Sir Rex Hunt: "There is no control on labour. People here have every opportunity and every right to work for anybody they wish. We don't need it in a bill of rights. Any worker here has the right to withhold his labour or offer his labour to whomsoever he chooses."

Penguin News: "With respect, it is perfectly obvious that the contractors here are being influenced in their choice of personnel."

Sir Rex Hunt: "Not at all. I have urged every overseas contractor to bring in their own labour simply because their isn't the labour here. You know very well that is true. We have advertised time and time again for contractors to help with FWD. We can't even get a contractor to clear the rubbish or to build peat sheds, or meat sheds. There is a chronic shortage of all skilled manpower and all unskilled manpower. If people want to go and work for the contractors at the airport, they can go. Several are working there. There is nothing to stop them."

Penguin News: "Sir, there is no comparison between the sort of contracts and jobs our local government offers and the sort of jobs we are talking about with the contracting firms. We are talking about much bigger money. No wonder you can't get employees to do your contracts. The sort of money that Government offers is no attraction whatsoever. But there is an attraction from the contracting firms, who have definitely been told that they should not employ local people."

FI Broadcasting Station: "I interviewed Mr. Parr-Burnham, who is in charge of the joint venture, and he told me he had been instructed by the Foreign Office not to employ local people. This is on record."

Baroness Young: "I don't know where he had that information from, but I think that this is very much a matter for the contractors."

Penguin News: "I wonder if the Baroness is aware of the degree of frustration and disappointment felt by the public after yesterday evening's public meeting. You were obviously unwilling to answer a great many questions - for example those regarding the 200-mile limit; the delay in establishing the Development Corporation; and the possible effect of public opinion on the Government's Falklands policy. A lot of people put questions to which you did not respond with terribly firm answers. I wondered what you might have to say about that."

Baroness Young: "I'm sorry that people felt I had not answered their questions. I did my best to answer them as fully as possible. I particularly wanted to have a public meeting when I came here, and I was very pleased that there were a lot of questions asked. I thought that it was a very full meeting. Questions went on for three quarters of an hour. On the question of the 200-mile fishing limit, I have explained very fully that the Government understands the position, and that we are actively considering it. On the big political questions which were

clearly of concern to people at the meeting, I explained the British Government's stand as firmly as I could in absolutely unequivocal terms. I hope very much that as a consequence of my coming here and taking the opportunity to meet as many people as I can, the Falkland Islanders will be assured that the British Government is mindful of their needs and wishes over a whole range of matters. I should also like to say that we naturally take into account the deliberations of Legco, and the advice that the Councillors offer, so that we have that as a further means of communication."

STANLEY'S FULL MARATHON

The Tabernacle United Free Church recently welcomed their new Minister, after a period of several years during which the congregation were without the help of a clergyman. The Reverend Colin Frampton has wasted no time in coming to grips with the church's problems, and helped by his congregation, he is now raising money for a new organ. Reverend Frampton contributed the article which follows.

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Rather different to the half-marathon held at the end of 1983 was the full marathon held this week in Stanley. For a start there was only one entrant for this event, and he managed to successfully complete the course without moving from where he started (except for a five minute break each hour). This lone competitor was Corporal Andy Darwood of the Royal Air Force, who played the organ for a marathon 26 hours in the Tabernacle United Free Church. He commenced at 10.00 am on Tuesday 10th January, and played right through until noon on the following day. Strict supervision was undertaken by Tabernacle members, and Andy was encouraged in his task by those who called in to sing-along with him into the small hours of Wednesday morning and then right up to the finishing line of 12 noon.

The whole event was sponsored by many of Andy's RAF colleagues and members and friends of the Tabernacle in Stanley. The money raised will be put towards the purchase of a new organ for the church. Andy has frequently played for services in the Tab during his tour of duty in the Falklands, and he himself suggested this sponsored marathon as his way of saying thank you to God for all the fellowship he has shared with other Christians during his time here. For their part the minister and members of the Tabernacle would like to express their appreciation to Andy for this organ marathon, and to all those who in sponsoring him have helped our organ fund. The final total of money raised is not yet known, but it is hoped that a new organ can be purchased in the near future.

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HOLDERS OF ARGENTINE WEAPONS & EQUIPMENT MUST HAND THEM IN BY THE 4TH FEBRUARY

The Government recently indicated that an extremely firm line will soon be taken with persons found to be in possession of ex-Argentine guns, ammunition, and other property after the 4th February 1984. In a statement on the 4th January, Sir Rex Hunt said that until then an amnesty would exist, and items can be handed to the Police without fear of prosecution. "Let us take this opportunity to identify and remove as much of the debris of war as possible in the best interests of you and your children and your children's children", said the Civil Commissioner. "I do urge you to act now, before it is too late."

The tragic death of Gavin Felton vividly illustrated the danger of illegally held weapons, and spurred the authorities to consider the introduction of severe penalties for possession of such guns. Attorney-General Michael Gaiger is at present studying the relevant legislation.

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EDITORIAL

THE RIGHT MAN IN THE RIGHT PLACE

Sir Rex Hunt's future is under consideration. If guesses and estimates are anything to go by, the man who more than any other has come to personify the Falklands may be moving on - whether he likes it or not. And that move could come as soon as June or July this year. That is if we want him to move on.

Any new posting the FCO plan could be scotched by Falklanders. If enough of us want him to stay on for another tour, and if we say so loudly enough by writing to the Foreign Secretary or even the Prime Minister, the move will be reconsidered. That we know.

The PN believes that the Civil Commissioner is the right man at this time. That may shock some of our readers who like us to be always radically outspoken and anti-establishment, but we have weighed the evidence, and consider that as long as Islanders are reluctant to take the responsibility of government themselves, and we must have a governor, then the present FCO man is the right one.

We drew up a 'balance sheet' and came up with important points in his favour. Without doubt he has a love of the Islands and the people. Although sometimes mistaken in his decisions, he makes them with what he considers to be the interests of the people in mind. He has presided over the introduction of an important land reform programme, and a movement to introduce a more democratic system of government. His term here has also seen the reversal of the population drain

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day by day

19.1.84. Secretary of State for Defence Michael Heseltine arrived on a familiarisation tour. He was accompanied by MP Keith Hanson and Air Marshall Sir Peter Harding. "I've come here to see how the job is being done", the Minister said.

20.1.84. Mr. Heseltine received an extensive military briefing from BFFI commanders, and toured R.A.F. Stanley during the morning. Later he visited the Royal Engineers, and inspected (among other things) a minefield. Fuel and port facilities followed. He told the press that he intended to keep the defences as streamlined as possible.

A group of children left for an adventure summer camp on Weddell Is.

21.1.84. The Minister inspected the

KEM and BS Hospital before boarding a helicopter at the start of a camp tour. The new airport site was first on the schedule. "It is, as far as anyone can tell, going very well", he said of the project. A call at Kelly's Garden base, where several medals were presented to servicemen, was followed by a wreath laying ceremony at Blue Beach Military cemetery. Mr. Heseltine lunched with Legislative and Executive Councillors at Hill Cove. He was able to stress his government's commitment to help the Islands at this meeting: "We wish we had done more in the past", he said later. "There is need to seek every reasonable opportunity to enhance the opportunities for the people".

Supply ship AFS arrived in Stanley.

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22.1.84. The ministerial party spent a brief time at Fitzroy, where a wreath was laid at the Welsh Guards' Memorial. At Goose Green he watched the quick reaction force exercising, and toured the battlefield. Very early in the morning Mr Heseltine made a brief visit to the remote Beauchene Island, home of thousands of nesting Albatross. Throughout the visit to the Falklands, the Minister expressed his delight in the wildlife and "almost ethereal" environment. At the winding up press conference he said he had been pleasantly surprised at the excellent inter-service cooperation. "It is a tough station" he said, "but the morale of the people, and their resolve to do the job they are entrusted with to the best of their ability, is immensely interesting". He confirmed that the M&D would soon be building between six and twelve houses, and said that this project could cost as much as £1,500,000. The visit seemed to go down well among military personnel and civilians. Mr Heseltine toured for long hard days, met hundreds of people, spoke frankly and reassuringly, and showed a sensitivity to the Islands and their problems. He departed in the evening by Nimrod aircraft, and made a record breaking 17½ hour flight back to Britain, which required three mid-air re-fuelings.

23.1.84 Chile and Argentina signed a Vatican inspired agreement to settle their Beagle Channel dispute by peaceful means.

Val's Taxi Service commenced business. Owned by Mr Val Berntsen (who operates a London taxi cab), the service is the first in Stanley for several years.

24.1.84 Executive Council discussed matters such as the maritime limits, Brewster homes The Mount Pleasant Post Office, and the Fox Bay Mill (£130,000 loan approved).

26.1.84 First Officer David Eric Twamley was killed when a hawser under tension aboard the "Flexiport" floating dock facility sheered. Medical men arrived at the Canache site quickly, but they were unable to save Mr Twamley.

27.1.84 MV AES sailed for the UK with a cargo of wool for the international market.

31.1.84 Hawksworth's Cafe opened its doors at 11.30 a.m. Sir Rex Hunt was one of the first to try a fish and chips meal. Extensive alterations were made to convert the ex-Woodbine Bakery into the new cafe. Dave and Pauline Hawksworth are immigrants from the UK. This is the latest of five cafes to open in Stanley since the war.

1.2.84 Artificer Apprentice John Mills, aged 18, died following an accident involving a Sea Cat missile aboard HMS FIFE on the 28th January. The young sailor's parents arrived in Stanley on the same day.

2.2.84 HMS ENDURANCE arrived in Stanley. Sir Rex Hunt made a courtesy call.

3.2.84 Today and yesterday there were suggestions on the BBC that Argentina and Britain may be making tentative and secret diplomatic exchanges. The station today referred to "specific proposals aimed at restoring normal relations".

4.2.84 The amnesty on ex-Argentine weapons held by civilians ended today.

"Not Another Show", a civilian/military music hall entertainment completed its short run, playing to an enthusiastic audience in the Town Hall.

An army crane weighing several tonnes ran out of control down Hebe Street (Wang's Hill). No one was injured, but a peat shed was virtually demolished. There have been several such incidents, and residents of the area are reported to have made an official complaint. The military authorities said they will introduce measures to ensure that such accidents do not happen again.

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EDITORIAL (continued from page 1) and the successful normalisation of the community after the war. As a courageous head of government (remember the 2nd April '82) he inspired Islanders, and in exile became an effective symbol of our fortitude. Furthermore, if he was to serve on he would not necessarily be an FCO lackey. A younger career-minded diplomat may be another story.

On the debit side of the balance sheet there are also relevant points. Sir Rex has had too much of the power and responsibility which should be in the hands of Islanders. But no more than any other Governor, and as long as local people do not accept this responsibility, then it must be his. The CC's handling of labour has not been a success story. He has been reluctant to let local people sell their labour to the wealthy construction companies (as he thought this would be bad for the community), and has not appreciated the need to phase out the invidious OSAS system. Also he has not been eager to publicly criticise the workings of the local government when it has been lacking in some ways.

The good qualities of this man far outweigh the bad, and because he is approachable, it may be possible to change those bad policies. He is the right man at the moment. If you agree, you should let your voice be heard.

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4.2.84 The 43,000 tonne MAIRANGI BAY entered Port William and off-loaded 69 pedigree sheep for the FI Company. The ship was the 2nd largest ever to enter the harbour.

5.2.84 During a south-easterly gale which blew all day, the Greek cargo ship SYROS REEFER broke its moorings in Berkeley Sound and went aground near Port Louis. The vessel had been transferring a cargo from Polish fishing ships. Tugs patrolled Stanley Harbour in case of similar incidents there, while one went to the aid of the Greek ship. There were no injuries, and the SYROS REEFER hauled herself off the beach on the evening of the 6th. At the new airport site, porches were reported to have been blown off accommodation buildings.

An electrical fire at the home of Mr & Mrs. Eric Spinks was quickly brought under control.

6.2.84 Parking was banned along the entire central length of Ross Road. Congestion had been growing more severe due to road works.

7.2.84 The Swedish yacht ANAGADA moored in Stanley after a voyage from Puerto Williams, Chile. The crew of five will take the yacht via Montevideo to Rio for the Carnival.

Euro MP Michael Battersby arrived.

8.2.84 At a party in the Secretariat the Army Pay Corps presented a plaque to the staff of the civilian treasury. This marked the Corp's appreciation of the Treasury staff's assistance over many months.

10.2.84 Euro MP Michael Battersby left by Hercules. Features of the tour for the fishing expert were a visit to the Polish fleet, Goose Green, and a pub crawl with Sir Rex Hunt.

13.2.84 KEREN collided with the tanker G.A. WALKER in Port William. There were no injuries, and damage was slight.

14.2.84 HMS PROTECTOR, the first of a new Falklands' patrol squadron, arrived in Falklands waters around this date. The ship is a converted tug and oil rig supply ship. (See our report on P.14)

15.2.84 FIGAS' Beaver float 'plane was converted to wheel undercarriage, and took off from Stanley Race Course.

The Navy warned of under-water blasts planned for the Port William area.

16.2.84 Mr. Nutt Goodwin suffered burns when his home at number 9 Ross Road East caught fire. His injuries are not believed to be serious. The town fire alarm sounded at 11.25 pm and civilian engines and fire fighters were on the scene within a very few minutes. A firecrew from RAF Stanley raced to the scene, and the fire was fought for over an hour. Although the timber building, which is owned by Mr & Mrs R. Napier of West Point Island, still stands, it was very severely damaged.

17.2.84 Stanley members of the F.I. Defence Force flew by helicopter to the Camilla Creek area for a weekend exercise.

The Stanley Fire Brigade was again called out, when fire broke out at the New Hostel, the British Forces HQ. It was quickly brought under control, and little damage was caused.

20.2.84 West Falkland and Darwin Harbour Sports Association Race Meetings opened at Goose Green and Fox Bay West. The festivities and sports continue for most of the week.

21.2.84 General Galtieri was detained in Buenos Aires on the orders of a tribunal investigating the charge that Argentina had been led unprepared into war.

22.2.84 Admiral Jorge Anaya was detained after giving evidence concerning the Falklands war.

23.2.84 Brig. Gen. Lamidoza was arrested today. He and the other two junta leaders could face the death penalty.

THE PENGUIN POST BOX

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Express your opinions in the PENGUIN NEWS. The Editor welcomes views from readers in the Islands and overseas, and whenever possible will print these. Anonymous letters are accepted, although any communication which may be considered libellous will not be published, whether signed or not. We do, of course, prefer letters to be signed, as readers sometimes wrongly assume anonymous statements originate in the PN office, especially when such letters support a previous editorial line.

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FREIGHT RATES: "NO THEY ARE NOT TOO HIGH"

From: The Falkland Islands Company Ltd., 94a Whitechapel High St., London E1 7RH
To: Tim Miller, Manybranch Farm.

Dear Tim,

I was disappointed to read your letter in PN 53. Whilst not always agreeing with what you have to say in your articles, I have normally credited you with getting your facts right. What a pity you did not do so this time, as I am sure that when the real facts are known, readers will treat your remarks in future with some scepticism.

No Tim, the freight rate Stanley to London is £86.88 per tonne, not £122 as you stated, and the rate has not been changed since immediately after the last wool voyage of 1981, which does not back up your comment about our charges having risen or being uncompetitive.

I do not think your figures for wool freight from Punta Arenas to UK are correct. We have been seeking quotations this week for shipment of Chilean wool and we have yet to find anything below £150 per tonne. This is based on so called "liner terms", probably the most commonly used freight basis, which means that the shipping line pays the port dues and stevedoring, and the shipper pays wharfage. This is the term that we apply of course.

Yes Tim, it would be splendid if we could fill the ship every voyage as you suggest, but almost everyone knows (and certainly all the woolgrowers in the Islands except yourself, apparently) that we take the wool home in three of the four voyages. Since the conflict we have been unable to obtain any cargo for the fourth voyage, and we have sailed home in ballast. Next time you are in London, I will show you a pile of telexes where we have scoured the South Atlantic for a home-bound cargo without success.

Wool that is in transit from the farms to UK can spend up to three months in our Stanley woolsheds quite free of storage charges: not a bad deal I suggest (perhaps I should be looking into that one. Give a dog a bad name....!)

Oh dear Tim, the misinformation in your letter does go on so. MONSUNEN is not "supplied by Jeppesen Heaton of Scandinavia". She is and always has been jointly owned by FIC and Jeppesen Heaton of England, and is on charter to Coastal Shipping Ltd., a non-profit making company. This, incidentally, is where you tied yourself in knots over freight rates, because in addition to the London/Stanley element there is the Coastal Shipping charge from farm to Stanley, each farm being in line with their published tariff.

I for one most certainly do not admit that MONSUNEN is an unsuitable vessel. She is not an 'ideal' vessel, but we do know for sure that the cost of a purpose built ship would be quite prohibitive, and it is unlikely that we would find another so economical to operate and maintain. She has provided a reliable service to the Islands at the most reasonable overall cost possible.

I did not notice anyone rushing forward with great ideas about a replacement when it was feared in '82 that she might not be repairable.

For the record, ships chartered for the Ministry of Defence are under the auspices of the Government Freight Agency. They are in the best position to judge the relative suitability and economics of British versus other European ships. I can only speak for ourselves, and I am bound to say that, having looked into the charter rates for dozens of ships of various nationalities, I know we have a very

fair deal. Few would argue that we have not been well served by our friends on the AES, a vessel ideally suited to the Falklands trade, and which has no equivalent in the UK. Don't forget we have an equal interest to keep freight rates as low as possible, as we are our own biggest customer!

Just after the hostilities, a British shipping line sent one of their vessels to the Falklands in a blaze of press about a competitive freight service. We offered them maximum assistance, including use of the East Jetty, and agency facilities. They never came again, did they? And it doesn't take much to work out why not!

Please Tim, think twice before you rush into print again, and do at least get your facts right.

Yours sincerely, DAVID BRITTON. (16.1.84)

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"SIR REX HUNT DAMAGED THE TRUST THAT PEOPLE HAVE IN HIM"

Dear Graham,

It was nice to hear your point of view supporting large lucrative contracts going out for local tender.

Of course you are quite right. Local people can do all the jobs that we are told can only be done by qualified labour. There are people that can build houses locally. Willie Bowles built Monsignor Spraggon's house - farm workers built a house at Dunnose Head in the late 1970s, and it didn't suffer any failings until damaged by bombs during the conflict.

Local qualified people do exist, but it's the same old story: the local working for peanuts and the overseas men on a large sun backed up with free housing, electricity, fuel etc. UK qualifications are sometimes worthless.

There are at least three qualified carpenters in camp; one at Pebble, another at North Arm, and yet another at Port Howard. These men have a better standard of living away from their trade. There are also cases of qualified people working on the Darwin Road, money being a great factor.

During the press conference, when discussing local people working on the airport, Sir Rex Hunt, for whatever reason he has, damaged the trust that people have in him by telling the press that local people can work where they like. People leave the airport site every time a ship leaves. They leave for a variety of reasons, but these places are not filled by a handful of locals that have tried to get work there. These locals include a number with plant experience gained from working with Johnston Construction who built the Stanley Airport.

Sir Rex went on reinforcing his argument of the limitations of a small local work force. "We have advertised time and time again for contractors to help FWD - we cannot even get a contractor to clear the rubbish or to build peat sheds and meat safes." Either the Civil Commissioner is ignorant due to the incompetence of his heads of department or there is a deeper reason, with FCO conjuring up a lucrative business for a UK firm.

Sir Rex may not have noticed that the rubbish has been collected by contractors. They have been at work for several months. A number of firms put in tenders for the peat sheds and meat safes.

It just leaves me with the feeling that our Civil Commissioner has sunk from the great heights of April the 2nd, when he told the Falkland people that he wasn't surrendering to any bloody Argie.

May you get to the bottom of this one.

A. BENEFACTER, (Bene's ville)

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PUBLICATIONS FOR THOSE INTERESTED IN SHARE FARMING

From: Robin Pitaluga, Gibraltar Station, Port San Salvador.

Dear Graham,

There appears to be within the Islands a growing awareness of the advantages of share farming as a viable alternative to owning one's own section.

Interested readers of your newspaper may wish to avail themselves of the Nuffield Report: "Sheep farming - the Human Factor", available at £1.00 (post free in UK) from Nuffield Farming Scholarship Trust, the Mill House, Alney, Bucks, MK46 4AB. Also "Share Farming" by Richard Shotton, Michael Gregory and Richard Williams, available at £7.50 from the Country Landowners Association, 16 Belgrave Square, London, SW1X 8PQ.

Sincerely, ROBIN PITALUGA (28.1.84)

"THERE ARE AN AWFUL LOT OF WICKED PEOPLE ABOUT..."

From: 18 Hampton Court, Brighton Rd, Worthing, West Sussex.

Dear Sir,

I recently attended a talk on the "Falklands Conflict" by the Labour MP for Lindithgam, Tam Dalyell. From start to finish he made a scurrilous attack on Mrs. Thatcher personally for escalating the war by the sinking of the GENERAL BELGRANO, and I think he gave a rather one-sided view as to what it was all about to his audience. When he had finished they asked for questions from the floor. I asked him what the Labour Party would have done had they been the government at the time of the crisis. His answer was that they would have negotiated with the junta. I interrupted him and asked what he thought Haig was doing shunting between Buenos Aires and the UK. After a long, boring answer he came at me with the question: "Do you know what the troops on the Islands are calling your Islanders?" The word, he said, was "BUBS". He made his point quite clear when he said that means "Bloody Ungrateful Bastards". I was not allowed the opportunity by the Chairman to get back at him, but when the meeting ended I told him that I feared for his life if he were to repeat those words on the Falkland Islands. It seems to me that there are an awful lot of wicked people about, trying to sell their country short. There is no doubt about it: the likes of Dalyell and some newspapers are the instigators of this hostility.

I have talked to quite a number of people since the conflict, and they all seem to be of the same opinion, that the Islanders are very hostile towards the troops, and they are being "ripped off" with everything they buy. I have said that I find these accusations about my people hard to believe. I have constantly pointed out that we had stationed there 4,000 troops during the Second World War, and we encountered very few problems.

Please keep up the good work in your paper, and let the world know in no uncertain terms that this hostility does not exist.

Yours faithfully, LEON K. HARRIES (Falkland Islander) (6.2.84)

EDITOR'S NOTE: Falklanders' hostility towards servicemen is a myth; one invented by people like Mr. Dalyell, who for his own perverse reasons would like to see us deprived of our security, freedom and homeland. It is up to our readers to speak out and give people the facts. Let us hear from you. Indeed, let all the British papers hear from you.

It is nonsense that local businesses are making extortionate profits on goods sold to the servicemen and women. Dutiable goods such as alcoholic drinks and cigarettes are cheaper here than in the UK. Clothing and luxury goods, such as electronics and cameras, are usually less expensive. Foodstuffs are more expensive than in UK but this is due to freight rates on generally bulky items carried over 8,000 miles of ocean, not to high profit margins. The Falkland Islands Company, the largest importers of foods, tell us that their standard profit on food is less than 33%.

ANOTHER ANSWER TO "SUBDIVISION MANIA"

From: Backwell, Rakia, RD3, Canterbury, New Zealand.

Dear Graham,

I would like to make use of your columns to reply to Mr. Ron Reeves letter on "subdivision mania". (No. 52)

First of all, I would like to state that I have now worked for varying lengths of time on 4 farms here in Canterbury; two of 1200 acres, one of 800 acres and another of 640 acres. The difference between these and Falkland farms is the

availability of lime and superphosphate for fertilizers, and the short distances between towns and farms for the transport of stock and other necessities.

The 640 acre farm could turn over £NZ 110,000 a year. Labour was by the owner and a student.

If "farming" is to get underway, then I believe one thing is essential, and this is the establishment of a wool marketing board, properly run to enable sensible quantities of wool to be sold on the world market. I note that Mr. Reeves twice mentions the "breaking up of fragile settlement infrastructure", and also "provide little for long-term social improvements".

This to me sounds like fear of having to get out and WORK. By this I mean as I do in New Zealand; I get out at 7 a.m. and often (very) don't get in till 8.30 p.m. And I take my dinner with me. I get paid for an eight hour day, and monthly it amounts to a bit over half what I'd be getting in the Falklands. My "perks" are use of the workshop and a bit of petrol now and then. I also work a five and a half day week. Why do I put up with this? Because I'm proud to have a job. I realise that not many new land owners would need a cowman gardener. Too bad. I like my job, and work hard to keep it.

Accounting and fiscal matters go hand in hand with being a "cocky".

It's a known fact over here that the best farmers are not the ones who attend colleges and farm training institutes, but those who have enough to put a down-payment on 300 acres or more and work ten hours a day or more, seven days a week to pay off the mortgage.

Before I left the Falklands I had a chance to see some pasture improvement done by heavy stocking rates for short periods of time. I still haven't found out what the final outcome was, but from what I've seen over here I can't see why it shouldn't work if properly run.

The farm I work on now has no machinery at all. It is in a syndicate with eight other farms. Between all nine farms, one man is employed to run a big tractor and all the necessary equipment. The tractor and operator sub-contract to each farm, on an hourly basis. It's not as dumb as it sounds. It saves building farmers lots of expense. Section holders in the Falklands shouldn't get on each others nerves. The above mentioned scheme makes for better planning with your neighbours, so as to get a fair slice of the cake. The same goes for a wool board. Farms over here would be sunk without one.

"Settlements must pass through a transitional phase into that resembling a village or one horse town". Rats! That's fine at Goose Green or Fox Bay East, but how about some of the smaller "ranches" with half a dozen staff or more? But you won't find that in Australia even.

For a long time many people on farms beefed about wanting their own farms. Now they have the chances. Don't knock it. Make it work; I'm all for it.

Perhaps Mr. Reeves may see fit one day to begin a dairy unit or a market garden.

Yours sincerely, NICHOLAS PITALUGA.

"NOT ENGLISH, BUT BRITISH"

Dear Sir,

I have in front of me a copy of the Penguin News dated 21st December '83. I will now quote the last line of your editorial 'Our Valuable Inheritance': 'This inheritance is the fact that you are Falkland Islanders and English.'

The reason I am writing is because I am a Welshman. I know there are more of us on the Islands, as well as Irishmen and Scotsmen. Therefore I think it only fair that you use the word BRITISH. I have nothing against the English, but would you like to be called Australian?

Yours faithfully, A Welshman (from Wales in Britain).

EDITOR'S NOTE: Actually the words weren't ours. We were quoting from a speech made during the Second World War by the then Governor Sir Alan Wolsey Cardinall. Anticipating your objection, he went on to point out that by English he meant all British people. However your point is taken.

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KING PENGUIN EGGS: "THE ALLEGATIONS ARE TOTALLY UNFOUNDED"

From: The Birdland Zoo Gardens, Bourton-on-the-Water, Glos, GL54 2BT, UK

Dear Sirs,

I note with interest a recent article which appeared in your newspaper of which I have been sent a photostat copy. I would make it quite clear that the allegations that I have collected King Penguin eggs from Volunteer Point is totally and utterly unfounded. It is a great disappointment to me indeed that certain people in this world rather listen to gossip than actual fact. I will be obliged if you could enlighten me where you obtained your information. Naturally I too find the situation rather strange.

Yours faithfully, R.A. HILL (19.1.84)

EDITOR'S NOTE: We printed the story because it struck us as curious, and because several local environmentalists were concerned that the eggs might be taken away. We checked with Sir Rex Hunt, who told us that permission had not been granted, and we published this. So we did not suggest, in fact, that the eggs had been collected. Since receiving your letter, we have looked again at the story. It seems that Birdland did make a formal application to take King Penguin eggs, and because of an apparent misunderstanding within Government House, this permission was initially granted. Sir Rex later withdrew the permission, pointing out that it should not have been given in the first place. Rockhopper Penguin eggs were, however, quite lawfully taken back to Birdland.

The King Penguin is a rare species in the Falklands, and is only known to breed in a few places. These large birds were common here until the population was virtually wiped out by seal hunters, who boiled down the carcasses for oil. Only in recent years did the birds return to breed in the Falklands.

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"LITTLE RISK OF HYDATID AND NO LIVER FLUKE"

Professor JD Smyth of the University of London recently wrote to the Guardian newspaper suggesting that servicemen in the Falklands may be exposed to a threat other than the Argentinians: that of hydatid disease. The disease is communicated to humans through sheep and dogs. The professor's letter may well have caused a good deal of concern among service personnel here and their families in the UK. To allay this fear, Mr. JT Clement, Executive Secretary of the Falkland Islands Sheep Owners Association wrote this letter to the Guardian, and passed a copy to us for publication:

Sir,

Mr JD Smyth's letter in the Guardian of January 31st surprises me. Firstly because of the unnecessary alarm and despondence he may have caused amongst the relatives of men of the armed forces serving in the Falklands, and secondly, that as a scientist, he did not take the trouble to check the facts.

In 1964 it was noted that the number of hydatid cysts found on the livers and lungs of sheep slaughtered for food was increasing. Subsequent legislation and the start of the Hydatid Eradication Campaign was the outcome of investigation during 1969/1970 by the team appointed by the Ministry of Overseas Development. The findings of "The Team" were published in their report entitled "The Sheep and Cattle Industry of the Falkland Islands" by TH Davies, IA Dickson, OT McRae, H. Mead and VW Williams, published by ODA in 1971.

The report shows that at the time there was 53% of the sheep killed for human use with hydatid cysts in liver or lungs. What is not so well known is the remarkable combination of legislation and public co-operation which has reduced the incidence of hydatids in sheep in the Islands to the present level of .55%.

Mr Smyth could have discovered all this for himself and found up-to-date figures in the Animal Health Year Book published by the FAO, WHO and OIE.

In fact the Falklands appear to be second only to Iceland in the efficiency of their hydatid eradication campaign. Incidentally, we have also eliminated ked, lice and scab, and dipping of sheep is no longer compulsory.

I note that Professor Smyth has written to the Ministry of Defence on the subject. In order to prevent another horror story about liver fluke, I quote the following paragraph from "The Team's" report, since MOD refuse to believe that it does not exist here.

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"There is no record of liver fluke infestation in earlier reports. The intermediate host of this serious parasite of sheep and cattle is the small snail *Limnea truncatula*. No specimens of this snail were found. No live fluke eggs were found in sheep or cattle faeces and no evidence of liver fluke infestation in approximately 2,500 livers examined. It may be assumed that no species of liver fluke are present in local sheep."

Neither has the Veterinary Department of the Falkland Islands Agricultural Research and Development Corporation found any to this day.

JT CLEMENT, Executive Secretary, The FI Sheepowners Association Ltd. (10.2.84)

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"I AM AGAINST SUB-DIVISION AS IT'S PRESENTED"

From: Hill Cove, Falklands.

Sir,

Mr Colin Smith noted (FN NO. 54) my pessimistic viewpoint of a letter I wrote April/May last year. That pessimism increases with each passing week - but then I live at grass roots level, and not in the lofty heights of overseas owners. Something must have gone wrong with that letter if it seems to argue in favour of neglect and lack of investment in Falkland agriculture. Having worked and lived for eighteen Falklands winters and summers at Hill Cove, I feel this gives me some qualifications to reiterate my statement. Any strategy that threatens to dismantle in any way, shape or form the existing very fragile infra-structure (social, economic, utility, family inter-relationships, educational etc) of a pre-infantile 'village' can only be counter-productive and harmful to the long-term stability of the rural areas. You do not milk cows for most of those years, day in, day out, all weathers, under very primitive conditions (Wm Davies 1939) without experiencing first hand any neglect in investment etc. In fact it would do many owners the power of good to milk cows on their establishment. That way they too may come to fresh deliberations about their structures. Mr Colin Smith should read my treatise on the 'cinderella' enterprise that most ranches bracket under 'house milk'. It's available here if he should care to pop over.

Mr Reeves doesn't need advising on any aspect of the Falkland agricultural industry, as Mr. Reeves has turned the whole thing inside out, upside down, until he grew fed up with the whole thing. Mr. Reeves doesn't offer alternatives, but the ANSWER. I don't mess about with alternatives. There is already much myth and preconceptions of Falklands agriculture to keep ODA running for a thousand years. I deal in facts, and the fact is that subdivision as it's presented equates with mini-ranching instead of maxi-ranching. And ranching is finished. It's high time that this was acknowledged by all those involved in the business, from cowmen to directors. Ranching is at its best a very low input, low output system which is incompatible with the 21st century. No! Mr. Smith, we must move with the times and bend our minds beyond simple ranching.

I am also against sub-division as it is presented because it gives too much land to too few people, and will not cater for a greatly enlarged rural population of the future, some of whom may be our own children. And, as Sir Rex rightly points out, ultimately the over-riding criteria to the Falklands must be viable and increasing population. 10,000 acres is the same as 15½ square miles. It's fifteen times the area of greater Stanley. I wonder how many readers would care to jog, walk or ride around a perimeter 15 times greater than Stanley without implementing basic rules of husbandry. Ditching, fencing, hedging, pasture renovation etc., I am in full agreement with the basic right for individuals to own their own thing, but man and man, 15½ square miles is a bit greedy. And why? Because it's all linked to being viable. You have to have 3,000 sheep (why not poultry, horses, pigs, studs, beef, etc?) and that dictates the land. Mr. Wally McBeth managed without 3,000 sheep on Sedge, but then it's not so much breed as feed. Mr. Smith intimates that better breeding will produce more income, and this may already be happening on some new sections. But that's questionable, as it takes quite a few generations to feel the effects of new genetic material to pass through the farm flock. It also takes proper feeding for an animal to fully express its genetic potential. This is standard text book stuff.

Any unit below 3,000 sheep is considered non-viable - hence the value of my alternative approach, which retains the nucleus settlement intact. Indeed,

every farm to my mind should be actively pursuing its own village approach instead of leaving it up to Government to blunder along with. Another aspect of sub-division that few people seem to have given much thought to is that every time a large farm is sold, it places a new burden on the economy. The owners immediately walk off with, say, half a million sterling. That generates interest for them straight off. At the same time the new occupiers have to begin to service the debts and their subsequent interest charges, which are now at higher rates than applied to Green Patch. Not only have the section holders to carry the interest burden and mortgage, but they have to start refurbishing the decaying investment which the previous owners have allowed to accrue (one assumes San Carlos comes into this bracket). So the sheep in camp carry the lost interest charge of the purchase, plus the mortgage and its interest on debt. All this on land which should have rightly been the heritage of the Islanders years ago.

Mr Colin Smith also mentions the full range of UK agri-business subsidies available to UK farmers. What Mr Smith fails to point out is that the UK is the world leader in agriculture. It has the most intensive agricultural infrastructure in the world. It is backed up by a gigantic army of bureaucrats, dozens of research establishments, big chemical companies, large pharmaceutical companies, dealers in veterinary equipment etc. etc. There are also banks and even big insurance companies into agriculture. All these are available to help the UK farmer, but what do we have in the Falklands? The SOA, GTU and perhaps FIC (depending on how you look at the company), and the odd edicts from F.I. Government. It's a far cry from the agri-business of UK to the lonely windswept hills of the Wickham Heights as Mr Farmer plods along sledge in one hand, wire cutters in the other, and Mrs Farmer stumbling along in her Chay shirt and wellies, dropping standards.

No one needs to explain anything to me about Falklands agriculture. All I want is some budding company to say that it's seen the light, and turn its back on ranching. Then I'll come and join then. The question is, Mr Smith, why don't you come and try it on your land. After all, you gave a most interesting talk over FIBS in the mid 70's about your aspirations when taking over San Carlos. Now look what has happened!

RON REEVES (Cowman-gardener) (1.2.84)

The agricultural debate is certainly thriving in the PENGUIN NEWS. That is, of course, just the way it should be. But can we commence another exchange of views? It seems that we are fast moving towards negotiations with the Argentines, and an end to the cold war. Our history may be going full circle, and soon we may find ourselves in a relationship with the Argentines similar to that which we lived through in the 70's. Would this be a good thing? Should we cooperate with them over anything at all? Must we compromise our ideals for the sake of the British people, who pay our huge defence bill? We would like you to write in with your ideas on these topics and others related to our political future. A lively debate in the PN can only be good for us, as well as those overseas who always want to hear our opinions. It doesn't matter if your ideas are radical or conservative; take up your pen and write to the PN.

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SCOUTING IN THE FALKLANDS - A YOUTH MOVEMENT IS REVIVED

By Phil Middleton, Group Scout Leader. (phone 276 or 174)

At long last the cubs and scouts are able to hold regular meetings; albeit in a rather drafty, unheated Drill Hall. Not that we're complaining - far from it, as the smiles from our regular cubs (on Monday 6.30 - 8.00 pm) and scouts (on Wednesday 7.00 to 9.00 pm) testify.

So far we have opened the scouts to boys and girls aged 10½ upwards, but kept the cubs open to boys only until we can coerce some adult female help. From the number of your girls who ask hopefully if they can join in, I know there is a real need for a junior girls section. We could run a venture unit for the over 16 year olds if enough teenagers could be found to attend regularly.

Talking of meetings, Staff Sergeant Ian Hall RAOC, attached to the AAC, has kindly offered to run a leader training course so that all who are interested can gain warrants as scouters. This course will be run on Thursday evenings in the Senior School from 8.00 pm onwards, and will involve several trained scouters within the military and as many local people who wish to attend. Why not come along and find out more? You never know, you too could become a qualified leader.

Although a suitable venue has yet to be found - and we may yet build our own hut - we have recently received the entire outdoor pursuits equipment, which was donated by the Falklands Appeal Fund. It was too late for it to be used on our summer camp, but there's enough summer left for some of the £7,000 worth to be put to good use.

We hope to have the new uniforms before St. Georges Day so that we can really show that we have arrived and mean to grow in numbers and activities.

All military persons wishing to help in any way should contact Ian Hall on military telephone number 259.

MEANWHILE BACK AT THE RANCH - A sometimes serious, sometimes tongue in cheek look at the alternative news.

FALKLANDS WAR COST ARGENTINA A PRETTY PESO. a Fleet Street paper recently reported that responsible sources in Buenos Aires had calculated the cost of the Falklands War at between 3.5 and 5 billion pounds. And that is just the Argentine bill. It's unfortunate that these days we should calculate the cost of a war in pounds or pesos. Surely the cost in lives would be a far more relevant figure.

And while the beaurocrats punch the keys of pocket calculators in an attempt to reach the definitive shocking figure, some of the probable villains of the war are being rounded up. The hero of South Georgia, Captain Alfredo Astiz (who, it will be remembered, is alleged to have been involved in the kidnapping of two French Nuns and a Swedish girl in the mid-seventies) has been barred from leaving the country, and will probably soon help the special tribunal with their enquiries. On Wednesday the 22nd February Admiral Jorge Anaya was detained after giving evidence to another tribunal which is investigating the conduct of the war. The day before that General Galtieri himself was deprived of his liberty. We do not know what charges, if any, have been levelled against the officers.

LOCAL MEN RECRUITED BY FLEXIPORT FIRM. ITM, the contractors who have been busy in Stanley Harbour for many weeks now building a floating port facility, have moved into the local labour market. The opportunity to work in a new and presumably well paid field has been snapped up by three Government employees and one from the FIC. The men expect to turn-too early in March. The work will be hard, ongoing maintenance on the dock, and the men will work a twelve hour day for 21 days, at the end of which they will enjoy one week off. So far only 5 men work with the several British construction firms here. Only one Falkland Islander is employed at the airport site.

ITM expect to hand over the completed dock installation to the Ministry of Defence early in April. (See further article on Page 15)

BREWSTER HOUSING PROJECT LAMPOONED IN BRITISH PRESS. The eagle-eyed Fleet Street cartoonists immediately saw the potential when recently the ODA funded Brewster housing project came in for criticism. Managing Director James Brewster (who seemed to thrive on the publicity, and claimed that the eventual vindication of his argument had brought him increased business) may have managed a laugh at a few of the cartoons. Jak of the Evening Standard showed an Arab oil sheik standing by his snow plough-equipped Rolls, being shown a wooden Brewster bungalow by a suave civil servant. With a flourish of his hand the bureaucrat said: "Of course if it was in Mayfair it would be half the price".

The Times cartoonist, Peter Brookes, shows recent Falklands visitor Michael Heseltine in front of a remarkably authentic looking Swedish prefab. He holds in his hand a large paper which reads: "To the British taxpayer - Falklands prefab bill £133,000". Mr. Heseltine says: ".... which includes a mere £80,000 for conveyancing". The proud owner of the cartoon prefab has called his home "Dunycopin".

TAB MINISTER RETURNS TO UK. Tabernacle worshippers are doubtless sorry to see their minister returning to the UK after spending only a matter of weeks in the Falklands with his family. The Reverend Colin Frampton left on the Uganda on the 23rd February. His reasons for leaving are not known, but are assumed to be personal. We publish a farewell note from the Reverend Frampton elsewhere in this issue.

We also note the departure of John and Veronica Fowler. John was Superintendent of Education at the time of the invasion, and had previously been headmaster of Darwin Boarding School. The Fowlers were involved with the teaching of Falkland Islanders for thirteen years.

The FN wishes both families good luck in the future.

RED FACES ALL 'ROUND. The FIC West Store has repeatedly been the subject of burglaries, and so on the night of February the 8th, when patrolling Military Police spotted a figure disappearing into the shadows of the building, they swooped. The arrested man had indeed been entering the building, but it was some time before the MPs were convinced that their man was the totally innocent Assistant Manager, Richard Neal, who had quite legitimately been entering by a back door to check on the shop's deep freezes. Oops!

ST. HELENA TO HAVE ROYAL VISITOR. The Island of St. Helena celebrates its 150th anniversary this year, and, much as we did in 1983, they are planning some great celebrations. The community's request for the occasion to be marked by a visit from a member of the Royal family was accepted, and Prince Andrew will soon leave for the Island.

The PENGUIN NEWS sends its best wishes and congratulations to our neighbours on St. Helena. The Saints supported us staunchly during our troubles, with many of their people working long hours at Ascension Island airport, helping to maintain the vital flow of men and supplies to the fighting further south. In addition they loaned their supply ship RMS ST HELENA so that the passenger-cargo vessel could serve with the task force.

TAM DALYELL ON CALLING THE FALKLANDS. MP Tam Dalyell's sharp tongue was again lashing on February 7th, when a BBC reporter interviewed him for "Calling the Falklands". Is it right, asked Mr. Dalyell, that places such as West Lothian should have to beg and plead for every penny it gets from the government, while West Falkland can have anything it asks for? That is a reasonable argument, of course, but the MP (who is said to waste thousands of pounds of government money asking obscure and strange questions in Parliament that require expensively researched answers - for example: How many convector heaters are supplied to the Falklands garrison?) ignores the obvious answer. We do not have carte blanche to spend the tax payer's money, and that which is spent provides essential services and installations that the Islands should have had years ago. Roads, jetties, adequate defence, education and access to an international airport are all things that most British people have been fortunate enough to have had for a long time. Islanders are not being spoiled, but are simply being helped to achieve a quality of life that most parts of Britain have enjoyed for generations.

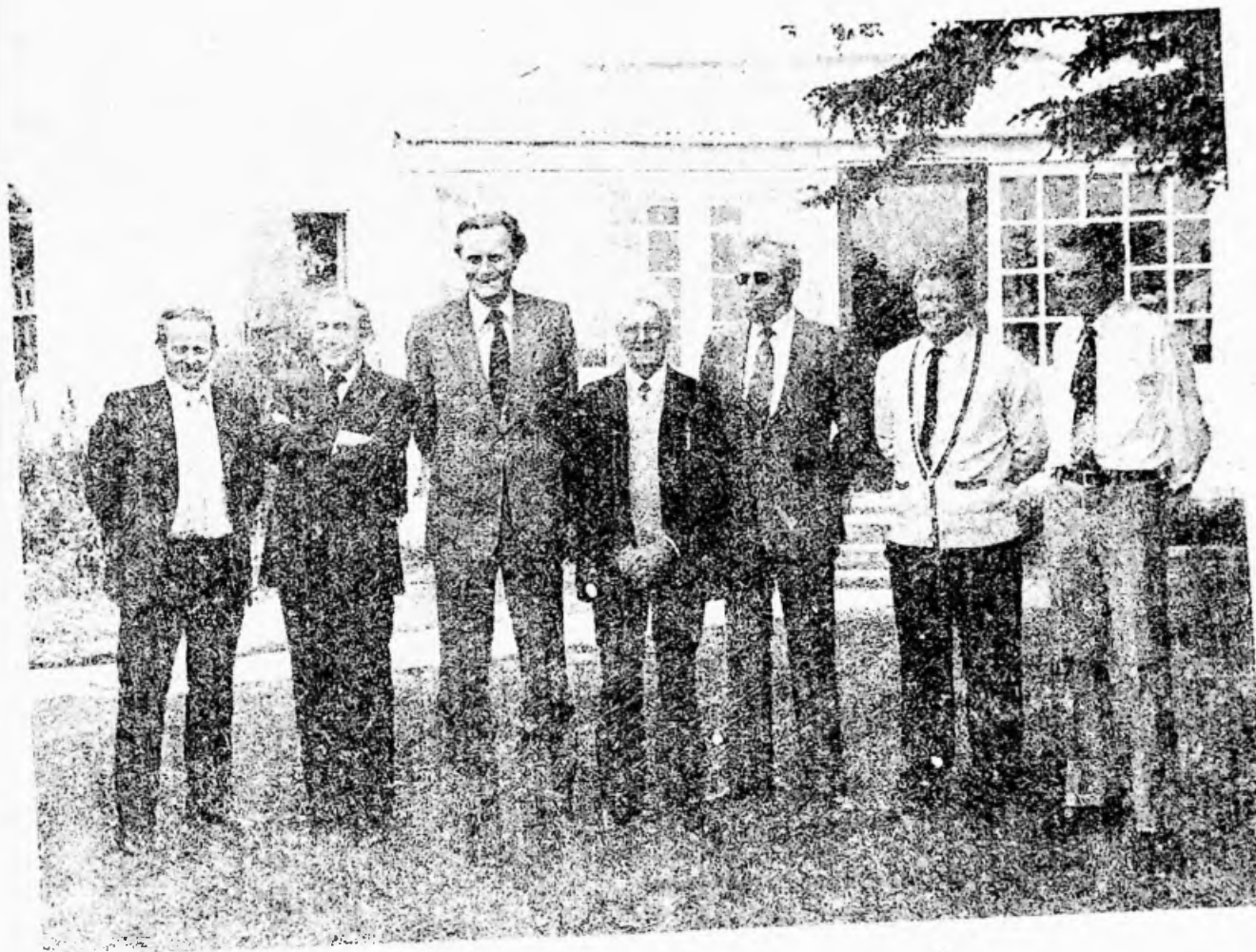


Photo: Councillors meet Secretary of State Michael Heseltine at Hill Cove. (P. KING)
Left to right: Councillor Ron Binnie, Sir Rex Hunt, S of E Michael Heseltine, Cllr. Bill Goss, Cllr. J. Cheek, Cllr. Tony Blake, Councillor Tim Blake.

GOOSE GREEN BUNKHOUSE COULD BE AN EMBARRASSMENT. The new prefab school at Goose Green is coming on nicely, and, to be fair to the FIC, their provision of a new building does the company some credit. Of course they didn't have a lot of choice. The large Darwin school was destroyed during the battle back in May 1982, and sooner or later they had to build a replacement. Rather a pity, however, that it had to be some two years later.

The official opening, as one resident of the village pointed out, could be something of an embarrassment. The company is bound to want to do this with considerable fanfare and razmataz, but are they going to leave for all eyes to see the almost derelict and appallingly badly maintained single men's bunkhouse? As a bottle of ink is ceremoniously smashed over the sharp, gabled end of the new school, any images among the guests of a philanthropic company will be ruined by the sight of a few disillusioned young men trudging in and out of that long tin shack. As the same Goose Green resident said: "They'll have to put a tarpaulin over it!"

In fact the Company is said to have budgeted in the region of £3,000 to refurbish the bunk house. That should put a few coats of paint on it, and pay for some superficial repairs.

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CHIEF OF POLICE CONCERNED ABOUT INCREASE IN CRIME Falklands authorities are worried about an actual and expected increase in crime which is attributed to the sudden influx of contract labourers for the several construction projects at present in progress.

There have not been many incidents brought to the attention of local police, but already a number of men have been dismissed from the airport site for unruly and antisocial behaviour. The consortium have their own police force at the isolated site which deals with all but the most serious cases.

Three British labourers have appeared before the Magistrates in Stanley recently on charges of theft, and it has become apparent to Chief Superintendent Bill Richards of the Stanley Force that some of the men have long records of conviction and even imprisonment. He is concerned and not a little angry that the

contracting firms have not taken more care to check on the characters of their employees. "They should do something about ensuring that they do not load onto us a lot of men with criminal records", he said recently. "This is a community which is very law abiding. I feel that the contractors owe the Falkland Islanders a responsibility". He pointed out that previously people would leave their homes unlocked while away on holiday. That, he said, is no longer safe behaviour.

He is annoyed that although in the region of 13,000 men applied for the 1400 jobs on the airport site, a number of men appear to have been selected who are clearly anti-social and unsuitable for the Islands. "It should be possible to get a respectable and responsible work force who want to come out here, earn a lot of money and go away again".

RARE BREEDS SURVIVAL TRUST WOULD LIKE INFORMATION Members of the Rare Breeds Survival Trust Ltd. of Warwickshire have told the PENGUIN NEWS that they would very much like to receive news of animals their organisation supplied to Falkland farmers under the recent "Noah's Ark" scheme. They are particularly interested in the welfare of Shetland Cattle and Exmoor ponies, both species which are particularly important.

Owners of the animals are asked to write to the Trust at 4th Street, National Agricultural Centre, Stonleigh Park, Kenilworth, Warwickshire, CV8 2LG. Details of the animals' lives in their new environment will be published in the Trust's magazine, The Ark.

STOP PRESS LETTER The following letter was not received in time for it to be included in our Penguin Post Box column.

Dear Sir, You recently printed an article about my arrival in the Falklands and the sponsored organ marathon that was held at the Tabernacle in January.

It will therefore be a surprise to many of your readers to learn of our return to the UK. However, although we are sad that our time in the Falklands has been so short, we do not regret coming for one moment - we have learnt many new things, we have very much enjoyed our taste of a different way of life and ministry, and we have made many new friends, both civilian and military.

We return to the UK with happy memories of our time in these remote but very special islands and we will continue to hold its people in our thoughts and prayers.

(Signed) COLIN AND LAUREN FRAMPTON.

NEW FALKLANDS NAVAL PATROL SQUADRON The first ship of a new Falklands naval patrol squadron has arrived in Port Stanley.

HMS PROTECTOR is a converted ocean-going tug and oil rig supply ship, with a displacement of 1100 tonnes. With a crew of 20, 7 well armed and highly mobile Royal Marines, and at least two guns, PROTECTOR and her sister ships SENTINEL and GUARDIAN, will be able to take much of the weight of responsibility off the conventional warship force in the area. Until now at least four frigates or destroyers have patrolled Falklands waters, and there have been protests that the deployment of these ships in the South Atlantic places a strain on Britain's commitment to NATO. Now some of the frigates and destroyers will be released for other duties.

The cut-price warships have been modified to make them highly suited for operations around the Falklands. Their basic simplicity will enable them to stay on station for several years.

According to a MOD spokesman, the three ships will patrol and search for signs of incursion, while being of whatever help they can to the isolated military and civilian communities. In emergencies the little ships will mobilise their Marine forces in "rigid raider" boats, which can speed the men into action at 25 knots.

The new squadron is under the command of Lt. Commander David Irvine, who is also captain of PROTECTOR. The Commander knows the area well. He spent several summers in the South Atlantic aboard HMS ENDURANCE.

HMS GUARDIAN and SENTINEL are expected to join PROTECTOR soon.

EX MP VISITS ISLANDS AS NEW FIC DIRECTOR Ex-Labour Member of Parliament Eric Varley arrived in Stanley on the 25th February. Mr. Varley was recently appointed Executive Deputy Chairman of the Qualite Group, the FIC Co parent body. The FIC's Managing Director David Britton is accompanying Mr. Varley on what the FIC Stanley Manager describes as a "familiarisation tour".

Mr. Varley has left Parliament after a career during which he occupied ministerial posts. He was at various times Secretary of State for Energy & for Industry.

BAKERY TO OPEN IN EARLY MARCH The first Stanley bakery for several years is due to commence business on the 1st March. This target date for the Kelvin Bakery depends on the speedy renovation of a building, and the arrival on schedule of equipment.

GOVERNMENT DISCUSSES LOCAL LABOUR WITH FLEXIPORT CONTRACTORS Government Secretary Bernard Pouncefort told the PN recently that he and Chief Executive David Taylor had met Mr. John Oats of ITM, who are constructing the floating port, to discuss local labour on the site. (See our report on page 11.)

Mr. Pouncefort denied that the Government is seeking to control labour, pointing out that such practice would, in any case, have no legal basis. The Government is concerned, however, about the negative effect of a possible drain on labour from essential government departments. "Departures from government departments places a very severe strain on the efficiency of those departments, and we pointed out the consequences to the economy if there is indiscriminate recruitment". The Government has asked to be consulted about recruitment in the future. "All we are after", said Mr. Pouncefort, "is a breathing space so that we can plug the gap left by a key worker."

Hourly rates at the ITM site are known to be not a great deal more than those offered by local employers. However there will be many more working hours.

YOUR QUESTIONS ANSWERED

This month we introduce a new column. The PN reporter will be pleased to search for the answers to your questions, and publish them. If there is something you want to know, why not put the PN onto it? This month, the questions come from Mrs. Betty Miller.

WHEN ARE STANLEY'S PUBLIC TOILETS GOING TO BE RE-OPENED? Director of Public Works, George Webster told us: "as soon as we can employ a toilet attendant". This is necessary to ensure they are kept clean and are not vandalised. If an employee can be found, the toilets in the gymnasium and outside the Post Office would be available to the public. "But we just can't get anybody", said Mr. Webster.

WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO THE FAIRCLOUGH'S CAMP WHEN THE ROADS PROJECT IS COMPLETED? Government Secretary, Bernard Pouncefort, told us that the Property Services Agency will take over 23 (approximately half) of the cabins. The PSA will have many men needing accommodation when that Government department shortly takes over the Royal Engineers' projects. The Civil Commissioner has for some time planned to use the remaining cabins, either at the Common Gate site or at another location, as temporary accommodation for immigrants. At present the cabins offer no kitchen or toilet facilities, these services being provided in central blocks. It is likely, therefore, that pairs of cabins will be combined to form larger and fully serviced living areas.

LITTLE CHAY RITES

Dere Unkel wrecks,

Me and my mum went down to see Unkel Ben last nite but he was verry upset. He had just cum home from the horsepital to see poor old Ant Kelpie and the dokter told him her neck wasnt brocken after orl. As he sed, she olmost died a few weeks ago after eating that frute orf the rubber-sheep and now shes goin to get better again. Poor old Unkel Ben, he was so pleesed last week when she went mis-sing. You no, when she fell in that big hole they dug down town for the sewer and when the pollise called to tel him where they had found her he grabbed a shuvel and rushed down but they stopped him fillin the hole in untill the krane arrived to drag her out. Even when she gets better the dokter sez her neck will orlways be much longer. My dad sez they orlways used to put up a lite when they left dangeros holes in the rode at nite so that peepel didnt fall in them but they dont do that now. I wonder Y.

Big Charley was at wcn of those big when-eye parteys the other nite and he sed they were torking about soverin trees and us orl gettin 100,000£ compo-sayshun or sumpin out of it. We planted a soverin tree in our garden last year but its orl gone blurred and now its onley good for dogs to bark up. My dad thinks the 100,000£ idear is grate and if he can get 2 more kids outter mum befor we hav to go, he cud bye a sub seekshun in kent or sunwhere. My mum sed even if he got a millyun it woodant last as long as a Tab minister in Stanley, and thats for shore!

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PROGRESS SO FAR - DAVID TAYLOR REPORTS ON DEVELOPMENT WORK

Before leaving for the United Kingdom recently for consultation with government departments and other parties involved in the Falklands development projects, Chief Executive and principal development advisor David Taylor, presented a report to Executive Council in which he explained in detail the progress of industrial projects, land redistribution and improvements to Falklands infrastructure.

Mr. Taylor stressed that although the long awaited Development Corporation has not yet been formed, the main work of such a body can go ahead. Although originally scheduled to be in operation by February or March this year, it now seems likely that the new government department will not be established before June or July. Several aspects of the Corporation's make-up and operation are still being discussed. The amount

of working capital from the £31m development grant which will be allocated to the corporation per year is to be decided, and even the precise range of the corporation's activities is unknown. In addition, staffing requirements have to be established, and suitable persons appointed to the posts.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL:

TERRY PECK SLAMS CONTRACTORS

A routine Legco meeting was held in the Court and Council Chamber on 8th March. The two bills which required Councillors' blessing were passed without debate. The first was simply an amendment to a previous bill, and withdrew the right of the Civil Commissioner to grant tax and duty exemption to employees of overseas based companies. Such rights can now only be granted by the Legislative Council. The second bill clarified for the benefit of the planned FI Development Corporation, the distinction between overseas and local loans.

Councillors' speeches during the motion of thanks made for more interesting listening, and in a few cases demanded rapt attention.

Councillor Terry Peck pulled no punches in his criticism of the Crown Agents road builders. He demanded a public enquiry in order to "know how the money has been spent. It is time something was done, and it is exposed". He was also critical of the Brewster housing project.

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"It still gives itself plenty of room for criticism. They are far too slow. Why this should be, I have no idea."

Councillor Ron Binnie shared Mr. Peck's disappointment in the roads project. He expressed his "disgust at workmanship and management." Councillor John Cheek also criticised the UK-funded project.

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DAY BY DAY

23.2.84. The old oil barge, nicknamed HMS ROCKHOPPER, was sunk by the Navy off the Falklands. The vessel was probably the only surviving example of a steel ship built in the Falklands with local labour.

24.2.84. The FI Broadcasting Station reported that persons (alleged to be soldiers) had threatened civilians gathered at Fox Bay West for the sports, and demanded keys to vehicles. It was reported that one Land Rover was stolen. Police were investigating the alleged incidents.

An RAF Hercules flew to King George Island in the British Antarctic Territory to rescue an injured man of HMS ENDURANCE. The Chilean authorities co-operated in the rescue, and gave permission for their air strip to be used. This was probably the first time that an RAF aircraft had flown into the Antarctic.

25.2.84. Lisa Molkenbuhr and Gavin Short were married in Stanley.

FI Company Managing Director David Britton and newly appointed Coalite executive Eric Varley arrived in Stanley.

An RAF helicopter from Stanley's air base flew 190 miles north of the Falklands to rescue a seriously ill Russian seaman from his trawler. An intravenous transfusion was given to 50 year old Victor Shparov after the Russian had been winched from the ship on a stretcher. A military hospital spokesman later said: "There is no doubt the seaman would have died if he had not been taken off the ship".

28.2.84. The new Roger Nutbeam military wing of the Stanley Hospital was officially opened by Mrs. Spacie, wife of the Commander British Forces FI. Colonel Longwell, Commanding Officer of the Military Hospital said: "We are indebted to the civilian authorities for providing hospital accommodation over the last twenty-one months, and hope in return that we have been able to repay that gesture by assisting in the provision of a medical service for all, that has a much greater capability than that which existed previously". He went on to say that the Falklands now have a more complete range of medical facilities than at any stage in their history.

The new prefabricated wing, which joins the east end of the King Edward Memorial Hospital, is named after Captain Roger Nutbeam, a member of the Army Medical Corps who was killed during the war. Sections of the wing are named after other medical personnel who died.

Prior to the war the KEM Hospital had beds for 27 patients. Accommodation increased to 50 with the arrival of the military. The new wing has 23 beds.

29.2.84. The closing date for applications to buy the six sections of San Carlos Farm. Owners David Smith and Co. Sheepfarming Ltd. subsequently approved the sale of sections to Messrs. PW Short, M. Clarke, B. May, RJ Stevens, MJ McKay, A. Newman and G. Findlay.

Eighteen applications were received by the UK-based company, a figure which seems to vindicate the claims of the pro-land redistribution lobby, who believe that there is a large and unsatisfied desire by individuals to own small Falklands farms.

The Government have invited applications for mortgages from intending San Carlos buyers. An interest rate has not yet been established. The present owners of San Carlos have said they are prepared to provide "bridging loans" where required. These loans would provide additional capital when a government mortgage does not fulfill the purchaser's requirements.

Prices for the sections vary greatly. The most desirable piece, however, is to sell for £96,500. It is an 11,500 acre spread with 5,000 sheep. A house and some 70 cattle are included in the package, as well as various other items.

2.3.84. Ascension to Stanley shuttle ship KEREN arrived in Port William with civilian and military passengers.

A military bus service had been in operation for several days by this time. The several captured Argentine Mercedes Benz "Jeeps" ply between Coastal SAFE ESPERIA and HQ British Forces.

3.3.84. The Horticultural Show was held in Stanley's gymnasium today. Following the vegetable, flower and domestic produce show, many of the entries were auctioned.

5.3.84. Civil Commissioner Sir Rex Hunt returned from his Antarctic tour aboard HMS ENDURANCE.

Radio Argentina al Exterior, The Argentine international short wave station, announced that British Parliamentarians Cyril Townsend and George Foulkes are to visit Argentina in June. They will discuss the Falklands with officials of

the Argentine Government. Points on the agenda are expected to include the total exclusion zone, and the refuelling of British aircraft at southern Argentine airports. The station suggested that there would probably be a reciprocal visit by Argentines.

6.3.84. Executive Council met at Government House to discuss routine government matters.

The airport at Ascension Island, and installations nearby are believed to have been damaged by severe weather conditions around this date. According to unofficial reports, heavy rain caused serious damage to new RAF accommodation, and washed mud and alluvium onto one end of Wideawake air strip.

An RAF transport aircraft flying in from Dakar was placed in a dangerous situation because tanker aircraft were unable to rendezvous. Denied the capability of a return flight to Africa, the crew skillfully landed on the Island in spite of the bad weather and partially blocked strip.

The strip was quickly cleared of debris. However damage to lights meant that for a short time aircraft were unable to use the airport at night.

Supply ship AES sailed from Gravesend.

Coalite and FIC men Eric Varley and David Britton returned to the UK, after touring farms and other FIC interests.

7.3.84. Antarctic research ship BRANSFIELD arrived in Stanley, bringing fruit for retail in Stanley - a rare treat for local people.

8.3.84. Two girls ran away from the school hostel at Stanley House. Listeners to the local radio station were asked to report if they had seen the escapees. A search was organised, and the girls were eventually found in a barn at Fitzroy.

9.3.84. The BBC's "Calling the Falklands" reported that the scrap dealers, whose actions on South Georgia triggered off the Falklands war, are suing the military. They claim they were used by the Argentine authorities, and suffered as a result of the hostilities.

Radio Argentina al Exterior said that MP Cyril Townsend had confirmed that he and colleague George Foulkes would visit Argentina from the 18th June 1984. The announcer added that, in his opinion, a settlement of the Falklands issue will probably take many years.

10.3.84. MV IDA SMITS put into Stanley Harbour with a varied military and civilian cargo.

HMS ENDURANCE sailed for a patrol in southern waters.

A fire on Sea Lion Island threatened to destroy pasture and buildings. The Clifton family, who live on the Island, requested help, and six military fire fighters were flown to the Island. Later six members of the Stanley Fire Brigade were flown out by F.I. G.A.S. The joint civilian-military operation worked well, and the blaze was under control by afternoon of the 13th.

12.3.84. Commonwealth Day. Sir Rex Hunt visited the Stanley schools, and read the Queen's message to the children. The students were then given a half day off from their studies.

Radio Argentina al Exterior mentioned the publication in the UK of a pamphlet called "The Falklands- a Possible Way Forward". Written by Mr. Michael Stevens on behalf of a group of politicians and academics, it suggested that sovereignty should be placed in the hands of impartial trustees. Argentina, Britain and the Falklands would each appoint one trustee. A further four would be chosen by mutual consent of the three parties. Both countries would abandon their claims. Mr Stevens said that the plan would be an "agreed legal mechanism for solving future disputes", and suggested that under the guidance of the trustees, development of the Falklands and the South Atlantic could progress to the advantage of all parties.

14.3.84. Representatives of the Sheep Owners' Association and the General Employees' Union met at the Union HQ for wide ranging discussions. The arbitrator who settled the recent cost of living bonus dispute had suggested that such regular meetings would be of benefit to both employers and employed. This was the first such meeting. (See joint press release later in this issue).

15.3.84. The crew of a Royal Air Force Chinook helicopter had a narrow escape from disaster shortly after 9.00 a.m., when the empty shipping container slung beneath their aircraft broke away from its carrying strop, and plunged into Stanley Harbour. Stanley residents up to half a mile away heard a loud noise as the remains of the strop were sucked up into the forward rotor blades. There was a dramatic change in engine tone, as

the pilot skillfully brought the aircraft into a rapid approach to Victory Green - the nearest expanse of open land.

The damage was immediately obvious to the startled passers-by, amongst whom the helicopter and its four crewmen had descended. One of the rotor blades displayed a deep gash, while others were badly scarred and scratched. It is likely that such damage would not have allowed the Chinook to fly for much longer.

Members of the public and servicemen gathered in the area, and military police quickly arrived to bar the curious from the scene. The area was cordoned off, and RAF technicians quickly drained fuel from the machine, and commenced repair work. With rotor blades and other components replaced, the Chinook took off from Victory Green the following day at 6.00 p.m.

(See related piece in "Tongue in Beak")

16.3.84. The heroism of the late Lt. Colonel H. Jones is commemorated in a painting of the Battle for Goose Green, which was unveiled today at the School of Infantry in Warminster.

Colonel H's widow, Mrs. Sarah Jones, his two sons, and brother Commander Timothy Jones of the Royal Navy were present at the unveiling.

The painting by British artist Terence Cuneo is 6 ft by 4 ft, and shows the Colonel storming an Argentine machine gun position under supporting fire from Colour Sergeant Barry Norman. Colour Sergeant Norman survived the battle, and also attended the unveiling of the picture.

17.3.84. The wedding of Dennis Sumners and Pam McLaren.

A farewell dance was held at Goose Green for Iris and Hugh "Hooky" Finlayson. Hooky was retiring after 50 years at Goose Green.

A military Mercedes Benz travelling at speed up a hill in the centre of Stanley crashed into a civilian car, causing no injuries, but seriously damaging the civilian car.

19.3.84. A military Land Rover careered off the airport road. Two men were badly hurt, and the vehicle was wrecked.

20.3.84. The BBC's "Calling the Falklands" produced a wide-ranging discussion programme. Ex-Falkland Anglican Minister Peter Millan, John Ezard of the Guardian and Nigel Spearling MP, contributed their views. Further "Falklands Viewpoint" features are planned, and listeners are invited to suggest topics for discussion. CTF plan a programme from Southampton on the 24th and in a later edition will visit Thomas Peacock School in Rye.

How do Baha'is reconcile science with religion?

ANSWER: As truth is one, science and religion cannot be in disagreement. Science helps discover the secrets of the material world; religion as revealed through the Divine Prophets, teaches the spiritual truth. Baha'i teachings are not in conflict with science. The study of science was praised by Baha'u'llah as providing a firmer basis for religious understanding.

For further information about the Baha'i teachings, please write to PO Box 50, Stanley.

F.I. SHEEP OWNERS' ASSOCIATION AND F.I. GENERAL EMPLOYEES' UNION - JOINT STATEMENT

Representatives of FISQA and FICEU met in the Union HQ on Wednesday 14th March 1984 at 9.00 a.m. This was the first of the joint quarterly meetings which were proposed by the arbitrator.

Obviously, with the variety of items on the agenda, many topics were covered relating to life in these Islands besides the usual Union-SQA business. During the four hours of the meeting a pleasant atmosphere prevailed. The final discussions were on the following points of common interest.

What has happened or is going to happen to the £31 million for development? Both organisations are seeking an outline of expenditure to date. Both the SQA and the GEU remarked on the fact that little or no money was proposed to be spent on the direct improvement of the wool industry. Local knowledge or advice does not appear to have been sought. There is a great need for a road system on the East and West Falklands, thus opening up both Islands for development and improving the communications.

Education, in the camp in particular, was discussed at great length, as it is a subject near to the hearts of both organisations. The lack of teachers, travelling and settlement, was regarded with some anxiety. There have been quite a few methods in the past of assisting with the teaching of the younger children that have cost the public a lot of money and have now been discarded. Teaching by

radio, which is better than nothing, is still not as good as a personal visit from the teacher. The children in their formative and pre-boarding school years (5 to 9) are not getting the attention that children of that age group should be getting. The schools in town are reported to be crowded, and putting a strain on teachers and pupils alike.

The future of MV FORREST is also giving rise to some concern to the members of both organisations. She is a fine and sturdy vessel which should be employed more in coastal trading and other functions in local waters. It was hoped that FORREST will remain in the Islands.

DAVID TAYLOR REPORTS ON DEVELOPMENT WORK (continued from page 1).

The Chief Executive was able to tell a happier story about the various infrastructure improvement projects, although even here no dramatic progress was evident. Improvements to Stanley's electricity supply, which will cost an estimated three to three and a half million pounds are in an advanced state of planning, and UK companies have been invited to tender for the supply of the first generator. Two more will be required, and the project will involve the employment of a UK building firm which will supply its own labour. A similar sum of money is to be spent on ambitious improvements to the Stanley water supply and filtration plant. A pipeline which will carry water from the reservoirs to the Canache floating port has been ordered. Stanley House has been purchased from the FI Company for £200,000, and is being used as a school hostel. A further £300,000 will probably be spent on refurbishing and extending the accommodation in the gardens. The government plan to use local labour for this project.

Other plans, although the subject of discussion for some time, remain in the familiar feasibility study - government approval rut. A study of harbour facilities that is expected to condemn existing facilities and endorse the recommendation of a new deep water jetty which could cost as much as £7 million is awaited, as is a report on telecommunication improvements (£1 million allotted). A £2.3 million to £2.6 million improvements programme for the FI Agricultural Research and Development Centre (GTU) is awaiting ODA approval, while a £500,000 Salmon ranching pilot scheme awaits the approval of FI Government.

The studies of offshore and inshore fishing by the Development Department of the government has, however, produced results, although both schemes are at an early stage. The British Fortosier fishing company is expected to send two small ships to the Falklands soon. £79,000 has been allocated for this pilot scheme. Coalite are cooperating with the Japanese Taiyo company in an offshore fishing research programme, and the Falklands government have decided to invest in the region of £200,000 in this enterprise which may be underway within a few months.

On one important aspect of development, the Falklands government has taken surprisingly little action. On a long term housing plan which may account for £1.5 million of the £31 million grant, the Chief Executive reported that FIG's intentions are not yet known.

Mr. Taylor and Development Officer, John Reid, intend to produce a simple five year development plan soon, and this may mark the beginning of a period of real growth.

COUNCILLORS ASK MRS THATCHER TO EXTEND THE CIVIL COMMISSIONER'S FALKLANDS TOUR

Executive and Legislative Councillors are unanimous in their desire to see Sir Rex Hunt continue as Civil Commissioner. It is believed that the Foreign Office have planned to replace Sir Rex when his present tour is complete before the end of this year. On the 9th March Legco sent the following telex to Mrs. Thatcher.

Dear Prime Minister,

We wish to place on record our opinion that a change in Civil Commissioner at this time would be inappropriate.

With changes to the constitution ahead, possible renewed contacts between Her Majesty's Government and Argentina to improve their bilateral relations expected, we feel it is important for the confidence of the people of the Falklands, that we have someone, as Civil Commissioner, we know and trust in post.

We therefore ask that Sir Rex Hunt, who we understand completes his tour of duty shortly, return to post after leave, for a further period to cover these changes.

THE PENGUIN POST BOX. PO Box 178, Port Stanley, Falkland Islands

The P.N. provides one of the very few mediums by which you can pass on your views to fellow Islanders and interested people overseas.

As we are such a small community it is sometimes impossible for people to connect themselves with radical ideas. Civil Servants, for example might find their careers blighted if they are critical of their employers. For this reason we accept anonymous letters.

We reserve the right not to publish. However, we have no intention of becoming involved in libel cases. Any opinion expressed in the PN is not necessarily shared by the Editor.

A PLEA FOR ACTION

Stanley.
24.2.84

Dear Sir,

It is now some twenty months since the liberation of these Islands, and to date little or nothing has been achieved in the rehabilitation of the rifle range at Sappers Hill.

I am a keen marksman and a staunch supporter of the Falkland Islands Rifle Club, and since becoming a member in 1957 have taken an active part in the Club's activities, having undertaken the duties of Secretary for eleven years.

Since 1928 many of our members have competed in the Bisley competitions held annually by the National Rifle Association in the United Kingdom, with many successes both in the individual and Junior Team events. Two members also represented the Falkland Islands at the XII Commonwealth Games held in Brisbane in 1982.

Now I make my plea. All I ask is for Sir Rex to exercise his authority towards the rehabilitation of the Rifle Range at an early date, to enable our members to resume their shooting in the forthcoming summer. The challenge now is greater than ever before.

(Signed) Marksman, STAN SMITH

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FAIRCLOUGHS DO HAVE TOILETS!

6.3.84.

Dear Graham,

PN number 55 "Your Questions Answered".

Your latest issue of PN contains one small error regarding "Fairclough's" camp. Each accommodation unit DOES have its own toilet, and for that matter, its own shower facilities. This is what makes them superior to the Portakabin and Wyseplan units I have seen out here.

True, we do not have kitchen facilities in each cabin, but with catering of the quality of Grandnet, who needs 'em?

Yours sincerely, IAN NUNN (Office Manager), Crown Agents Works Unit, Stanley.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Grovelling apologies!

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A FOND FAREWELL TO THE FALKLANDS

8.3.84.

Dear Sir,

We would like to take this opportunity of using the pages of the Penguin News to say a fond farewell to the Falklands, but not goodbye.

Our heartfelt thanks go to Chic and Walter Felton who have kept an eye on us for the last ten months and for a month previously when we first came here as strangers.

Special thanks go to Fred and Iola Burns, Roddy and Lillian Napier and to Cecil

and Kitty Bertrand for welcoming us into their homes and educating us into the Falklands ways and attitudes. Thanks also to Tony Chater for the mine of information that he is.

Until the opportunity arises for us to again visit your enchanted Islands we sincerely hope that peace and happiness will be with all the Falklanders in the future.

Our best wishes to you all.

RAY CALLENTREE and BARRY KIRK. Goodwin Court, Apt. F. Palm Bay Avenue, Cliftonville, Kent CT9 3DE.

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WAS CHICKENFEED ALL WE EVER RECEIVED FROM THE "MAINLAND"?

15.3.84.

Dear Sir,

Little Chay was telling me an amusing story the other day. He and his Uncle Ben were listening to the Legco speeches (plenty of material there for his pen), and the member for, I believe West Falkland, was saying that we (sic) do not even need trading relations with the "mainland", as all that ever came from there was feedstuffs for hens. Uncle Ben pondered for a moment and then remembered that it was true that certain grains used to come in from the "mainland" with the cheese 'n' butter 'n' fresh fruit 'n' £22-a-drum kerosene. But then nobody really needs those things.

Yours faithfully,

J.B.S.

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ANOTHER BOOK?

22.2.84.

Dear Mr. Bound,

Having read some nine books on the Falklands, mainly concerning the war, I would like to know more about life, with the view to writing a book covering the next four periods.

- (1) Life up to the 2nd April '82. Recalled or recorded facts of family life, photo's etc.
- (2) April '82 to June 14th '82 with recalled experiences.
- (3) June the 15th to the present.
- (4) The ideas and hopes for the near and distant future.

As you will see, I hope to cover these four areas in depth, so I would like to hear from as many people as possible, with whom I can then correspond for further details and facts.

In one book, for instance, (Argentina) a boy worked with some Kelpers in the Post Office. I would like to know more about these types of experiences.

A small personal request. Are there any deaf people or tinnitus sufferers in the Islands? I am both deaf and a sufferer, and hope to give any proceeds from the book to tinnitus research and SSAFFA.

Both my son-in-law and a nephew have served with the forces there, and I have their views. But I think that both have not had the interest to go and look for the things that would have made their time there more rewarding.

Thanking you in anticipation,

Yours sincerely, D.C. STEDMAN. 7 Gressington Place, Bourne End, Bucks, SL8 5SN.

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

"We consider that the aspirations and interests of the people should be preserved. We have a very open mind in this area".

Foreign Ministry spokesman in Buenos Aires recently.

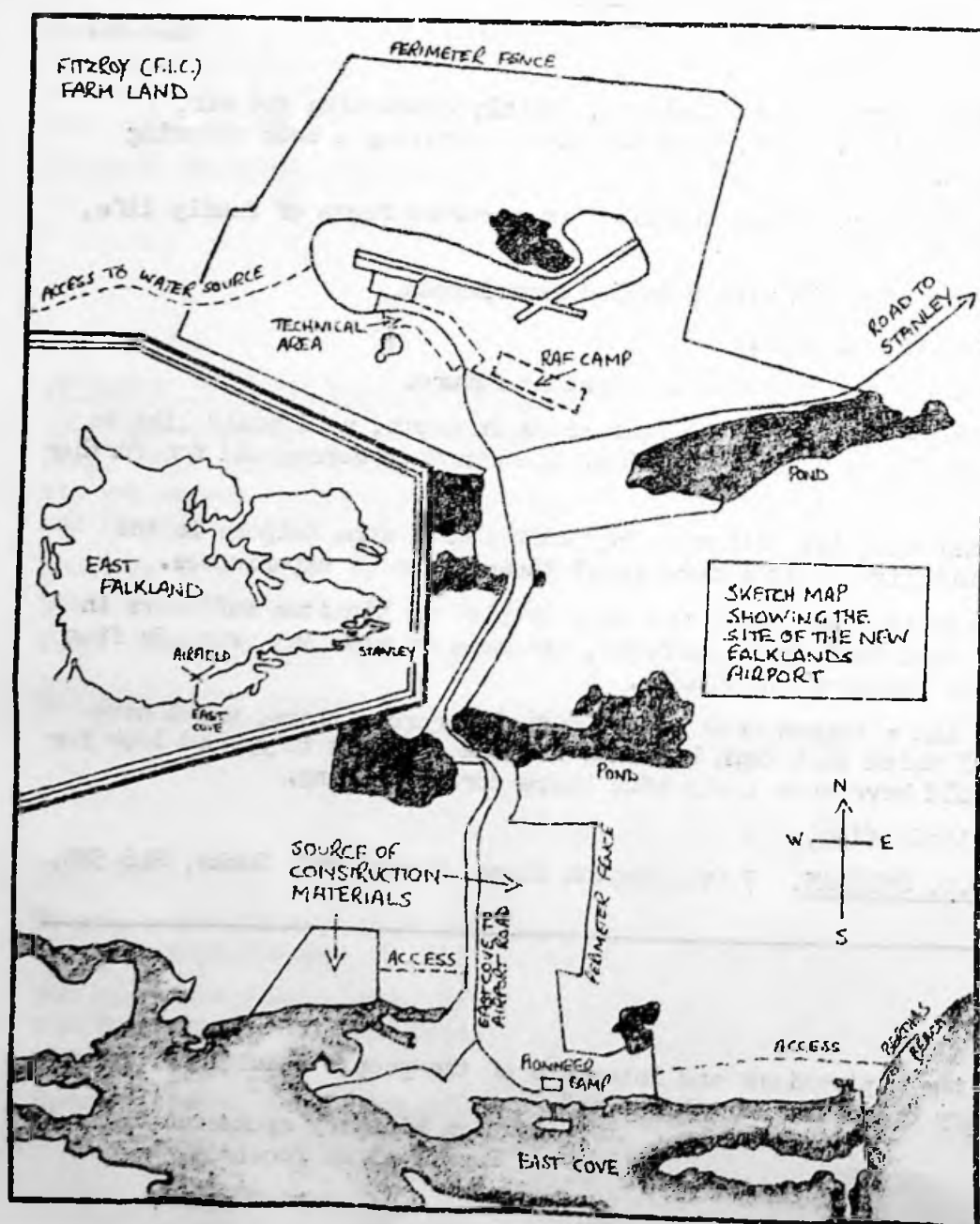
Some four and half months after the arrival of the small pioneer team of workers, the Laing Mowlem ARC airport building consortium, is progressing more or less to schedule. Although there have been minor setbacks, there still seems to be confidence that a basic airstrip will be operational by April 1985 - just twelve months from now.

A network of roads connecting the East Cove base camp with the work site and quarries has been built, and the smooth routes are regularly travelled by incongruous red single deck buses. Bulldozers and diggers have commenced gouging peat and oil from the site which will eventually welcome jumbo jets back to earth, and nearby the skyline of the Mount Pleasant area is changing dramatically, as a mini-city of prefab buildings is erected.

Much of the construction crew's efforts are now going into this large camp, and the workers are perhaps spurred on by the knowledge that the sooner it is complete, the sooner they can move into it from the more spartan pioneer settlement some eight kilometres to the south in East Cove.

Many Falklanders have been pleasantly surprised at the consortium's progress. Memories of construction companies active in the Falklands over the last ten years or so have rather tainted respect for the construction industry as a whole, but so far there have been no excuses or budget excesses at Mount Pleasant. The more cynical point out that the builders still have to experience the difficulties of winter, but it does seem that at long last a company has appeared which has done its homework, and learnt from the mistakes of others.

Local labour at the site continues to be a contentious issue. Only one local man is employed even though it would make obviously sound economic policy to employ more local men. There has been a hint, however, that this attitude may be changing. A director of the consortium interviewed last week on the Falkland Islands Radio suggested the Project Manager, John Farr-Burnham, may favourably consider job applications from persons with skills that he needs on the site. There are a number of experienced local plant mechanics and drivers, and the next few months just may see some of them working at Mount Pleasant.



ALEX BETTS SPEAKS OF HIS FEELINGS FOR THE FALKLANDS: "I AM TOTALLY NEUTRAL"

Before and after the war with Argentina a small number of Falkland Islanders decided to support the Argentine cause, and left to live in that country. To the gratification of the Argentine Government, one family and two men made the move into exile. The defections had propaganda value, of course, and Alex Betts and Derek Rozee (Jnr) were used to support the Argentines' argument at the United Nations.

Our readers may have wondered from time to time whether these Islanders really abandoned all loyalties to their people and homeland. Perhaps some may have suspected that the defections were the result of decisions carefully and painfully arrived at, rather than thoughtless and impetuous acts of betrayal.

A copy of an Argentine magazine interview with Alex Betts seems to show that, for him at least, that may be the case. Although he obviously disagrees strongly with Britain's past Falklands policy, his loyalty to the Islanders seems to remain. It is interesting to note that he tells the Argentine journalist a few things she would rather not have heard.

We have translated excerpts, and publish them here. We sincerely hope that this article will not upset any members of Mr. Betts' family. We print Mr. Betts' words only because they are an interesting explanation of the feelings that led him and perhaps others to abandon heritage, homeland and family.

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Interviewer: Did the Islanders think at any stage before the war that Argentina was going to occupy the Islands militarily?

Mr. Betts: As far back as I can remember this was always a fear of the people. One grew up with the idea that one day the "Argies" were going to invade. Why? Because the Islander has the same idea as the Argentine. You have grown up with the idea that the Malvinas are Argentine, and we with the idea that they are English and that one day the Argentines were going to become tired of claiming, and were going to occupy. I knew that the invasion was a grave mistake, because it lost Argentina the support of the world. Argentina was not an "invader", but a "liberator" of the Islanders from colonialism. That was another Argentine mistake, because the Islander lives contentedly with his world over there.

Q. Did the Islanders see the Argentines as liberators?

A. No, they were invaders. The Islander wants to go on being British, living in a colony as a second class citizen. This doesn't worry him. They can discuss their representation in Parliament, but they feel loyal to the Crown. That fear of the invasion grew after the Operation Condor (Ed: a symbolic invasion by Argentine skyjackers in 1966). If an aircraft flew over unexpectedly everyone thought we were being invaded, or that the "Argies" were on a reconnaissance flight.

Q. Do you or did you ever feel English?

A. I speak English, I am the descendent of Englishmen, but I have always considered I am a Malvinense, full stop. England for me has never been a great attraction. I always thought that the Islander was a little misplaced in his loyalty to the Crown. It would have been much better if he had thought for himself rather than being blindly loyal to the Queen. I have also said these things in the Islands.

Q. Do the Islanders consider you a traitor?

A. For many yes, and it bothers me that they think that. At no moment was I a traitor. I continued living my life as it was before the 2nd April. Nothing changed for me after it. The "muchachos" who were there did not go of their own free will. They received the order: "to the south", and they went without the chance to question. Many of them did not agree with it. But the perspective of the Islander had nothing to do with reality, and it bothered me that they thought me a traitor. I am totally neutral. The only thing that war brings is suffering and destruction. Thank God the Malvinas people were saved, but I have no doubt that if necessary the English were going to kill Islanders also.

Q. Do you, as an Islander, think the Islands are Argentine or English?

A. Geopolitically they are Argentine, but the style of life is purely English - it couldn't be more English. It is for that reason that the Islander continues

to insist that he wants to be English.

Q. Living in the Islands, did you feel a second class citizen, and that your needs and calls were not heard by Great Britain?

A. I am going to speak now as a Kelper, as a Falkland Islander. I always asked what England had done for these Islands, and was convinced that at no time had they tried to make any serious progress there. They were happy that the Islands were theirs, but they did nothing for those who lived there. Now you have a good example of what it is to be a Kelper, and what it is to be English. The Islanders have asked to have a representative in Parliament, and the answer has been negative because to have that presence the community must have more than 70,000 inhabitants. If England was really interested in the Islanders the number of inhabitants would not matter.

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Falklands, Malvinas and related words are used as they were in the original article. The inverted commas around some words and phrases were also taken from the magazine feature. Although the cutting that we have is undated, we believe that the interview was published some time ago.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS

B I R T H S

30.1.84. In Yorkshire. To Sarah and Ian Tait, a son, William David.

M A R R I A G E S

20.2.84. Janet Clifton and John Jaffray, at Stanley.

25.2.84. Gavin Phillip Short and Lisa Helen Molkenbuhr, in Stanley.

16.3.84. Sarah Raiton and Simon Powell, at Christ Church Cathedral, Stanley.

17.3.84. Pamela McLaren and Dennis Summers, in Stanley.

D E A T H S

5.1.84. Captain John Thomas Belt of the Army Air Corps. (38)

5.1.84. Sergeant Roger Jones of the Army Air Corps. (25)

Captain Belt and Sergeant Jones were killed when their Lynx helicopter crashed into the sea.

22.1.84. Alan Charles Miller (43).

Mr. Miller had been Manager of Port San Carlos for many years, and is survived by his daughters, Kia and Rowen, and son Phillip. In a eulogy broadcast by FIBS, Sir Rex Hunt described Mr. Miller as a patriot, and one who worked for the good of the Islands.

24.1.84. Dorothy May Gladys Cheek (68).

Mrs. Cheek is survived by her husband Fred, and sons Gerald and John.

26.1.84. David Eric Twanley (33).

Mr. Twanley, who was an officer aboard the vessel ITM MARINER, was killed in an accident at the floating port construction site near the Canache.

1.2.84. Jonothan Ivor Mills (18).

Mr. Mills was an Artificer Apprentice with the Royal Navy. He died after an accident involving a Sea Cat missile aboard HMS FIFE.

January '84 Miss Pat Casey (61). In England.

Friends of George Pearson will remember Miss Casey, as she accompanied Mr. Pearson on a trip to the Falklands over Christmas 1983.

13.3.84. Jock Pettersson (78). In England.

Mr. Pettersson was the father of Alva Kidd & Ingrid Pettersson, and left the Islands some years ago.

The Penguin News extends sincere sympathy to families and friends.

We welcome news of Falkland Islanders overseas or friends of the Falklands for this column

STOP PRESS LETTER

This letter arrived as we were preparing the final draft of the FN, and so is not included in the Penguin Post Box column.

"THE COMPANY HAS A MONOPOLY ON SHIPPING WOOL"

16.3.84.

Dear Editor,

I read with interest the letters in the FN exchanged between Tim Miller of Manybranch Farm and Mr. Britton of FIC London. Tim's figures for charter rates for wool from Punta Arenas to England are correct for quantities of 750 tonnes, combined from a number of farms. There are just two points I wish to make:-

1. FIC has a 100% monopoly on shipping wool to England and for general cargo for Stanley and the farms from England. The Company charges whatever they wish without the slightest prior discussion or agreement with clients.
2. I would draw to your readers' attention the 1982 Economic Study and Report, headed by Lord Shackleton:

"However, we are bound to note that the Darwin Shipping Company for the last three years has achieved net profits to around 15 - 17 per cent on turnover, a figure rivalled by few, if any shipping companies today. It is probable, therefore, that FIC weighs its freight cost recovery towards the outward shipment of goods, rather than the return transport of wool - perhaps this is not surprising in view of the fact it produces over 40 per cent of the wool shipped".

Yours sincerely, COLIN SMITH. Abbey Mill Farm, Abbey Rd., Knaresborough, North Yorkshire, UK.

MEANWHILE BACK AT THE RANCH - A sometimes tongue in beak look at the news.

Visitors to the Falklands often remark on that fascinating feature of our local radio station "The Announcements". It is not unknown for a sober-voiced broadcaster to advertise the vacant government appointment of Superintendent of Education, and then in the next breath inform the world that Mrs. so-and-so has a twin-tub washing machine going cheap. But it doesn't matter; it's a good service. However sometimes it really is difficult to stifle a smile. For instance just the other night, when we were informed that one of the larger farms was looking for "a married tractor driver". There must be a lot of listeners wondering why it is that single people can't drive tractors.

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I guess we can't deny the navy some fun with their guns, but it's rather a shame that a recent target had to be a piece of Falklands history. H.M.S. ROCKHOPPER, otherwise known as the old oil barge, went down in a flurry of foam somewhere off the Falklands earlier this month. The barge was possibly the last remaining example of a steel ship built here by local men. Having given good service since her launch some fifty years ago, she had fallen into disrepair, and may have been dangerous. However sinking seemed a rather extreme measure, as she could have been beached in the traditional ships' graveyard at Sparrow Cove. But in spite of protests, she went to the bottom.

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We hear that some smart-alec has named the staff of the Development Department on the upper floor of the Secretariat after the characters in Robert Louis Stevenson's Treasure Island. Apparently the ladies and gentlemen of the 31 million pound department now bear such aliases as Ben Gunn, Long John Silver and Blind Pew.

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Look at the risks we take to get the news! Almost falling over himself to reach Victory Green last week, where a crippled Chinook had been skillfully guided out of the sky to make a perfect emergency landing, the PN Editor arrived at the scene before most of the authorities. Inspecting the damage from a reasonable distance he was approached by a bestripped military-type man in a red hat who seemed rather irritable. To cut a long story short our chief was dragged off to the Police Station, where, it was planned, he would be charged with obstructing the police in the course of their duties. Mercifully, the charge was dropped.

ped, and replaced with a stern and rather scary lecture. It was a slightly humiliated Editor who walked out a free man. That's how close you came to not receiving PN number 56.

LITTLE CHAY

This week Unkel Wrecks clears a backlog of queries from his nephew Little Chay, our garrulous if not grammatical young neighbour.

Quality Street,
Monkey Island.

Dear Little Chay,

It really is nice of you to write so regularly to me and let me know all about your family. But in all fairness I must say that I really haven't the time nor the inclination to be bothered so much with your parents' petty problems.

As I said in my previous letter, most of their problems could be solved if your father was a little more energetic and got himself a well paid job. Although it has not been possible for Islanders to get employment at the Mount Pleasant Airfield site, I am wondering if perhaps he could now get work there, as I have heard that the working conditions out there are proving too tough for many of the imported labourers. Some of them have gone back home to an easier life where you can get paid for not working and live on beer and fish and chips. Some of the men said on the BBC that the rats can easily be mistaken for Jack Russell terriers, but then I am sure your father could handle rats of any size or colour. With a couple of thousand a month, no taxes, free meals and accommodation, I should think he could manage to save enough to rent a Brewster home when the next batch comes on the market around Christmas. Even at his age, I am confident he could survive the wind chill factor as many of our outdoor workers seem to have no trouble with this. In any case I'm sure they would provide him with some thermal underwear if the weather turns a little chilly in the evenings. The lack of entertainment, of course, must be almost unbearable, but perhaps they will do something to organise their own entertainment in much the same way as our people in the camp seem to do so successfully. I believe there is a big family out there called Other, and perhaps he could live with them. They come into town almost daily on the FIGAS aircraft.

I was interested to hear about your father planting a sovereign tree. Perhaps we could get a load of them out on the Trustee Ship which I hear may be coming this way. I think we still have a few pounds in the Falklands Appeal Fund which hasn't yet been allocated to a second Noah's Ark or to the Sheep Owners' Association for a reserve duplicator.

You never seem to mention your elder brother the Kelper Kid who left the Islands a few years ago for medical treatment after he stopped a bullet in that shoot-out at Elephant Canyon (or was it Third Corral?). I wonder if he is alright, and what he is doing now. Do let me know, as I am always interested in the family.

Please give my love to your parents, Mally, Uncle Ben and dear old Annt Kelpie.

Sine Die. Your affectionate UNCLE WRECKS.

NEW BAKERY OPENS IN STANLEY

Following the closure of Tim and Jean Dobbins' bakery several years ago, Stanley housewives had to fall back on their own bread making skills. Now, however, the important service has been restored, and Kelvin Bakeries, under the joint ownership of Mike Burke and Simon Powell opened its doors for business on the 5th March.

It seems that the operation has proved successful so far, and an enthusiastic Mike Burke recently told the PN reporter something of the bakery's progress and plans. Until the supply ship AES arrives towards the end of this month with a bread moulding machine and other labour saving equipment, operations are rather limited. "We are only feeling the market at the moment, and hoping to find the right products for the market, ready for when we go into full swing", said Mike.

But already the five baking staff have introduced a night shift to cope with regular orders from Grand Met at the Crown Agents' camp, NAAFI and Stanley House. Most of the regular orders are not large, although NAAFI's requirement of 200

bread rolls each day would seem to indicate that they appreciate the service and may use it to a greater extent when production is stepped up.

The Bakery, which is situated behind the Kelvin Take-a-way in the centre of Stanley, offers a special service to pensioners. They can buy rolls and loaves at a discount, and enjoy free delivery. Mike Burke is surprised that few senior citizens have said they would like a regular visit from the bakery van, and he would like to hear from more people who could use the service.

CONTROVERSY OVER OLD FOLKS HOME

Government plans to build a sheltered housing complex for Stanley's elderly folk has run into unexpected opposition. Residents of the Police Cottages quickly and unanimously spoke up in protest when a routine notice was broadcast advising of the Town Planning Committee's intention to build the new homes on a site presently used for vegetable gardening by the seven Police Cottages families.

They resent the suggestion that the land adjacent to their cottages should become the site for architect Gerald Dixon's complex, and have said that the government should look elsewhere.

Those in favour of the Police Cottages site argue that the area is central, and within easy walking distance of most shops and offices. They also point out that medical treatment for the senior citizens would be easily available from the King Edward Memorial Hospital just a few hundred yards along St. Mary's Walk. They add that in any case the Government owned Police Cottages may eventually be incorporated into the complex.

Stanley Councillor Bill Goss has now stepped in, offering to canvas opinion about that site and others from the elderly folk who would use the sheltered homes.

The General Employees' Union have also taken an interest, and General Secretary Neville Bennett, has suggested that the Government House Triangle Paddock and the large paddock adjacent to Malvina House may be suitable for the project.

When a site has eventually been decided upon, the government will be faced with another problem: that of raising the estimated £900,000 required to erect the homes. A £100,000 gift from Guernsey will help a great deal, and a lesser amount may be forthcoming from the Falkland Appeal Fund. Government Secretary Bernard Pauncefort has told the PN that it is intended to raise the balance of the cash through independent means, rather than appeal for help to the British Government.

FLYSTRIKE - FALKLANDS FARMERS FIGHT A NEW PARASITE

The discovery of a parasite which could have a serious effect on the production of wool has come as a cruel blow to local farmers, who have, with remarkable success, fought all other sheep parasites. Flystrike, a particularly unpleasant condition which is caused by the fly *Lucilla Sericata*, has appeared on several farms around the Islands, and the pest may be impossible to destroy.

The bluebottle-like green fly lays eggs in the rank and moist areas of a sheep's body, concentrating most often on the anal area, eyes and open wounds. The resulting maggots feed on the sheep's flesh, often with fatal results. Farmers have been alerted to the danger, and one farmer has already reported four deaths due to gross infestations of the insect.

Executive Secretary of the Sheep Owners' Association, Mr. Jim Clement, has stressed the serious nature of the problem. "We will never, never get rid of it", he said, "and it may lead to expensive means of control".

Sheep dipping, which was discontinued some years ago due to the complete eradication of all other external parasites, such as ked and tic, may have to be re-introduced. This would add expenses to farms already suffering from low wool prices. The parasite could also reduce the yield of wool, although the quality of that produced will remain high.

Flystrike is common in New Zealand, Australia and the UK, although it is not a serious problem in South America. It is not possible to say how the insect was introduced, although it is possible that flies were borne across the ocean by wind, ship or aircraft.



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THE HOSPITAL DISASTER

Just when it seemed that Falkland Islanders' fortunes were looking up, fate delivered us another body blow. When most of Stanley's hospital was destroyed in the dawn hours of Tuesday the 10th April, eight of our citizens died and two were seriously injured. It was the most shocking experience since the war, and the grief here was profound.

All that is left of the King Edward Memorial and British Military Hospital is a concrete section which escaped the worst of the flames, but where most of the victims succumbed to smoke and fumes. The apparently flame-proof Churchill Wing, which had become a death trap, may be refurbished, but doctors insist they will not use it to house patients unless the government fit adequate fire escapes.

The immediate problems have been overcome, thought not without difficulty. Emergency cases and routine treatment can at least be handled. Because of the difficulties which can be imposed by unforeseen complications, most expectant mothers are being flown to the UK. A military field hospital which had been stored for use in case of a renewed conflict with Argentina was rushed into service in the Town Hall's dance hall and cinema-cum-theatre while firemen still fought the blaze a few hundred yards to the west. Over the following days the RAF flew in urgently required supplies, including blood and pathology equipment. The situation has now been stabilised, and the Town Hall is to be vacated this week in favour of improved facilities. The civilian staff will move into the Brewster workers' hostel, which was kindly made available by the company and speedily altered to suit the medical authorities. The military nurses and doctors will go to the Canache, where a Portakabin hospital has been created.

The King Edward Memorial and British Military Hospital were effectively one and the same, the two being linked together and sharing many facilities. The military section was almost brand

new. Their 23-bed prefabricated unit was fixed to the east end of the 1914-vintage main building just over two months ago. At the opposite end was the concrete Churchill Wing which was opened in 1953. The blaze is thought to have started somewhere in the oldest section of the complex, and within minutes raged out of control in the timber section. Although details are still sketchy, and will remain so until the work of the commission of enquiry is complete, it seems that the Churchill Wing acted as a funnel, and immediately filled with unusually dense and poisonous smoke. Unhampered by fire doors, it swept through the corridors at an astonishing rate. This smoke, rather than the flames, caused most of the deaths.

32 year old Robin Smith, who had been receiving treatment for a complicated ankle injury, described the speed at which

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EDITORIAL

The commission of enquiry into events surrounding the hospital fire has a daunting task ahead of it, but the result must be a clear indication of the reasons why such an awful disaster could have happened. If inefficiency and ineptitude were to blame, then we must know about it. Furthermore, the enquiry must result in a move to improve the safety standards in other public buildings. To most of us, with our heightened awareness of the dangers, it is obvious that other buildings, such as the schools, the Town Hall and the Secretariat are just as dangerous as was the K.E.M.H.

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Another batch of immigrants bites the dust. Thanks to bigoted but influential people in the community, Mr. Roland Dowling, his wife and her Vietnamese family have abandoned their Falklands plans. After a decade of persecution in Vietnam, the refugees hoped to settle here. And some of us hoped they would. However old-fashioned racial prejudice got in the way. The UK press will get the full story from Mr. Dowling, and the publicity won't do us any good.

We only have ourselves to blame.

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DAY BY DAY - A LOOK AT FALKLANDS AFFAIRS OVER THE PAST WEEKS

21.3.84. Government Salaries Commissioner, Jim Hall, started a three week tour in the Falklands, during which he would review civil servants' pay levels and supply a report to Executive Council.

22.3.84. Immigrant Roland Dowling arrived on MV SINGULARITY with supplies to run a small farm for several years, and plans to bring out his Vietnamese wife and sisters-in-law with their families. In the face of local opposition he abandoned his plans, and left a few weeks later.

23.3.84. British Parliamentarian Michael Mates angered many Islanders when he said on Calling the Falklands that previous to 1982 90% of FI trade with the outside world relied upon Argentina. The correct figure would be more like 1%. Mr. Mates is a member of a Conservative group pressing the Prime Minister to speedily restore good relations with Argentina.

24.3.84. Councillor Terry Peck organised a third cleaning operation around Stanley. He expressed his profound disappointment that less than a dozen local people turned out with spades and brooms to clean the streets and verges. There were many more servicemen than civilians in evidence.

Overseas Development Administration Police Advisor, Bob Brian, arrived to study and report on the problems of the understaffed local force.

26.3.84. In an interview on the FI Broadcasting Station, Nicholas General the Deputy Head of the Falklands Department of the Foreign Office, refused to tell Islanders anything of substance regarding the local issues with which the FCO is involved.

HMS ENDURANCE struck a rock near the Grahmanland Peninsula while carrying out survey work. She was not badly damaged, and was given assistance by RRS BRANSFIELD.

29.3.84. John Smith's account of Islanders' life under the Argentine occupation was published in the UK. The book is called "74 Days".

30.3.84. "Calling the Falklands" reported that a powerful British union had asked the government to allow Argentine fishing vessels within the total exclusion zone.

31.3.84. The deadline for Argentina to repay its 43.6 million dollar debt to the USA. At the last minute the country was rescued from the difficult obligation by a further US treasury approved loan of 300m dollars. A further loan of 500m dollars was forthcoming from four other South American countries.

1.4.84. A new NAAFI serviceman's club was opened on the site of the old Globe Store, which was destroyed by fire during the war. The idea had been opposed by some teachers, who believed that the new facility would be too close to the Senior School.

The British Forces Post Office was moved from the facilities it shared with the civilian Post Office to a site in the Canache.

2.4.84. The second anniversary of the invasion.

NAAFI increased their prices by 20% to allow for freight charges that now must be paid for all NAAFI cargo.

New illustrated aerogrammes were placed on sale at the Post Office. The aerogrammes show three scenic local views, and illustrate the route of the Brize Norton-Ascension-Stanley airbridge.

The BBC report that Argentine demonstrators attacked the English Clock near Retiro Station in Buenos Aires and burned an effigy of Mrs. Thatcher.

The FI Company commenced a new phase in their share farming project. Several Goose Green employees will now farm Bleaker and other Islands off Lafonia, sharing the profits with the Company.

A grass fire started on Golding Island. Owner/Manager Fenton Hirtle believes that lightning sparked off the blaze. A small number of fire fighters were flown to the Island, and the fire was brought under control.

3.4.84. It was announced that Civil Commissioner Sir Rex Hunt's tour of duty has been extended until September 1985.

4.4.84. Radio Argentina al Exterior announced that Mrs. Thatcher had said she would soon provide an answer to the Argentines' proposals of 18th February.

MV MONSUNEN encountered a school of about fifty small whales off the North Coast between Volunteer Point and Cape Carysford.

6.4.84. A fire broke out at around 4.00 am at Goose Green. The building which consisted of two semi-detached houses, was destroyed. Teal Inlet shepherd Henry Smith, who had been at Goose Green for a Union meeting, was killed in the blaze. Mr. and Mrs. John Ford were able to escape, but lost all their possessions. Nutt Cartmell who lived in the adjacent house was more fortunate, and managed to escape with much of his property.

9.4.84. "Calling the Falklands" announced that Rock Berntsen's LP record of Falklands folk music is to be released in June. It will be available in Stanley.

10.4.84. Eight people died in the fire that engulfed the King Edward Memorial Hospital and the adjacent British Military Hospital. (See article in this issue).

12.4.84. The funeral service for Mrs. Topsy McPhee was held in Christ Church Cathedral. The church was filled to capacity by people who wished to pay their last respects to Mrs. McPhee, who had been a patient in the hospital, and was unable to escape from the burning and smoke-filled building.

13.4.84. Christ Church Cathedral was again packed with civilians and military personnel today, when the funeral service was held for Mrs. Mary Smith, Mr. Fred Coleman, Miss Gladys Fleuret and Miss Mabel Neilson. All four of these Falkland Islanders died in the Hospital. Many people were unable to enter the church, and loudspeakers relayed the service to those gathered outside. Sir Rex Hunt spoke movingly of all the victims, reminding people that any Islander could have been a victim. He quoted John Donne's famous words, "Do not ask for whom the bell tolls; it tolls for thee". Members of the Falkland Islands Defence Force were pall-bearers.

Multi-millionaire Englishman Jack Haywood announced that he is giving £1,000,000 to the Falklands government to assist with the building of a new hospital. Other kind gifts have also been made by friends locally and overseas.

14.4.84. Mourners packed into St. Mary's Catholic Church to attend the funeral of Teresa and Karen McGill, the mother and infant daughter who died in the Hospital tragedy. Following the service in Stanley two helicopters flew the coffin and some mourners to Riverside, the farm owned and managed by Mrs. McGill's parents. Others drove to the site in the camp where Teresa and Karen were to be buried. A FI Defence Force Guard of Honour were assembled at the site. The service was brief and poignant. A military piper played a lament during the burial ceremony.

The exact date not known.

The body of Barbara Chick, a nurse at the Hospital, was flown to her home town

in the UK by the RAF. At the funeral service Islanders were represented by Mr. Jim Lellman and Mr. Harry Stewart. The priest conducting the service spoke of Nurse Chick's heroism. He said that she had behaved in the greatest tradition of her profession, and compared her to two other heroines in the history of nursing, Florence Nightingale and Edith Cavell. Miss Chick's ashes have been flown back to the Islands for interment.

15.4.84. The Civil Commissioner announced on local radio the names of successful applicants for new farms at Fox Bay East. They are Messrs. Robin Marsh and Nigel Knight.

18.4.84. Sir Rex Hunt announced that as from 1.5.84 holders of unused Calor Gas cylinders will be charged a rental fee of £1.00 per month. Alternatively they can be bought back by the government at their original price.

A meeting of ex-members of the Stanley Social Club was adjourned as too few persons attended. A later meeting was more successful, and resulted in the formation of a steering committee with the brief to draw up a new constitution and organise essential maintenance work on the building.

20.4.84. Two persons injured in the Hospital fire were evacuated to the UK on a special RAF "medivac" flight. Miss Lena Davis, who suffered serious burns, and Monsignor Daniel Spraggon who suffered from smoke inhalation, are now being treated in military hospitals.

21.4.84. The Queen's Birthday was marked in Stanley with a military parade, a gun salute, and a reception at Government House.

22.4.84. Mrs. Mary Lou Hobman and her son Alfonso were knocked down by a vehicle on Ross Road. Alfonso received bruises on his face and Mrs. Hobman suffered multiple bruises and lacerations. In the Stanley Court Chamber on the 30th, Mr. David Milligan pleaded guilty to driving while unfit through drink, and was fined £50. Compensation was awarded to Mrs. Hobman.

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From the Baha'i Writings: "O SON OF SPIRIT!"

The best loved of all things in My sight is Justice; turn not away therefrom if thou desirest of Me, and neglect it not that I may confide in thee. By its aid thou shalt see with thine own eyes and not through the eyes of others, and shalt know of thine own knowledge and not through the knowledge of thy neighbour. Ponder this in thy heart; how it behoveth thee to be. Verily justice is My gift to thee and the sign of My loving-kindness. Set it then before thine eyes."

For further information on the Baha'i Faith, please write to PO Box 50, Stanley.

24.4.84. The 40th Anniversary of the BBC's "Calling the Falklands". The first special Falklands programme was beamed to the Islands on this day in 1944. It was then called London Bridge. Since then the programme has changed from a purely messages-and-music broadcast to a brilliantly informative magazine programme, reporting on all aspects of current affairs that are relevant to the Islands. During the war CTF was of the very greatest value, and the BBC men and women did more than any others to maintain morale among Falklanders. The Argentines considered the broadcasts a danger, and for several weeks successfully jammed transmissions. It was only after BBC men with the Task Force landed at San Carlos that CTF became aware of the jamming, and successfully combated it by broadcasting on extra frequencies. "Calling the Falklands" continues to be an essential source of information in the Falklands.

25.4.84. The FI Company's West Store was broken into during the hours of darkness today. Several items were stolen. A merchant seaman was later arrested and found guilty of the crime. He was fined, and ordered to pay damages to the Company. This was the third time that the store had been burgled in two years.

28.4.84. Government clocks were put back one hour at midnight. Stanley time is now five hours behind Greenwich Mean Time.

The Hospital Tragedy (continued from Page 1)

the smoke rolled through the building: "I woke up to a load of excited voices. When I woke up properly I realised there was a fire. I could see into the passage, and the light bulb there was faint. As I got out of my bed to go across, I heard a nurse shout 'somebody help me please'. Then the voice just faded out. When I got to the doorway there was no way I could enter the passage. It (the smoke) just came really fast; like water blasting out of a hose". The dense cloud had already rushed into the ward, and as Mr. Smith made for an open window, he lost his sense of direction, and arrived at another which was closed. "As I was trying to find the hook to open it, I started to choke. If I had failed to get that window open I don't think I'd be here now". The other person in the ward, a workman from Mount Pleasant, had squeezed out of a dangerously narrow window and jumped the fifteen feet or so to the ground. But because of his injury Robin Smith was unable to do likewise. He watched as soldiers helped Evie Halliday, Anna King and Clare Peake from the window of the adjacent ward onto the roof of a Land-Rover, and then was helped into the fresh night air himself. Two women died in wards just a few paces down the corridor. Mr. Smith's terrifying experience was typical of those who were fortunate enough to escape.

The two night nurses (no doctor was in the hospital, although when summoned by a nurse one could be there in minutes) received hardly any warning of the catastrophe. They shouted the alarm, and rushed to evacuate their patients. Nurse Eleanor Reid was able to help a few along the passage to safety, but as she turned to re-enter the building she was met by a deadly wall of smoke, and could go no further. Nurse Barbara Chick was overtaken by the fumes, and it seems, continued to search for the elderly and ill with disregard for her own safety. Her body was later found in the building.

Two of the thirteen persons who escaped from the civilian section paid a heavy price. Elderly pensioner Miss Lena Davis awoke to the shouting, and moved into the corridor of the old section, through the solarium and into the night. "Fire", she said, "was falling from the ceiling". Miss Davis has now been flown to the UK for further treatment to her burns. She, like other old folk who lived in the original wing, lost all her possessions. The town's friendly senior Catholic priest, Monsignor Daniel Spraggon, had been feared dead, but firemen with breathing apparatus were amazed to find him still breathing in his Churchill Wing ward a considerable time after the fire had broken out. He too is being treated in England.

Civil Commissioner Sir Rex Hunt, who, like so many other Stanley folk, rushed to the scene to help, and found himself helping survivors away from the building, wasted no time in announcing the formation of a board to "enquire into the circumstances surrounding the fire". It was originally planned that the enquiry would be led by Attorney General Michael Gaiger, and other members would be councillors and prominent people in the community. However, on the advice of the Foreign Office, these plans have now been altered, and a highly qualified legal team from the UK, aided by Mrs. Jan Cheek and Mr. Eric Goss, will now form the commission. A Home Office Fire Inspector has already visited the Islands, and after a week of intensive study produced a report that will help the commission of enquiry.

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THE PENGUIN POST BOX

We are always pleased to receive letters from readers in the Falklands and overseas. We reserve the right not to publish, and remind readers that opinions expressed in this column are not necessarily shared by the Editor and staff.

DAVID TAYLOR ON DEVELOPMENT

26th April 1984

Dear Sir,

I am very grateful to "Penguin News" for the prominence given to development matters in the 56th issue in the article "Progress So Far - David Taylor reports on Development Work". I believe, however, that it would be helpful if I added some comments of my own.

1. The Development Corporation was originally expected to be in operation earlier this year but for some time now I have always talked in terms of mid-year, because I have been aware of the complexity of setting up such an institution. Since it will be using funds from ODA, the precise limits of its delegated authority have to be agreed, as well as the precise form which its assistance will take, and, as you indicate, the precise range of its activities. It must both reflect local conditions and demonstrate that it will have the systems and procedures to use the funds which it is allocated by ODA usefully and for the benefit of the Falklands. All this has to be agreed both by Councillors here and by the ODA. This involves consultation, and consultation takes time. A General Manager with first-class experience is about to be appointed and should arrive by mid-year. The recruitment of a Farm Management Advisory Officer is being actively pursued. John Reid, the Development Officer, has been in post for 18 months.

2. I am a little hurt by the expression "familiar feasibility study - government approval rut" as applied to various other plans. It implies bureaucratic sloth, and I do not plead guilty to that. In practice the £2.6m for FIARDC has been approved. Clearly the vast expenditure on a deep water jetty needs to be entirely justified, particularly when it is set against the minimal aid sums devoted so far, for example, to education. The salmon ranching proposal is for a pilot study period of eight years before commercial viability can be established, and that too seems to me to be something which requires very careful thought and justification.

3. The sum provisionally allocated to the inshore fishing project is of the order of £700,000 not £79,000.

4. On housing, FIG has not been as dilatory as the report would suggest. The architect to the Government, Gerald Dixon, has been asked as a matter of some urgency to draw up plans for low cost housing, and I myself had lengthy discussions in ODA about the most cost effective way of increasing our housing stock, clearly one of the important tasks which we face.

5. A final draft of the Development Plan will indeed be produced by my colleagues and myself, but it will, of course, be for Councillors to decide whether the Plan reflects their vision of how the Falklands should be, and alter it in any way they please.

Yours faithfully, DAVID TAYLOR, Chief Executive.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Our article did not intend to accuse Mr. Taylor in particular of "bureaucratic sloth", but rather to draw attention to the lethargic and drawn-out processes of the administration as a whole.

We still find it hard to accept that the government's housing policy is realistic, and that action to solve this acute problem, which causes more discontent than any other, is sufficient. The 31 million pounds of aid was awarded over a year ago, and still no policy has emerged. With the Brewster project almost completed and showing no indication that it will satisfy demand, a second building phase should have been well underway months ago. Most Falkland Islanders will agree that we don't need the expensive studies and 8,000 mile shuttles of an architect to tell us what we need. All we gain from this lengthy process is more misery among those waiting for somewhere decent to live.

THE SWIMMING POOL: "SURELY THERE ARE MORE VITAL THINGS"

12th April 1984.

Dear Sir,

During the Councillors' discussion programme last night the subject of the swimming pool came up again, taking up a lot of time and causing much heated discussion, while the issue of education was skated around in a few minutes.

It seems very strange to me, at any rate, that we can solemnly weigh up the merits of a 50 metre or 25 metre pool and simply brush aside the problems in both camp education and the Stanley schools.

How can anyone seriously consider leaving the Islands if a swimming pool is not provided; which is, according to Pat Watts, what several people feel including himself?

Who should be driven away from the Islands - the people who feel that education is important or those who "must" have a swimming pool?

A Shetland Islands community of only 300 people decided that they wanted a swimming pool and set about building it themselves. And after many unforeseen problems and much higher recurring costs than they had anticipated, they have their pool and all the children swim. Why should this not be attempted in Stanley if feelings are so strong - or is it simply another question of sitting back and saying that "they" should provide one?

We have on our hands enough long-standing problems, such as education and housing etc., and the immediate crisis of the hospital fire, which are surely a far higher priority on any count. Incidentally, the way this particular question was raised and the ensuing discussion directed was in particularly poor taste in view of the tragic consequences of the hospital fire.

Finally, I am not "anti" the swimming pool - far from it, as I enjoy swimming and would like the children to swim as much as most people; but surely there are more vital things to attend to at the moment.

Yours sincerely, GRIZELDA COCKWELL, The Mill House, Fox Bay.

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"INSULTING TO THE FALKLAND ISLANDERS"

21st March 1984.

Dear Sir,

I feel that I must write and voice a moan I have had for several months now. Hardly a day has gone by since I first arrived in the Falklands on 1 March 1983 when I have not heard a soldier boasting or complaining that he has "X days to do", not infrequently followed by the rejoinder, "nobody's got that long", from one of his mates.

I feel that this is insulting to the Falkland Islanders, and is, in my opinion, more discourteous than the various nicknames which have been applied to the Islanders by the forces since the war.

It was with some delight, therefore, that on FIBS the other night, I heard a programme presenter, having read out a soldier's request which included the first part of the above couplet, say, without the least trace of sympathy, "tough".

Yours faithfully, N.B. (For non-Latin scholars, this means "Not a Benny".)
PO Box 158, Stanley.

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VIETNAMESE IMMIGRANTS

14th April 1984.

Dear Graham,

The FI Sheep Owners' Association has been wrongly held responsible for the upset over the plan to bring in Vietnamese immigrants, and this was due to reporting by Patrick Watts which gave everything to sensationalism but little to truth and accuracy. I attach the Daily Telegraph article and our Executive Secretary's reply, and request that you kindly publish both, though I fear it may be too

late to prevent the departure of Mr. Dowling and a further stain on our Islands' hospitality reputation - thanks to Mr. Watts.

In a recent broadcast interview, you repeatedly complained about poor wages being paid locally, though you did not put forward any ideas as to how higher wages could be financed from a struggling economy. Perhaps you will do so next time, when I look forward also to a statement that your interest and concern has absolutely nothing to do with how much of such higher wages might hopefully find its way into the tills of local shopkeepers.

The attached advertisement from the St. Helena News Review for the 19th August 1983 makes interesting reading and shows the sort of wages which a down and out economy can afford. The best the successful applicant can look forward to even with the high qualifications demanded is £1674.40 per annum. The lowest-paid full time labourer on this farm made £2955 in 1983 to which has to be added all the farm perks which total not far short of £1000 annually. Hardly surprising that not many are rushing to the temporary "Klondike" at Mount Pleasant.

I trust you will publish this letter and the attached papers so that your readers get a balanced view.

Yours sincerely, ROBIN PITLUGA, Chairman SOA, Gibraltar Station, Salvador.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Unfortunately space does not permit us to publish the Telegraph's article or the SOA's reply. However the sentence which is so offensive to Mr. Pitluga would seem to be this: "So intense has the matter become within the Islands that the Sheep Owners' Association has sent a circular to all its members condemning the move by the administration to permit the seven Vietnamese to take up residence". In his letter to the Telegraph, Executive Secretary, Jim Clement, said: "No such circular has ever been contemplated or sent".

Mr. Dowling is quoted in the Telegraph as saying: "I am amazed that some people even were frowning on the fact that my wife would be joining me. She has every right as a British citizen."

In a later paragraph SOA member Sydney Miller is reported to have said: "We simply don't want Vietnamese in the Falklands, especially when we know there are several hundred Britishers wanting to emigrate to the Falklands."

The Penguin News accepts criticism happily, in the knowledge that if there was no such reaction this would be a bland and little-read publication indeed. However the Editor must have some right of self-defence when letters contain defamatory comments quite unrelated to his reporting work. I do indeed believe that workers' income is too low and are furthermore, maintained at that low level by a local government dominated by employers. Within the SOA and Government chambers it may not be easy to hear the voices of discontent among people who have to spend very carefully in the supermarkets, or compete with wealthier English immigrants for the few houses that come up for sale. Or you may not be able to hear the frustrated voices of those who cannot obtain a loan to buy a piece of farming land because they have been unable to save enough to satisfy the money lenders of their financial integrity.

It is childish to suggest that I wish to see these fatter pay packets delivered straight into the till of my family's shop. Along with other people, I only wish to see a more just distribution of resources and wealth, wages that remain realistic in relation to increasing prices of goods and services, and the right of workers to sell their labour where they will get the best deal. Your mention of farm "perks" worth almost £1,000 annually is misleading, as you make no mention of the negative value of camp education and isolation.

The absence of local labour at Mount Pleasant does not prove your point. If our government had not specified that overseas labour only can be used on the site, men would have gone there to work, and the consortium as well as local people would have benefitted.

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"TO LIVE A COMFORTABLE LIFE AND BE HAPPY"

25th March 1984.

Dear Sir,

Having been angered by recent events, I have decided to make my feelings known through the Penguin News.

My first criticism is of the sub-division of San Carlos, which in my opinion should have been done by an independent party, and Colin Smith's constant refer-

ence to Falkland Islands applicants, many of whom are not. One wonders where his references may have come from, or what form his selection board used (was it the names in the hat system?), when preference is given to greenhorn immigrants rather than highly experienced Falkland Islands families - that is people who have spent all their childhood and working life in the camp, and are more knowledgeable about stock and Falklands farming than anyone else in the world. I am talking about the shepherds and farm workers with a knowledge of handling stock, and not of some farm managers who don't know one sheep from another, or couldn't name a horse if they saw one of their own in the corral.

I once read an article written by Ann Cameron where it was suggested that New Zealand shepherds should be introduced, presumably to show us how to farm. It was a remark I resented.

Are we doomed, therefore, to never own our own land, with government already adopting a gradual approach and with a majority of our camp Councillors being farm managers (present and probably future) who cling desperately to their place in society and that of their friends? We are left without much hope, as judging by the high prices of the San Carlos sub-divisions, future farms will be asking equally high prices.

I wonder what reaction one would get when asking a hostile administration for a loan when faced with the Benny-factor.

Tenant farming or share farming will be left as a substitute, as the high prices of freehold will leave the would-be purchaser with a lifetime of paying off his mortgage and leaving no finance for development.

As you may already have gathered, I am in favour of sub-division, for Falkland Islanders to own their own land - not to become rich, but to live a comfortable life and be happy and contented. More importantly they should be able to develop their own land, and not be in the stalemate of the larger present day farms who have share holders lining their pockets and giving no thought to reinvestment.

It must be noted that the Falkland Islands Company Ltd., which is subject to a lot of criticism, has benefitted Falkland Islanders with their share farming system.

I can hear some of you screaming now, "There is plenty for all because we are so few". I am well aware of this. My words to you are, just get to the back of the queue, mate.

Another thing that disgusted me was an answer given by the Chief Executive to a Councillor who asked how children are selected for Stanley House Hostel. Part of the answer was, "depending on their previous education". In other words priority is ensured for any would-be immigrants so as to keep his fellow countrymen happy. The Islanders that have already been deprived of camp teachers are left to wait.

Are we left then to be driven out as in the past? The Falklands must surely then be British. There won't be anyone else left.

Yours faithfully, MICHAEL J. MORRISON, Port Louis

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JAMES ELDRIDGE SPEAKS OUT FOR CROWN AGENTS ROADS PROJECT

23rd March 1984

Dear Sir,

It was inevitable that on his first public appearance after an unfortunate absence from civic duties due to illness that the Hon. T.J. Peck should wish to intensify his pugnacious reputation by showing us all he was still alive - and kicking.

It was shameful the Legco meeting on 8th March which at the outset promised to be a dignified meeting of councillors in committee should be reduced at times to the squalid level of pursuing the prevalent practice of "flog a whipping boy".

Among the scourged victims, we heard acrimonious statements about the Crown Agents/Faircloughs combine. We were told the construction of concrete roads in Stanley was slow and behind programme. This is not so. The only concrete road not undertaken to date on the agreed programme is Reservoir Road, and this is because the alignment has not yet been agreed. Instead, alternative roads including Barrack Street and Villiers Street, south of John Street, have been

constructed. In addition, there have been several unforeseen tasks like the remedial works on Ross Road, the FIC Jetty yard and Crozier Place; two classroom floors for the Senior School and a base, in two stages, for a septic tank on Ross Road West. In a sense we are well ahead of the programme on concrete works.

The suggestion that the team responsible for placing concrete is slow and idle is scurrilous. It should be manifest to all that laying new concrete roads over existing roads which have to be pulled up first will present unforeseen problems. These problems cause delays, particularly when there are no record drawings of the various services below ground level nor knowledge of the ground conditions to be encountered underneath. Because the repairs are not straightforward, the remedial tasks below concrete level are numerous. Unsuitable sub-base has to be excavated, carted away and replaced by suitable material compacted to proper levels. Manhole covers and rainwater gulleys have to be reset to revised levels. Broken sewer pipes have to be replaced and new water main connections made - all of necessity with the assistance of FWD plumbers who often have tasks elsewhere. Service ducts for future Posts and Telecommunications and FWD requirements are also laid in certain areas. With all these different operations and the construction of formwork and placing reinforced concrete, it is unavoidable that at times men will be seen waiting to start the operation for which they are responsible.

Another ludicrous statement was that Brandon Road is breaking up because of cracks. Not only have heavily laden vehicles driven over this road, but a tracked Hymac, in excess of sixteen tons, has traversed it. Brandon Road is not breaking up. Surface cracks are not uncommon in concrete work. Such defects are not serious and are often treated with a cement wash. Footpaths, however, are not designed to take loaded vehicles, but a regular visitor to Brandon Road will see loaded trailers with tractors and other heavy vehicles parked on the pavements. This practice and the fact that the refuse vehicle with its loader mounts footpaths elsewhere in Stanley will certainly break them up in due course.

For the Hon. TJ Peck to claim he knows somebody who can lay seventeen bays in a day, and by implication similar to one of our eighteen metre bays, using similar methods with similar constraints, is frivolous.

Construction of the Airport Road is, however, about six weeks behind schedule. The principal reason for this is the age and condition of the surfacing equipment. The decision to surface dress this road was made in October 1983 when it was too late to purchase new distributors and spreaders. The army kindly agreed to lend their stand-by equipment, but unfortunately it dates back fifteen years. Break-downs are continual. The age and poor efficiency of the borrowed machinery has seriously affected progress.

For this reason it has not been possible to start work on the roads in Port Stanley which are earmarked for a bitumen finish. These included Barrack Street (100m) and Villiers Street (200m) south of John Street which, as stated elsewhere, have been constructed in concrete. The remaining major roads for reconstruction in bitumen are John Street through to Reservoir Road via St. Mary's Walk (840m) and a section of Fitzroy Road (220m). It may be possible to do some of this outstanding work if the weather is kind and the surfacing equipment arrives. And if there is spare time capacity for the concrete gang after the extension of Brandon Road westwards (as far as the Power Station) they will tackle either John Street East or the crossroads of Barrack Street and John Street.

There was criticism of the finish to the Airport Road, for which there is some justification. But it was amiss of the Hon. TJ Peck not to investigate the reasons why before running amok. The principal reason for the poor finish is the damage caused by mistreatment of the road surface by army vehicles during and after construction. For example:

- Tracked vehicles travelling over the primed surfaces and finished road.
- Brake testing of vehicles on newly chipped areas.
- Falling stones from open-backed loaded Haulmagics which are subsequently ground into the primed areas and finished road.
- Back filled crossing places in side ditches for telegraph pole construction teams creating stretches of water which seep into the road base.
- Constant flow of flat-beds with fully loaded containers.
- Reckless driving on shoulders and through protected areas newly bitumenised.
- Heavy traffic intensity at turn off and turn ins churning up the road.
- Excessive speeds of all kinds of vehicles through construction areas.

There are many other contributory reasons for the damage, including contaminated stone and the old surfacing equipment.

The surfacing equipment is not only aged, it is inefficient, and so has in a small way contributed to surface dressing damage. Good joints have been difficult to achieve. The chips coming out of Pony's Pass Quarry are often dirty; contaminated with clay and dust. This clearly makes it difficult for the bitumen to grip the stone and consequently the chips are easily dislodged.

The programme of works for the rehabilitation of roads in Stanley was approved in July/August 1983, and the subsequent changes to meet changing conditions and availability of equipment have been made by the Director of Public Works.

This letter is not submitted as an excuse for shortcomings: it is an explanation to allay the abhorrence of the Hon. TJ Peck. Most of it he knew before the 8th March. The enthusiasm of the Hon. TJ Peck can be admired, but his acerbic altercations are absurd.

Yours faithfully, JAMES ELDRIDGE, Resident Project Manager, Crown Agents.

"I HOPE I WILL BE ABLE TO VISIT MY FRIENDS IN THE FALKLANDS"

19th March 1984.

Dear Mr. Bound,

The objective of my letter is to come into print to thank Sir Rex Hunt for having sent me permission to visit my friends in the Falklands through British authorities here in Santos, Brazil.

I hope I will be able to visit my friends who live in the Falklands soon.

Yours sincerely, ALEXANDER GOING, 13 Vicarage Close, Ringmer, East Sussex, UK

FLEXIPORT HANDED OVER TO DELIGHTED MILITARY AUTHORITIES

Flexiport, the revolutionary floating dock and storage facility which was built in the UK and shipped to Port Stanley in sections, was recently completed. The contractors, Messrs ITM Maritime of Middlesborough officially handed the installation over to the Military authorities on the 26th April.

The Flexiport or Falklands Intermediate Port and Storage System (FIPASS), as it is sometimes known, means immediate savings to the British Government, and Ministry of Defence officials here estimate that the £20,000,000 production cost will be recovered within one year. Expensive delays between the arrival of ships and their unloading will now be a thing of the past. Until the introduction of the Flexiport, MOD chartered ships would moor in Stanley Harbour for weeks while their cargo was unloaded by army lighters, but it is expected that ships will be turned around at the Flexiport within days of their arrival. The 900 foot long port can accommodate several ships at once, and the 40-odd military dockies have all the equipment required to carry out their essential work swiftly.

Money will also be saved thanks to the four large warehouses, each of which is almost the size of a rugby pitch. The cavernous sheds erected on the barges will house virtually all the garrison's bulk supplies, ranging from beer to ammunition. Until now two ships have been moored in Stanley Harbour fulfilling this function. Just one of these, the AVALONA STAR, has cost the British tax payer £70,000 per day in charter fees.

Major General Keith Spacie, Commander British Forces FI, was enthusiastic about the improvements offered by Flexiport. "It means a great deal to us", he said at the hand-over ceremony on the dock. "We can turn ships around in days rather than weeks, and reduce the cost of operating down here. This system will pay for itself remarkably quickly." He added that a further desirable result of the port's introduction will be a slight though important reduction in the force level. Some forty soldiers who manned the maxifloat cargo barges in Stanley Harbour will now go home.

Flexiport has been one of those rare Falklands projects completed on schedule and within budget. The concept was first discussed in April 1983, and the contract

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with ITM Offshore was signed in September. Since then the major parts of the construction have been built by ship builders Harland and Wolff, and the entire prefab kit shipped to the Falklands aboard huge semi-submersible ships. Assembly was handled by just twenty ITM men.

The Flexiport is the first floating port since the famous Mulberry Docks used during the invasion of Europe. According to the contractors this pioneering project has aroused the interest of several third world governments who see the concept as an attractive alternative to the expensive and lengthy work involved in building a conventional port.

ITM have stressed that the entire Flexiport can be disconnected from its 623 foot causeway, which connects it to the shore of the Canache, and towed to another site. There is speculation that this may be done following the completion of the Mount Pleasant Airfield next year, when the Ministry of Defence may desire port facilities in East Cove, near the airport and what will then be the major concentration of military personnel.

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BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS

BIRTHS

6.2.84. To Marlane and Alistair Marsh, a daughter, Tanya Elaine.
26.3.84. To Vilma and Montana Short, a son, Nabil George.

MARRIAGES

25.2.84. Lisa Helen Molkenbuhr and Gavin Phillip Short.
16.3.84. Simon Francis Powell and Sarah Jane Raiton.
17.3.84. Pam Elaine McLaren and Dennis David Summers.
14.4.84. Lucia Elizabeth Infante Paz and George Winston Charles Betts.

DEATHS

IN THE STANLEY HOSPITAL DISASTER, 10 April 1984

Barbara Chick. Hailed as the heroine of the day, this brave and popular nurse died while trying to save patients. She came to the Falklands in 1983, and from all accounts grew to love the Islands.

Fred Coleman. Mr. Coleman was a pensioner who had lived with other elderly folk in the Hospital for some time. Known for his sense of humour and cheerful nature, he was for many years the owner of a busy grocer's shop.

Gladys Fleuret. Miss Fleuret was also a pensioner who had lived in the hospital for some time. She lived for many years in Uruguay. The Reverend Harry Bagnall paid tribute to her activities as an active member of the Cathedral congregation.

Theresa and Karen McGill. Mrs. McGill was being cared for in the Maternity ward of the KEM Hospital following the birth of her daughter Karen who was born on 31st March. She was an immensely popular person, who was an active member of the Falkland Islands Defence Force. She was especially popular in the Hospital, where she had worked until some time prior to the accident as a technician. Mrs. McGill's husband, Len, fought the blaze with the Fire Brigade.

Topsy McPhee. Topsy was the wife of Pat McPhee, the local Fire Officer and was only recently admitted to the hospital for treatment. She was a popular and helpful assistant in the Stanley Co-Op.

Mabel Neilson. Mabel was also a pensioner and lived in the hospital for many years. She helped with kitchen duties and will be remembered with affection particularly by members of the hospital staff.

Mary Smith. Mrs. Smith had also been in hospital for a long period. She was the widow of Peter Smith and leaves a large family to mourn her passing.

DEATHS

- 25.12.83. James David Clugston, aged 43. Mr. Clugstone was a Captain in the Merchant Navy, and died while serving in the Falklands.
- 22.3.84. Stanley Bennett, aged 72. Stan worked all his life with the FWD retiring some years ago as General Foreman and spent many years as a lay reader at the Cathedral. He was a great fisherman and his familiar figure will be missed on our beaches.
- 28.3.84. William McLeod, aged 54. Worked for many years in Goose Green & Walker Creek. After coming to Town he was employed for some time with Government and then returned to his former employers. He leaves a widow, four sons and a daughter.
- 6.4.84. Henry Smith, aged 46. Henry spent many years as a Shepherd at the Waloland will be remembered by the fishing fraternity who often depended on his help and hospitality. He was well known as a successful jockey.
- 22.4.84. Frederick John Burns, aged 66. A familiar figure in Stanley. He was employed for several years at the Stanley Airport during the period preceding the invasion.
- 25.3.84. Alex Shackel, aged 77, in New Zealand.
- 15.4.84. Mrs. Ruth McNicholl (née Davis) died in U.K.
- Mid March. Darwin Atkins died in South Africa.

The PENGUIN NEWS extends deepest sympathy to the families and friends of the deceased.

TWO ARRESTED FOR DRUGS OFFENCE AT MOUNT PLEASANT

There was another manifestation of the changing face of the Falklands on the 30th April, when the Islands' first case of drugs abuse was brought before Stanley's Senior Magistrate.

Two men employed by the Mount Pleasant Airport construction consortium were arrested at East Cove on the 19th April after a package containing cannabis and an incriminating letter was intercepted by postal authorities and examined by police. Barry Hall, a 26 year-old single man born in Hartlepool, was charged with having procured without a licence 8.45 grammes of cannabis seed, 2.77 grammes of cannabis resin and 11.4 grammes of herbal cannabis. Ian Thebann, who is 33, single and was born in Findhorn, Scotland, had obtained 50 milligrammes of cannabis seed and 91.85 grammes of herbal cannabis. Both men were fined £100.00, the maximum fine for the offence. Magistrate Eryl Thomas said that she had seriously considered a custodial sentence for Mr. Hall, as he had eight previous convictions from UK courts for offences which concerned drugs, theft and receiving stolen goods. Imprisonment for the maximum six months term or less was however, impossible, as Stanley's prison has been virtually condemned, and was described by Chief Police Officer Bill Richards recently as "completely derelict".

The case brought to light a problem which has been known to exist for some time, but the possible scale of the illegal trade may have surprised some people. The police know that the cannabis involved in the case was imported through South Africa aboard IN ENGLAND, a vessel which plies regularly between Cape Town and East Cove with men and supplies for the construction site. Tests have identified the cannabis as an African variety, although it was described by the police as a "pretty low grade". A member of the force told the PENGUIN NEWS, "We will have to keep an eye on the ENGLAND". It was significant that the cannabis had been discovered after being mailed from East Cove to England. From this the police have come to the rather disturbing conclusion that it must be easier to obtain cannabis here than it is in the UK. Chief Superintendent Richards stressed, however, that there is no indication that more dangerous narcotics are being abused in the Falklands.

The case gave the police another opportunity to stress their concern that undesirables are being recruited for Falklands building projects. "There are very few background checks into these people" said Chief Superintendent Richards. He accepts, however, that it is not possible for employers to discriminate against workers with criminal records, and he is forced to regard the problem philosophically. "It is always a problem where you have a large gathering of people, and if drugs are readily available in South Africa, you are going to get people bringing them down here".

The inadequacy of Falkland's law to deal with offenders is not, however, something he can take so easily. This problem was highlighted on the 30th April when the Magistrate was limited to imposing fines of £100 for offences which she considered to be of a serious nature. Lack of suitable prison facilities means that fines set many years ago, and then considered sufficiently harsh to deter Islanders on low salaries, must be imposed. These fines now seem ridiculously low when applied to expatriate British workers who may be earning up to £200.00 a week or more.

Senior Magistrate, Eryl Thomas, said of the defective legal system which cannot provide a sufficient deterrent to potential offenders: "It is badly in need of reform and revision". Police Chief Richards described the laws as "antiquated" and pointed out that those relevant to drugs abuse in particular need updating. "We really need a more up-to-date legislation on par with the UK Misuse of Drugs Act."

CONTACTS

By almost every incoming mail the PN receives requests from philatelists, Falklands fans, or people who are simply lonely for penfriends among the local community or the forces. We cannot publish all these requests, but try to help as many as possible. Please contact the PN if you would like to look through our file of penpal requests.

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CHARLES MYRING of 61 Copse Close, Oadby, Leicestershire, UK, is interested in the Islands, and would like to write to a local family or individual.

MISS I.E. WILLIS of 46 Essex Street, Newbury, Berks, RG14 6QS, UK, is 30 years old, and was recently made redundant from her work. She says: "there must be lots of lonely men in the Falklands who would like to have a lady penpal".

MISS WENDY BARKER, Flat 11, 60 Stockwell Park Crescent, Stockwell, London SW9 Miss Barker is 25 years old, and works as a secretary. She would like to write to any home-sick serviceman. "I promise to answer all letters", she says. "It is the least I can do, after what they have done for us".

MISS GUAYRA NOBREGA, Caixa Postal 29138, Gragau, Rio De Janeiro, Brazil. This 23 year old girl would like a male friend here. She studies English, and works for an American company. Her interests are keep-fit, discotheques, music and reading.

STEPHEN HAMSWORTH of 37 Holywell Avenue, Whitley Bay, Tyne and Wear, NE26 3AQ, is a member of the Friends of the Falklands Association. He would like to know more about the Islands, and would like a young male or female penpal. He is 22.

LITTLE CHAY WRITES

DEAR UNCLE WRECKS

My mun sed to thank you for yore letter. Funney you shud menshun the Kelper Kid, as his wife Bubs rote to us at the same time and I sat down and rote strate back at her. They are very unhappy over there as the Kid dussent like being cramped up in a factory, and they are living in a place called Koranashun street, which is like wun big house about a mile long with a beer shop at wun end and you get fish and chips at the other end. The winter is so cold that even the beer freezes and then they hav to drink firewater. The Kid sez he wood like to cum back and get himself a sekshun on the west, so my mun went strait up to see the nice man about getting a house. But wen the man found he was borne at Third Corral he said there are no houses for islanders hoo want to cum back. My mun new that the Kid has a criminal record and issnt narreyd to a Vietnan so she thert they mite help him cum home. Unkel Ben sed thay wood be better orf with his age, experience and ability if he got himself a job with faircloffs at 500£ a week, as sun of the bigger farms on the west are now only makeing 173£ a year. Dad has a feeling that the Kid will keep his colt-44 greased and that wun day he will cum back gunning for summun and lead will fly againe at Elefant Canyon.

Me and Mally took old ant Kelpie strawberrying last month. We took sun mutten sandwiches and a can of compo and set out for the stoneruns at Moody Vallie. Ant Kelpie wanted to take a can of beer, but we cudnt get into the Spit and Sawdust as it was sunday and the place was compleetly surrounded by PATA vans

and Rovers. Poor old ant Kelpie soon got tired so wee decided to forget Moody Vallie and had our picknick in the stoneruns along John Street instead. We got a fue strawberreys and i spent the rest of the afternoon playing in the klay and muk outside the skool. Big Charley sed wee shood make the best of the klay now as thay are shortly going to cover that end of Jon Street with strips of that majick harpit that sunwun sent out to the fic for the westore and sun of the farms. Old granded McBenney thinks we shood repare the rodes properly and get a gang of Vietnams out to do it. He sed they are good workers but Charley sez we cant let these forreners in as thay may work too hard, and our own people wood hav a terribul time keeping up with them. Grandad sed that if wee cant have Vietnams then y cant wee just get a bunch of meckanical rode bilders. Wee already have a meckanical superintendent. Grandad thinks Big Charley is a racist. Whats a racist Unkel Wrecks?

Big Charley was at another when-eye party last week and they were orl talking about a big brake throo in the goose program. Its taken only 10 years and orlreddy thay no that the upland goose lays 7 or 8 eggs and can generally be found in the greene vallies and around settlement paddicks. It is not yet nown just how nenny fethers they grow and shed each year but thay think that in the next 20 years thay may also find out sunthink about this. My dad sez its wonderful what science can do for us ilanders. He thinks wee shud dubble the GTU teane and we cud find out even more about our luvvely geese. There will be plenty nor houses for them in december wen the next lot of brewsters are finished.

Frun yore faverite nevew, LITTLE CHAY.

TONGUE IN BEAK - A LOOK AT THE ALTERNATIVE NEWS

Anyone contemplating a visit to the Falklands would do well to swot up on the mind-boggling catalogue of acronyms that add colour and not a little confusion to our vernacular. The latest is MINJO, a term applied to the occasional helicopter joy rides and guided tours through minefields to view the more attractive local features. The abbreviation stands for Military In Need of Jolly Outings. We hasten to add that it is a term used by the servicemen themselves, not the reputedly cynical BUES.

One of the more enjoyable aspects of working for the PN is receiving so many letters from people overseas. Of course the most welcome are those which contain a subscription cheque, but last week we had two which were almost as delightful. From the USA we heard for the second time from Presidential candidate Dr. Ray Rollinson, "the only Roman Catholic seeking the Presidency now". Dr. Rollinson, you will be concerned to learn, will set about handing the Falklands to Argentina shortly after he moves into the White House. And woe-betide Mrs. Thatcher if she gets in his way. "If I am given any trouble whatsoever from the 10 Downing Street gang of butchers and thieves", writes Dr. Rollinson, "the US Navy will be the potential enemy".

A much more amiable ex-EAS man wrote to us from Middlesex, not with a threat, but with a request. "Many years ago, in happier times (1964 actually)", writes Mr. Bill Izatt, "I sailed from Port Stanley for Halley Bay. On board KISTA DAN was a charmer named Rod Rhys-Jones who had so seduced the good matrons of the Town from their strict duties, that he had got them to concoct for him many jars of a quite superb rhubarb chutney which lightened many a meal in Halley Bay. Having recently come into possession of a girl-friend with a large estate given over almost entirely to rhubarb (well, it's an allotment really, but you should see the rhubarb), and since she insists the rhubarb should not go to waste yet can only cook stewed rhubarb, rhubarb crumble and rhubarb pie, I am appealing to you to scour the Islands for that delicious rhubarb chutney recipe, so that I might savour again the highlight moments at Halley Bay and at the same time save my digestion". How can one refuse an appeal like that? We know the many fine cooks among our readership will want to help Mr. Izatt, so here is his address: 81 Empire Court, North End Road, Wembley Park, Middlesex, UK.

The wicked and cynical attitude towards our OSAS compatriots continues. The prospect of the brand-new and lengthy airstrip was under consideration at one of Stanley's pubs recently when someone posed the question, "How will we know which of two arriving Tristars is carrying the OSAS people?" "Easy", said another. "On the OSAS 'plane the wine continues after they've switched the engines off".

The Hospital Tragedy (cont'd from page 4)

It seems that the military and civilian fire services will probably exit from the enquiry with their integrity more or less intact. The local brigade experienced hold-ups because of faulty pumps, but Brian Summers, an experienced member of the Brigade, told the Penguin News that these pumps were a secondary system, and the big "front line" fire engine went into action quickly, functioning well. He said: "The delays seemed like hours, but were probably no more than a few minutes". The volunteer brigade had rushed from beds, dragging on clothes, and were at the hospital about five minutes after the alarm was sounded. The town's siren may have been rather late, as the flames were first spotted by a serviceman who was unaware of Stanley's alarm system, and raised the military fire service instead. Two huge RAF crash tenders covered the five miles or more from the air base at breath-taking speed, and arrived at the scene just a few minutes after the local brigade.

Mr. Summers admits that if the civilian fire fighters had been able to get more water quickly, then perhaps the military wing may have been saved. But he does not believe that the death toll would have been any less. In fact the combined fire fighting armoury of three big engines and a variety of trailer pumps pushing sea water to the site did achieve some success. They were able to contain the flames, saving offices and all but one of the nearby houses from destruction. Without the RAF, even that may not have been achieved. "The military involvement was vital", said Mr. Summers. "We were so very fortunate that we had that expertise at our disposal."

In the light of allegations by doctors, it seems likely that blame (if blame is to be allocated) for the disaster may be laid at the feet of local government. No less than two independent reports (one as recently as June last year) had severely criticised the existing fire precautions in the hospital and other public buildings, but apparently little attention was given to them by those in authority. The doctors lived with the frustration of knowing that nobody would heed their warnings, and with the knowledge that if a fire broke out, it would be catastrophic. David Moss, a young doctor who has worked in the Falklands for almost a year, said: "it was more than a normal fear. You put it to the back of your mind, but you knew that if it happened, people would die."

In spite of their frequent appeals, fire doors (which could have saved those who died in the Churchill Wing), fire escapes, automatic alarms and a comprehensive smoke detecting sytem were not installed. The government had installed a very limited smoke detector linked to a relatively quiet electronic alarm in the kitchen area, and the military had fitted hand cranked bells during the period when they used civilian wards in the original part of the building. But that was all. Incredibly, four reels of fire hose were fitted last year in the corridor which runs the entire length of the hospital, but they were never plumbed into a water main. They looked good, but were quite useless. The Senior Medical Officer, Mrs. Alison Bleaney, and the Fire Officer, Mr. Pat McPhee, (by sad irony he lost his wife Topsy in the blaze), had complained the previous day to a government committee that the Public Works Department had been terribly slow to complete the job. The reason given for the regrettable delay: government plumbers were unable to go to the hospital as they had to work on the central heating system of a government owned house.

The military wing of the hospital was, in contrast, better able to cope. Special doors delayed the smoke's deadly progress to the servicemen's wards, while evacuation was made easy by abundant exits.

The KEMH's inadequate fire fighting measures were bad enough, but Dr. Moss maintains that little attention had even been given to some dangerous conditions which could spark off an uncontrollable fire. "The whole place needed re-wiring", he said. "The system was about twenty years old, and certainly needed replacing". He suspects that an electrical fault probably did cause the disaster. Dr. Moss is also convinced that the antiquated heating system was a hazard.

He and other staff are angry, but quietly so, as they attempt under the most trying conditions to look after the welfare of the community. Dr. Moss feels despair, too, at the official inability or unwillingness that he believes prevented the KEMH from being safe. "Mrs. Thatcher visited the hospital", he reflects, "but was she told the true nature of what was going on? More recently Baroness Young came, and she kept on saying how marvellous everything was. Fortunately on the day she came it didn't rain, so she didn't see the buckets that are normally in the corridor to catch the water. There is so much

money being spent on supporting the Falklands, and yet some of the vital functions of the place are barely being kept going. Somebody is obviously responsible, but there are so many vaguely involved".

Among the dozens of telegrams expressing sympathy which arrived on Sir Rex Hunt's desk following the disaster (including two from the Royal family) was one from Mrs. Thatcher. "We are ready to help in any way possible", said the Prime Minister. That, and the generosity shown by a number of individuals and organisations, takes a load off Falkland Islanders' minds, because the new hospital will probably cost in excess of £6,000,000. An architect has already studied the community's requirements, and, if the present momentum is maintained, work could start on a new building within the next few months.

THEATRE - THE STANLEY DRAMA GROUP PRESENT A J.B. PRIESTLY COMEDY

James Eldridge reviews the first play to be produced in Stanley for several years.

"Friends, I give you the toast of marriage!"

It was a treat for all of us who saw "When we are Married" last week in the sumptuous setting of the drawing room of Government House. The play was a romp from start to finish surrounding the situation of three couples gathered one evening to celebrate twenty five years of being happily married. Or were they? Married, that is. The question of happiness being included turned out to be a dubious matter. They had all been joined together most certainly: on the same day, at the same time, at the same Yorkshire village, by the same chapel Minister.

Many of us believe ourselves to be in such a state of married bliss - trapped forever. Imagine, however, if you woke up tomorrow to find you are not married after all. Would you seek sympathy or would you celebrate? You'd certainly be in for a few big surprises, as Reg Williams disclosed in his hilarious production.

The most satisfying surprise was the hidden talents of Stanley which he was able to spot and develop. The principal roles, all by experienced players, delighted us with dedicated and imaginative performances, and the relative new comers to the stage were cool and expansive.

In fact, as I sat through each of the performances, I wondered at the realism before my eyes. I was near to being convinced that if a hearty news reporter was wanted, Reg inveigled a real one (Graham Bound); if he wanted a plaintive Annie Parker (Brownyn Douse) he approached her through her husband; if he wanted an aggressive Mrs Northrop (Jan Ransom) he went to the army. And so on. He didn't do any of these things of course. Nor did he go to LegCo for the pompous Councillor Parker (Richard Munro) and jovial Alderman Helliwell (Nick Capron), I'm happy to relate. And the attractive Nancy Holmes (Shelly Livermore) and happy Gerald Forbes (Fraser Wallace) was a joyful choice. I don't believe it would have been possible anyway for Reg to approach a harried man on the telephone to pressgang the services of the hen-pecked husband Herbert Soppit (Andrew Forsyth). At one performance I noticed the real husband of loose and luscious Lottie Grady (Margaret Robson) wondering just how generous she had been with her charms. The beery Henry Crmonroyd (Gerry Halloran) gave a ripe performance too, but I don't really suppose his earlier training in real life to be a cleric contributed to this. Indignant Maria Helliwell (Irene Williams) was obedient to Reg's direction (naturally); and I would like to think pretty Kate Ashworth who played Ruby Birtle the maid will one day attain the fame of Patricia Hayes who took the part in the original West End production in 1938 at the St. Martins Theatre. The Reverend Clement Mercer (John Sherwood) rounded off the colourful cast. Oh! I almost forgot the acid Clara Soppitt (Wynne Webster), whose real husband after the final performance was heard to say, "Now you know what I myself have had to put up with for twenty five years".

It was all great fun, thanks to Sir Rex and Lady Hunt who kindly allowed the Stanley Drama Group to use their home.

"Marriage is a serious business."

"That's right. Where'd we be without it?"

"Single."

THE UK FALKLANDS REUNION PARTY The Annual reunion party for Falkland Islanders and friends living in the United Kingdom is to be held in Han Hall, Richmond, London, on Saturday 25th August 1984. More details can be obtained from Mr. DJ Harries, 66 Crescent Gardens, Eastcote, Middlesex.

FALKLANDS FAMILIES ASSOCIATION The first annual meeting of the Falklands Families Association, an organisation of families who lost sons, husbands and fathers during the war, met in London on the 14th April. They made a generous gift to the Hospital Rebuilding Fund. The families hope to return to the Islands in 1985.

COURT EVIDENCE ESTABLISHES THAT PRIVATE USE OF GOVERNMENT VEHICLES IS ILLEGAL

The unfortunate traffic accident of the 22nd April, in which a government Land-Rover ran into a woman and her son, brought to light a matter which had been concerning many Stanley folk for some time: the private use of government-owned vehicles. Complaints about the practice were frequently heard from people who resented the way public money seemed to be financing private travel for some government employees. One week after the incident Mr. David Milligan appeared in court charged with driving while unfit through drink, and with driving an uninsured vehicle.

Mr. Milligan pleaded guilty to the first charge, and expressed his regret about the accident. He pleaded innocent, however, to the second charge. Information brought forward by the police to justify their allegation did not convince Senior Magistrate Eryl Thomas that it would be right to penalise Mr. Milligan, and the second charge was dropped. However from the evidence provided by the Director of Public Works, George Webster, it became abundantly clear that none of the government's Plant and Transport Authority vehicles can be used for private purposes.

Mr. Webster told the court that, although he had had himself only recently become aware of it, under the terms of insurance government vehicles are only covered when being used for official business. When being driven for any other purpose the Land-Rovers and vans are on the road illegally. By law all vehicles using roads in the Falklands must be insured against third party damages.

Further evidence was brought up, leaving no doubt that private use of such vehicles is banned. Mr. Webster quoted a 1960 regulation which states that only with the express permission of the (then) Colonial Secretary, can official vehicles be used for anything but government business.

Mr. Milligan, incidentally, satisfied Miss Thomas that he was unaware of this regulation and the limited insurance cover, and had been told in the United Kingdom, when appointed to his job, that a vehicle would be at his disposal.

Chief Police Officer Bill Richards told the FN that it is now up to government to ensure that all employees with access to vehicles are aware of the limitations on their use.

The only exception to the rule would appear to be doctors, who often need to use government transport outside of normal working hours. In the past they have paid a small sum to ensure that insurance cover is continual.

YOUR QUESTIONS ANSWERED - The FN endeavours to find answers to your queries.

From a reader who refers to himself as "Confused Consumer":

Some of us will have heard the Civil Commissioner's announcement about the delayed charges Government is raising on gas bottles bought in 1982 and 1983. In brief, those who are still holding bottles containing gas and who wish to continue using gas until it is finally exhausted, are now required to pay £1.00 per month for each empty bottle not returned by the end of April.

I, and I imagine many others, bought the gas in good faith and completely without the knowledge that this charge would be applied over a year later.

If we resist payment of these charges, could the court uphold the seller's claim and enforce payment, knowing that the client was not advised at the time of purchase? And if so, what protection would a citizen have if he bought, say, a jar of jam from his grocer without any preconditions of sale, and then a year later the dishonest grocer decided he required the empty jar back, and billed the client for the un-retained jar?

EDITOR: It seems there is not a clear answer to this one, but the administration may have had their fingers crossed when they decided to pass on to the consumer rental charges levied by Calor Gas. Attorney General, Michael Gaiger, told the Penguin News that it is a matter he will look into. "It's a difficult one", he said. He reserved his opinion, but made it clear that the issue does need some study. Mr. Gaiger was not in the Falklands when the administration decided to charge rental on the bottles, and so was not consulted. Although he was unable to confirm or deny that the consumer has the right to refuse payment of the sum demanded by Government, Mr. Gaiger said, "There is no harm in someone coming to see me about it".



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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

The PN is, we are very pleased to say, back! We have had a long absence and must apologise to our loyal readers here and overseas for such a lapse in service. However we are going to make amends. With help from our newly recruited assistant Robert McBride and valuable part-time help from our old band of supporters, your local newspaper is to be a weekly. And frequency of publication is not the only aspect of our operation which is improved. You can also expect much more in-depth coverage of local affairs, more colourful features and more amusing humour.

We hope that you will continue to read and enjoy the PN and
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WE'RE BACK!

Once a Week & Every Week

Terry Peck Resigns- with a Parting Blow

Terry Peck, the Falklands' most consistently outspoken councillor and thorn in the flesh of the local administration and the UK government, has submitted his resignation from the Executive and Legislative Councils. He will retire from the local political scene on the 5th October and leave for a new life in Scotland before the end of the year. The Stanley representative's resignation means that a by-election must be held. Nomination day is expected to be 20th October and polling should take place around the 20th November. Following the selection of a new Councillor, Legco members will vote for one of their number to replace Councillor Peck on Exco.

The 46 year-old ex-Chief of Police, who has become a controversial figure since his election victory three years ago, explained to the PENGUIN NEWS the reasons for his resignation. He denied that he is leaving because of ill-health or because of his recent marriage and blamed instead his disillusionment and pessimism about the future of the Islands.

"I don't see any light at the end of the tunnel", he said. "The future is very dim as far as the Islands' people are concerned".

Often a loner on council, he has become well known as a crusader for the rights of Islanders and has spoken strongly against the alleged waste of development aid and post-war rehabilitation funds. He has never missed an opportunity to express

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that you will use it as well. Write to the letters page to air your views effectively. Send the Editor your news of Islanders overseas, planned events, social gatherings in the camp and anything that will interest other Falklanders and friends of the Islands. We need your news and views.

The new weekly PN will include several regular special interest columns. Already our writers are busy on gardening, nature and cookery features. If you can suggest a topic for a regular column, let us hear from you. If you can write one, we are even more keen to hear from you.

Happy reading.

TERRY PECK RESIGNS (cont'd from p. 1)

his profound opposition to any suggestion of an accommodation with Argentina and has maintained that the Foreign Office is working towards a goal which is not in the interests of the Islanders.

Terry Peck's critics point out that his campaigns have not always been based on facts, but he probably still enjoys the support of most Stanley voters, who gave him a sweeping election victory in 1981. They would point out that he has consulted them through public meetings and has never been shy to speak out on their behalf.

Councillor Peck gave the PENGUIN NEWS examples of the problems facing him and which he now feels are beyond his ability to solve. Insufficient funds, he claims, are being spent on development. "There has been nothing to show for it and progress is so slow". He adds that fifteen million pounds post-war rehabilitation aid has been ill-spent. "One has only to look at Stanley today to see that the money hasn't been well spent in many areas. (Newly laid) roads have to be dug up for services". He points to the Swedish prefabricated houses imported shortly after the war, stressing that almost half are still not ready for occupation. "The Overseas Development Administration just can't seem to get their act together." Councillor Peck even suggested that ODA's policy "is directed to us becoming grant-in-aid".

The quixotic Councillor Peck feels intense anger at the Foreign Office's reluctance to authorise the creation of a 200 mile fishery zone around the Falklands, a move which he believes is the only way of establishing an industry capable of saving the Islands. He further accused the Foreign Office of standing in the way of a more democratic constitution. "Every month we voice our anger at not having the new constitution, but nobody can give us a satisfactory reason why there is a delay".

There is criticism too of the Islanders, amongst whom, said Councillor Peck, there

is a certain amount of apathy. "People will not get up and fight for themselves".

The spectre of Argentina looms large on his gloomy horizon. He thinks an agreement compromising the Falklanders' stand will be reached, even if it only permits the Argentines to participate in the economic development of the seas around the Falklands. "I am absolutely sure of it happening in the not-too-distant future", said Mr. Peck. "I couldn't live in that situation".

Terry Peck's determination had seemed virtually boundless and was illustrated during the war, when he picked up a rifle and helmet to help 3 Para into Stanley from San Carlos. He went into battle with them on Mount Longden and for his help, was awarded the MBE and honorary membership of the battalion. However the peace-time battle, which his establishment critics would describe as misdirected and destructive, has failed and the fighting councillor has decided to withdraw.

by GLB

NEW HOSPITAL IS TO BE SHARED BY MILITARY AND CIVILIANS

Acting Civil Commissioner, David Taylor, told the PENGUIN NEWS last week that the King Edward Memorial and British Military Hospitals, which were destroyed by fire in April this year, will be replaced by one building, and staffed by both military and civilian doctors and nurses.

The new building will probably be built on the site of the old wing of the KEM Hospital, and adjoin the concrete Churchill Wing which, though seriously damaged, still stands. The Churchill Wing itself would be repaired and put back into service.

The Overseas Development Administration and the Ministry of Defence will share the cost of the new hospital.

Mr. Hitchcock, the ODA appointed architect, who has designed the medical centre is expected to visit Stanley soon and will discuss his proposals with civilian and military officials.

WILD TIMES ON THE SS UGANDA

The ss UGANDA is now on her way back to Ascension Island after one of her most troubled voyages since commencing her post-war career as a Falklands troop ship.

The vessel's last trip from Ascension was plagued from the start by violent incidents, caused by an apparently explosive combination of duty-free drink and severe overcrowding below decks. The atmosphere on board was always tense and the first signs of trouble came after only two days at sea. A drunken contract worker became abusive with a group of Islanders in one of the ship's crowded bars, called them "Bennies" and threatening them with a broken glass. Luckily, the resident Sergeant Major managed to intervene before the young Islanders were able to deal with the man in their own fashion.

In the days that followed, drunken brawls became regular events after heavy drinking sessions in the public rooms. In one fight a man sustained two broken ribs, while another had to have stitches and suffered concussion after being hit over the head with a bottle. Later in the voyage, the troop office was broken into by thieves who escaped with cash. Several female passengers were harassed by drunken contractors.

Eventually UGANDA's resident military staff imposed an 11.30 pm curfew on the public rooms in an attempt to restore order. Even so, the disturbances continued almost until the Falklands were in sight. A few days before the anchor was dropped in Port William an amateur boxer in the RAF became violent and it took five men to restrain him and throw him in the brig.

Following UGANDA's arrival, the local police refused to allow one contract worker to disembark. It was alleged that the man had behaved extremely violently. He returned to Ascension without setting foot on the Islands.

UGANDA is officially a troop ship, although civilians are carried. On the recent south-bound voyage over ninety Falkland Islanders were returning from holidays or business and a number of other civilians were travelling south to take up jobs in the Islands. In addition around 200 workmen for the Mount Pleasant Airport site were among the passengers.

Many of the ship's crew place the blame for the trouble on the Ministry of Defence in London, which handles UGANDA's bookings. "They've obviously never seen a plan of the ship", said one crewman, "and they just go by the number of berths on board." As a result, dormitories which were designed to take school children on Mediterranean cruises, had to house two hundred contract workers and the same number of service personnel.

The ss ENGLAND, which normally ferries the workers between East Cove and Cape Town, is at present out of operation. Until she is back in service it seems likely that the UGANDA will continue to be, as one of the ship's bar stewards put it, "less like a troop ship and more like a floating gin palace."

By R.M.B.

RAF MAN DIES AFTER HELICOPTER ACCIDENT

Master Air Loadmaster DAVID ADAMS, 37, a Chinook helicopter crewman with the RAF, died on the 26th September following an accident involving a Chinook on the ground near the largest concentration of military accommodation at the Canache.

A Ministry of Defence spokesman said last week that an investigation into the cause of the accident is being carried out. Few details of the accident have been released, but it is believed that Mr. Adams' fatal injuries were caused by a blow from a rotor blade.

POLICE NEWS

STOLEN MOTORBIKE. Stanley Police are looking for two thieves who stole a motorbike from outside a garage on Callaghan Road. A witness saw two people driving off on the red Suzuki 125 down into Brandon Road on Saturday 22nd September at about 3.00 pm. The rider is described as aged between 18 and 23 with red curly hair. The motorbike has a chrome front mudguard, and lacks a headlamp. The registration number is F668. Anyone who can help to locate this machine or identify the thieves should contact the civil police in Stanley.

POLICE NEWS (Continued)PROGRESS ON VEHICLE REGISTRATION AND ISSUE OF LOG BOOKS

Chief Superintendent Bill Richards says that the police are gradually winning their campaign to have all civilian vehicles on the Islands correctly registered and issued with Falklands number plates.

He told the PENGUIN NEWS that the vast increase in the number of vehicles since the war has brought about the need for a more efficiently administered registration system that will end confusion over road tax payments.

United Kingdom registration plates are gradually being phased out and replaced by "F-registration" plates for vehicles owned by Stanley residents and "no-tax" plates for vehicles in the camp. The latter type will not display an "F" prefix.

In another measure to keep pace with the rapidly increasing number of vehicles, the police are issuing every civilian driver with a vehicle record card similar to the British log book. Engine and chassis numbers as well as other details of each vehicle are to be recorded on the card, which will accompany the vehicle if sold and carry a record of the change of ownership. The police hope that the cards will help them to check on vehicles when required, and up-date their own records when a vehicle changes hands. Superintendent Richards is confident that both the registration and the logging systems will be introduced within the next two months.

RMB

YOUNG FALKLANDERS TO PARTICIPATE IN WORLD WIDE ADVENTURE SCHEME

Falkland Islanders are being given the opportunity to participate in Operation Raleigh, the four year long youth programme of scientific research, community work and adventure which is due to commence later this year.

Six Islanders between the ages of 17 and 24 have already applied for the four places allocated and more youngsters are expected to express an interest when the local organising committee takes Raleigh's publicity campaign to the camp. The successful candidates must raise £2,000 to pay their way. Much of this sum can be raised through sponsorship, although the "venturers", as Operation Raleigh calls its participants, must raise some of it through their own work. They can choose to pursue adventure in places as diverse as the West Indies, Australia and Antarctica.

Local hotelier and historian, John Smith, who is involved in local organisation for Raleigh, pointed out that the allocation of four places is generous for a community of under 2,000. "It's remarkable that we have been so lucky and quite incredible, because a place such as Hong Kong has only 50 opportunities for six million".

Local authorities are also pleased that a group of Raleigh venturers will visit the Falklands with their ship for three months from October next year. Suggestions of suitable and worth-while work for the international group of young people have been put forward and include urgent repair work to the decaying hulk of the wooden sailing ship JHELIUM - an important survivor from the days of sail. It has also been suggested that the group could carry out surveys and archaeological excavations at the sites of the original Falklands settlements, Port Louis and Port Egmont.

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SCOUT LEADER COMPLAINS THAT GOVERNMENT STAND IN WAY OF PROGRESS

Stanley's Scout and Cub units have successfully completed their first camp since scouting was reestablished in the Falklands last February. Fifty youngsters took part in the Weddell Island adventure, which took place in two phases between 3rd and 17th September. Many of them were able to achieve their bronze and silver arrow awards as well as proficiency badges. Scout leaders are hoping the new group will become firmly established in Stanley, as the town has not had a unit since the Second World War. This latest movement differs from its predecessor in one rather important respect; girls are welcome to join. It is hoped that the eight girl scouts will eventually form the basis of a local girl guide unit. However the development of scouting in Stanley has not been easy and according to the group's leader, Philip Middleton, future growth looks even more difficult.

He has told the PENGUIN NEWS that his efforts to develop the movement have met with a negative response from local government. He said that the administration has been particularly unco-operative in finding a building, or even a site suitable for the erection of a building, which could become a permanent HQ for the boys and girls.

At the moment the scouts have to meet in the gymnasium, an arrangement which is barely satisfactory in the summer and completely unsuitable in the winter. During the cold months Mr. Middleton works out two possible programmes for the scouts' evening meetings. The programme of entertainment and instruction used depends on whether the gym's heating is switched on or off. "If it has been turned on", he said, "then we can give the scouts lessons for their proficiency badges. But if it isn't, then we have to keep them running around just to keep warm."

The scouts do have a building of their own at Clamshell Point on the north shore of Port William, which they inherited from the Boys' Brigade. However it is of little use as a headquarters for outdoor activities because of nearby minefields. The problem could be solved by moving the hut into Stanley, but so far Mr. Middleton has had all his proposed new sites in the town turned down by the planning committee.

He is frustrated and angry about the lack of local support. "It's ridiculous", he told us. "They're just stopping the movement from growing". He went on to point out that the scouts receive far more help from the services. "If it wasn't for the military, there would be no scouts", he said.

At the moment there is no shortage of servicemen willing to give lessons in subjects such as fire fighting and first aid. "But", said Mr. Middleton, "the one thing the services cannot provide is accommodation. That must come from the locals themselves if they truly want scouting to continue in Stanley".

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FOX BAY NEW TOWN: GETTING IT TOGETHER ON THE WEST

The Falklands fledgling Development Corporation with its budget of £4.5 million, and a few determined men and women in one of the more isolated parts of the Falklands are set to bring about one of the most important social changes for many years. They are working to establish a new town at Fox Bay on West Falkland.

The Little Village of nine houses on the eastern side of Fox Bay has been bought by the Falklands Government from the UK based company which until recently farmed the area and it has become the focus of a development initiative which could soon become the first real success story in the current drive towards social and economic progress.

All the houses are now occupied or will be shortly, many having been bought by people who are staying on or are moving into the independent village. Four new dwellings are to be constructed soon. The Falkland consultant architect, Gerald Dixon, has drawn a plan of the village as it should be developed. The residents have formed a town council (Richard Cockwell describes himself as the spokesman rather than the chairman, as the latter "sounds too bureaucratic") and a cooperative store is to be opened there soon. The bunkhouse has now been refurbished and is to be leased to an individual who will operate it as a guest house. The ex farm workshops have been taken over by an enterprising young mechanic who will hire his services to the villagers and the nearby small farm owners.



Fox Bay, Falkland Islands, South Atlantic

FOX BAY NEW TOWN (cont'd)

Fox Bay's major significance is that it will be the first settlement other than Stanley which does not belong entirely to a company and does not exist solely for the support of a sheep ranch. Most other settlements are owned by British based concerns, and all homes in the camp are tied to employment on the farms. At Fox Bay's new town the make-up of the community will be much more diverse, and it will become an alternative to over-burdened Stanley as a home for those seeking a living and an independent rural way of life. The Development Corporation's General Manager, Simon Armstrong, also points out that "the opportunity to start from scratch and develop self confidence and self reliance is rather special".

Several labour-generating enterprises are planned for Fox Bay, including a pilot inshore fishing industry by the Grimsby firm Fortosier, which may produce crabs and other shellfish for export to Europe. A programme of grassland research is to be based nearby on one of the small farm sections which were formed from the huge Packe Brothers ranch. However the most important enterprise will be the Fox Bay Mill, a small wool processing plant which hopes to begin production before the end of 1984.

Richard Cockwell, who managed the Packe's property until it was sold in small packages to Islanders, has been working on the project with his wife Grizelda for several years. They have sunk much of their capital into the scheme and have received financial assistance and a good deal of advice from the Development Corporation. Much of the second hand reconditioned machinery is now in the Falklands and the Cockwells hope to complete the mill building itself within a few weeks. A team of advisers from the Scottish College of Textiles in Gallashiels will arrive soon to help during the initial stages of the new industry and two young immigrants from the Cotswolds, Carol and Martin Cant, are already employed by the Cockwells. Mrs. Cockwell told the PENGUIN NEWS that they will be recruiting a few more local people soon and then will look to the Falklands Government Office in London for more UK immigrants.

Trade for the mill looks encouraging, both locally and overseas. Mrs. Cockwell predicts that there will be a good market within the Islands for yarn and knitting kits and she hopes that the military will take to the finished items from her factory. A local councillor suggested recently that the troops might like to buy "Benny hats", the warm headgear worn by many Islanders as well as the Crossroads TV character from whom the Islanders have gained their military nickname.

Already the Fox Bay Mill has received almost fifty thousand pounds worth of orders from the UK. This has been a pleasant surprise, as the Cockwells have carried out no publicity campaign. "We have been approached by about twenty shops from the provinces, mainly sports outfitters. I hope we will be able to grow into a London market", said Mrs. Cockwell.

The Fox Bay Mill will produce simple, attractive designs in natural colours, using wool which has long been recognised by international traders as exceptionally good. The raw material has such an attractive texture and sheen that it is often sold at Bradford to manufacturers who blend it with wool from other countries to upgrade their products. The Cockwells expect their jumpers and cardigans to reflect this quality and to retail in the United Kingdom for between thirty and forty pounds.

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RUSSIAN VISITOR

A Russian woman from the Soviet fishing fleet has been discharged from the Brewster Hospital after being rushed there with suspected appendicitis.

The treatment of pretty 26 year old Svetlana Ershova should have been a routine matter, except for the fact that the young woman could not speak a word of English. Eventually the army came to the rescue and supplied the civilian medical staff with a soldier fluent in Russian who helped during the examination.

"But much to the considerable embarrassment of the soldier," said Dr. Marsden, the Senior Medical Officer, "he had to use words which weren't in his vocabulary". After four days of care Miss Ershova was allowed to rejoin her comrades fishing around the Falklands. She was, no doubt, grateful to the medical staff and a young red-faced British soldier.

THE WEEK IN REVIEW A LOOK IN BRIEF AT FALKLANDS AFFAIRS.

(In this issue only, we cover a Month of news)

1st September 1984 Stanley and camp platoons of the FI Defence Force completed their week long battle training camp at Kelly's Garden.

3.9.84 A tri-service defence exercise commenced. Air raid sirens were frequently sounded in Stanley during the three days, and civilians noticed greatly increased troop and aircraft activity.

A 24-hour general strike was called in Argentina by the peronist dominated unions. The unsuccessful strike was called in protest at President Alfonsin's economic policies.

The BBC reported that Len Minto, who was convicted of murder by a Falklands court, had become the first person to marry while imprisoned in a UK jail. Mr. Minto was originally sentenced to life imprisonment, but had this reduced to ten years by an English appeal court. He is not expected to be released until 1987, and may be held longer.

West Falkland Councillor Tony Blake arrived back from New York, where he had been attending the UN decolonisation committee's debate on the future of the Falklands. 20 of the 25 committee members had supported the Argentine inspired motion urging a resumption of negotiations on sovereignty. Four countries had abstained on the basis that no respect was shown in the motion for the Islanders' right of self determination. The outcome had been as expected. Councillor Blake, who attended the debate with his colleague Tim Blake, indicated that their efforts had managed to retain some support for the British side. "If we do no more than hold our own, we are doing OK", he said when interviewed on local radio.

4.9.84 Regular Falklands supply ship AES departed from Gravesend, bound for the Falklands. She had been given special dispensation to load by striking dock workers.

Calling the Falklands informed that a Gallup poll has established that 76% of the British public would like a resumption of diplomatic relations with Argentina. 59% would like to see an agreement with the Argentines about fishing around the Falklands and 69% want normal

trading relations to be resumed. Gallup further claimed that 94% of the British public want the relatives of Argentine war dead to be able to visit the graves here. The poll was organised by the South Atlantic Council. MP George Foulkes, a member of the Council, said that the Conservative Government must take notice of this expression of public opinion. He also called for a resumption of the Berne talks, saying "if Britain isn't seen to be talking on this, then we will be totally isolated in the United Nations." Harold Briley of the BBC did not agree that the poll would have any great political value. "I don't think the government will attach much weight to this poll", he said.

9.9.84 Delegates at the Social Democrats' conference in Buxton passed a motion stating that Britain should negotiate with Argentina. They said that this is necessary to escape from the expense of maintaining "Fortress Falklands". During this major conference debate, most delegates made it clear that Falklanders' views should be taken into account but not considered "paramount".

10.9.84 Councillor Terry Peck wrote to Acting Civil Commissioner submitting his resignation from Executive and Legislative Councils.

11.9.84 Calling the Falklands reported that the Argentine Navy and the local council at Puerto Madryn in Patagonia had refused to provide refuelling facilities for a US navy ship which was exercising in the area. The Navy's and the Council's move was in protest at American assistance for Britain during the war. They acted in contravention of order from the Federal Government.

The BBC further reported that at the Social Democratic party conference the previous week, party leader Dr. David Owen had called on Mrs. Thatcher to reveal the entire story behind the sinking of the GENERAL BELGRANO. "The truth is not discreditable", he said. "It simply needs to be told." Referring to allegations that the Government had acted unconstitutionally at the time, he said: "We are in the early stages of a Watergate. Unless the Government tells the plain, unvarnished truth to the British people, the situation will get worse and worse". Also at the SDP conference, ex MP Eric Ogden opposed a motion stating that Islanders

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should not have a paramount say in matters concerning their future. "It is not just dangerous, but misguided", he said. Another delegate supported this minority view, stating: "The Falkland Islanders are not people to be traded between nations, as pawns in a game." According to the BBC, these views were listened to with respect, but made little difference to the outcome of the debate.

12.9.84 Two workers were injured during blasting in a quarry near the site of the Mount Pleasant airfield. They were evacuated by helicopter, and treated at the British Military Hospital.

14.9.84 Mrs. Barbara Keenleyside was appointed Assistant Manager of the Standard Chartered Bank's Stanley branch. Mrs. Keenleyside is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Desmond King. She was educated in Montevideo and prior to joining Standard Chartered Bank had worked in her parents' hotel.

Calling the Falklands informed that MS LINDBLAD EXPLORER had become the first passenger ship to navigate the Northwest Passage. The small cruise ship normally visits the Falklands during the summer months, but a director of the company said on CTF that he did not believe the ship's tours will touch the Falklands during the coming summer.

17.9.84 Work commenced at the school hostel site in the grounds of Stanley House. Laing Mowlem and Amy Roadstone Construction have been awarded the contract to build two accommodation blocks for children from the farms studying in Stanley. Education Committee Chairman, Councillor John Cheek, was present as the first sod of earth was removed from the site.

The Times of London reported that a fund has been started to save the ss UGANDA from the scrap-yard. It seems likely at this stage that the elderly vessel will be sold for scrap at the end of her term of charter to the Ministry of Defence. At present UGANDA cruises regularly between Stanley and Ascension Island carrying service personnel and civilians. The maritime history enthusiasts who hope to save UGANDA are trying to raise £300,000, the present owners' likely asking price. They would like to see her live on at a permanent anchorage as an educational, leisure and historical centre.

According to the BBC, an Argentine Member of Parliament tabled a motion urging the government to expropriate eleven sheep ranches in the southern province of Santa Cruz which belong to British firms. The Foreign owned land totals 1½ million acres.

18.9.84 Anne Keenleyside, an Islander who has spent several years teaching in Stanley's senior school, left for the UK, where she will join a teacher training college for a four year course. Miss Keenleyside plans to return to the Falklands following her studies.

The International Monetary Fund stated that it was willing to provide Argentina with a loan of 1½ thousand million dollars. The loan approval resulted from the Argentine government's revised plan for repayments on previous loans.

Calling the Falklands reported that opinion at the Liberal Party conference, which commenced the previous day, was in favour of negotiation with Argentina. Russel Johnson, a delegate who has visited the Islands and is Liberal spokesman on foreign affairs, said: "One knows that it is impossible to sustain the level of expenditure for any lengthy period of time". He suggested a "more honest approach". His message for the Islanders would be, "I'm very sorry, but we cannot offer to sustain you into the unlimited future."

Scottish Nationalist MP Donald Stewart told a BBC reporter for Calling the Falklands that "it is simply not possible to continue to administer the Islands from the UK". Asked if Britain will have to be prepared to cede sovereignty, he said "I think that will have to occur".

20.9.84 ss UGANDA arrived in Port William, but was unable to disembark passengers due to heavy swell. Eventually passengers spent an extra night on the ship, and disembarked at the Flexiport the following morning. UGANDA was carrying over ninety Islanders returning from leave or business in the United Kingdom, as well as some two hundred contract workers for the Mount Pleasant Airport and a similar number of service personnel.

21.9.84 Comedian Jim Davidson arrived in Stanley to commence a week-long Combined Services Entertainments tour. A musical group and several dancers and singers accompanied the popular entertainer.

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23.9.84 ss UGANDA sailed for Ascension Island.

The Observer of London published details of Councillor Terry Peck's resignation, mentioning some of his grievances. Mr. Peck's allegation that well over £100 per day is being paid for the services of an electrician who was sent to work in the Falklands before it was possible to carry out his specialised work on the power station at present under construction, caused a considerable furor. The article contained further allegations of inefficiency and extravagance. The Overseas Development Administration replied, saying "we reject the charges".

24.9.84 President Alfonsin attended the General Assembly of the United Nations, where the Argentines are lobbying for support of their position on the Falklands dispute. At a press conference, Sr Alfonsin suggested that a Hong Kong style solution could be acceptable to Argentina. He stressed, however, that such an agreement would have to lead to full Argentine control within five years.

The 40th anniversary of the Battle of Arnhem. John Smith, reporting for the FIBS News Magazine, reminded listeners that Islander Lionel Craigie Halkett, who was known to his friends as "Boy", died in the battle. Mr. Craigie Halkett was a member of the RAF.

It was announced in London that contracts have been awarded to a Wimpey-Taylor Woodrow consortium and Laing-Mowlem-ARC, for the construction of military accommodation at Mount Pleasant and a port in Mare Harbour. The contracts are worth in the region of £119 million.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS

B I R T H S

14.8.84 To Keith and Avril Bonner of Pebble Island, a son, Richard James.
24.8.84 To Jerome and Sally Poncet, visiting Stanley on their yacht DAMIEN II, a son, Lars Nigel.

M A R R I A G E S

1.5.84 Brenda Anne Butler and David George Crabb at Roy Cove.
5.5.84 Donna Marie Gleadell and Michael Robert Minnell. at Goose Green.
16.6.84 Nanette Barbara King and Manfred Michael Ian Keenleyside. at Christ Church Cathedral, Stanley.
27.6.84 Gayle Marie Molkenbuhr and Philip Charles Miller. In Stanley.
7.7.84 Patricia Anne Oxtoby and Kevin Richard Jones. At 8 James St., Stanley.
28.7.84 Toni Donna Pettersson and Richard James Stevens. At Christ Church Cathedral, Stanley.
21.8.84 Elenor Margaret Reid and Terence James Peck, In Stanley.
8.9.84 Frazer Roderick McKay and Christine Morrison. at Port Howard.
8.9.84 Charlene Morrison and Peter Richard Nightingale. at Hill Cove.
22.9.84 Joan Margaret Jaffray and Nigel Peter Morrison. In Stanley.

D E A T H S

14.5.84 Leslie John Cletheroe, aged 78 years.
6.6.84 Charles William Phillips, aged 64 years.
25.7.84 Ian Robert Patterson, aged 45 years. Mr. Patterson was a doctor at the East Cove construction site.
12.7.84 Hayden Charles Perry, aged 41 years. Mr. Perry was a worker on the airport site. He died as a result of an accident on the site.
16.9.84 Alfred Francis Lee, aged 90.
17.9.84 Maria, granddaughter of Mrs. Nancy Honeyman, who lived for some years at Goose Green. Maria was 17 and died in a car crash in New Zealand.
18.8.84 Edward Stanton-Yonge, peacefully at home in Punta Arenas, Chile, after a short illness.
27.9.84 Master Air Loadmaster David Michael Adams, aged 37. Mr. Adams died after an accident involving a helicopter in the Canache area near Stanley. He was serving in the Falklands on detachment from 18 Squadron, RAF Gutersloh in Germany. His wife had remained in RAF quarters there.

The PENGUIN NEWS staff offer their most sincere sympathy to the families and friends of the deceased.

EDITORIAL

The void left by Terry Peck's departure from the political scene will not easily be filled. While a number of people would be delighted if that void is never filled, the rest of us should hope that a man with a similar spirit stands for election in November. Councillor Peck did not always base his campaigns on solid fact, and did not always achieve his goals. But he always stood for the rights of Islanders, and had real ambitions for the Islands. The spirit was right.

Peter King paid tribute to the resigning councillor on Calling the Falklands. "Dissenters are never easy to live with", he said. "We accept it from those close to us because we believe it to spring from real concern. But I don't believe Terry ever quit anything in his life. The South Atlantic has been the home of sound and fury before, and Terry made himself very much a part of it in a very special way. Say what you like about Terry, and many of you do, but when you have used up all the clever, barbed words you will still have to add that, by God, Terry cares. I think he'll leave the Islands just that much poorer, but wherever he is, I'll bet a right arm he'll still be shouting at someone about your rights and his Islands."

THE SOUTH ATLANTIC COUNCIL - JUST WHO ARE THEY & WHAT DO THEY MEAN?

Are they friends or foes? Some people wonder when they hear of S.A. Council members flying off for talks in Buenos Aires, or urging the British Government to discuss the Falklands' future with President Alfonsin. You can decide after reading the following article, which was written by the S.A. Council's secretary, Dr. CR Mitchell.

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Many readers will have seen that three British parliamentarians (George Foulkes MP, Cyril Townsend MP and Lord Kennet) recently visited Buenos Aires on a fact finding tour to see if there had been any major changes in Argentine opinion since President Alfonsin's democratically elected government took office. They may recall that two of this group also visited your Islands as part of the House of Commons Foreign Affairs Committee study group in early 1983.

You may also be aware that the Buenos Aires visit was organised by the South Atlantic Council, a body set up in London to help in the search for some stable and lasting political solution to the problems of that region. One of the major aims of the SAC is thus "... to promote discussions of options for stable solutions and ... fruitful negotiations between the British Government, the Falkland Islanders and the new, democratic government in Argentina..."

The Council felt that such a visit might help to start a serious debate about the long term future of the South Atlantic and about some kind of stable and satisfactory solution. We understand some members of the Legislative Council feel that the visit has done "a great deal of harm", but we do not agree that this is so. No one on the Council sees the achievement of a stable political solution - one that is satisfactory to all the people involved - as an easy task, particularly after General Galtieri's invasion and the subsequent death and destruction caused by that piece of military adventurism! Unfortunately, it seems to us that the 1982 war has done very little to deal with the fundamental issues in contention between Britain and Argentina, apart from making them worse. The problem is not one that can be wished away and we all have to confront, rather than ignore it.

Part of SAC's task, as we see it, is to begin to explore alternatives, to act as a "think-tank" for ideas and innovations leading towards a satisfactory solution, and to help a dialogue about the future and what it might hold. We do not believe it to be merely Utopian to search for some solution that both safeguards the interests and way of life of your readers, while doing something to meet Argentina's aspirations. At least, somebody ought to be beginning such a search.

With these aims in mind, we are very conscious of the fact that one thing central to our search is to find out what Islanders are thinking and hoping at the present time, two years after the guns have fallen silent; and what

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THE PENGUIN POST BOX

PO Box 178, Port Stanley, Falkland Islands

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THE 'NOBODY'S GOT THAT LONG' SYNDROME

28.5.84

Dear Editor,

What a shame it would be if anyone on these lovely islands felt insulted because a serviceman preferred to be with his wife, sweetheart or parents and looked forward enthusiastically to rejoining them. The "nobody's got that long" syndrome may be silly, but I am quite certain that no serviceman would wish his desire to be interpreted as any kind of reflection on the Falkland Islands or the Falkland Islanders, as suggested by your recent correspondent.

A very high percentage of our servicemen find a real sense of achievement during a tour of duty in these Islands, and those who have the opportunity to meet Falkland Islanders are overwhelmed by the generous hospitality extended to them.

Real bonds of affection have been established between servicemen and Falkland Islanders, and it would be quite unreasonable for anyone to feel insulted because a serviceman missed home and expressed a wish to return to it.

Yours sincerely, GEORGE BROWN

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THE FALKLANDS ARE A "MUST" FOR ME !

13.5.84

Dear Sir,

I am interested in everything which concerns the Falklands. Being an "island-fan" who loves remote, windswept islands in the sea, it is natural that the Falklands are a "must" for me. Before the crazy war with Argentina hardly anyone over here (West Germany) knew anything about the Falklands except for the fact that there was a battle between a German and a British fleet long ago and that the most trying feature there is the almost steady blowing wind!

Do any of your readers have drawings or photographs of crosses which have now been erected on the Islands? I am editor of a small publication dealing with free standing monuments in the landscape e.g. stone crosses, crosses of wood, monuments with historical background. If anyone can send any material by air-mail, then please do and don't forget to send an invoice.

I would love to hear from anyone. I hope you will appreciate my patronage concerning the Falkland Islands. I even wear a Falkland tie on some occasions and on my car I have a sticker saying "REMEMBER THE FALKLAND ISLANDS".

Yours sincerely, RAINER SCHMEISSNER Pruefeninger Str. 109a, D-8400 Regensburg, W. Germany.

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GET IT RIGHT, CHAY !

22.5.84

Dear Little Chay,

I don't know who Big Charley was talking to about geese, but to avoid you being misled, most geese lay only six eggs and NOT seven or eight as you have been told. I hadn't ever thought of counting the feathers on a goose and after seeing how many some birds have, I don't think I'll bother - the whistling swan has approx 26,000.

Yours sincerely, ANDY DOUSE (Goose Ecologist)

" THE BEAUTY AND PEACE OF THE ISLANDS REALLY STRUCK ME "

12.5.84

Dear Mr. Bound,

Thank you and all those involved in the PENGUIN NEWS for a year of very, very interesting reading. It's hard to realise that it's already two years since your incredible upheaval, at the start of which, I'm ashamed to say, I was not sure where the Falkland Islands actually were. It's very different now but I am very handicapped by having to rely on the media for my opinions and we all know how unreliable those can be at times.

I'd therefore love to make contact with locals and service personnel as pen friends. I'm in my 40's, single and unemployed and therefore, as you can imagine, very lonely. My hobbies are stamp collecting, watching cricket, tennis, soccer, motor racing and I'm a Cliff Richard fan. I would like a local pen friend because the beauty and peace of the Islands really struck me, even at the height of the war and I'd love to find out much more about them. In return I'll try and give my penfriend a look at England as I see it.

I also share one other wish I have had for two years now and that is to visit the islands, spend some time and even get a job out there.

Yours sincerely, HELEN WATFORD The Old Rectory, Mill Lane, Balcombe,
Haywards Heath, West Sussex RH17 6NS.

Editor - Thanks for the letter. I hope we're not included in the 'unreliable media' category!

A LETTER OF THANKS AND CONDOLENCE

4.5.84

Dear Sir,

My husband and I find it difficult to express our gratitude to so many people for the telegrams, letters, cards and floral tributes on the tragic loss of our beloved daughter, Barbara. We hope in time to answer every letter, but in the meantime, will you kindly thank them through the PENGUIN NEWS.

We hope to visit the Falklands one day and see what have been described as the "magic" islands.

Will you please convey our condolences to the relatives who lost their loved ones in the King Edward VII Hospital fire.

Yours very sincerely, MARIAN CHICK

A "PROUD BENNY" WRITES

Dear Editor,

Each week we listen to our radio listing the pathetic efforts of a Government who seem just to be waiting for pay-day.

They promise housing, schooling and many other things that are automatically a right in the homeland. Is it not time that a local Government were formed on the lines of a U.K. County Council?

Does this Government not realize that the whole point of the conflict was to live with dignity and is it not about time we were given some!?

Yours, THE "WE ARE PROUD TO BE BENNIES" SOCIETY

Editor - Apologies to all our contributors for not publishing letters sooner due to our winter absence. But from now on it's business as usual, so keep those letters coming!

Little Chay

Rites



The PENGUIN NEWS is back and with it those verbose letters from our young neighbour Little Chay. His letters are such a nightmare for our editor, that we just print them as they land on our desk. Take it away, Chay!

Dere Grame,

My mum sed i should rite to you seein as ow i cant get an answer frum unkel

Wrecks. Sum say hes gorn away to that place called Ingland agen and that hes goin to bring back all that munney that the kind peeple on the chanel Islands gave us over too yeres ago. But unkel Ben thinks thats been spent orlreddy on getting advise on how to spend it.

Were have you bin all this time? Me and my mum havnt seen a Penwing Nues for munths and my dad sez its disgraceful how yoo can go bounding off orl over the world leevin orl us down here without a nuesday. Big Charley thinks you shood do as they do in guveenment and get penshuners to do yore job for yoo wen you go orf on a jolly. Just think how terrabel it wood hav been here all winter with out a town planning kermitty or a Gee tee you. Enney way its nice to hav you back. Ant Kelpie sez just pull yore finger out and get on with it now yore hear.

Poor old mums gettin orl uptite agen about not being able to get another house. She sez if we dont get wun befor Crisymas she will up and leeve for Ingland were yoo can get plenty of houses even if they are orl on Coronashun Street. But my dad sez shes bonkers to leeve now. Hes going to hang on for the Big Bale Out sos he can get hissself a free passage and a pile of lovely lolley to go with it.

Wats a Big Bale Out Grame?

Lots of luv frum LITTEL CHAY.

TONGUE IN BREAK

The Falklands continue to be the source of hilarious inspiration for those great British newspaper cartoonists. One cutting sent to us recently portrayed several distinctly smarmy looking Argentine diplomats in an office obviously not far from the Plaza de Mayo. "But we needn't discuss sovereignty of the Malvinas next time we meet the British", said one. "What if we discuss privatisation of the Malvinas...?"

Cockney comedian, Jim Davidson, is on his way back to the UK after his whistle-stop tour of Falklands military bases. As this was his third visit, we were prompted to ask him what it is that attracts him to the Islands. "I like the place", he told us simply. "The Islands are special somehow, and the Falklanders themselves too".

Throughout the tour, which included several shows open to civilians, Jim was accompanied by a TV crew filming a special show to be broadcast on Christmas Eve. Apparently, the project was not given the go-ahead until Jim Davidson personally requested permission from Mrs. Thatcher at a charity lunch they were both attending. With the P.M.'s approval Jim was able to return to the Falklands, where he says he now has some great friends. And this will not be his last visit. "Hopefully I'll be back next June," he said. "Mainly to attend the victory celebrations, but also because Sir Rex throws a great party."

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sort of a future they envisage for themselves, their children and their Islands in the aftermath of the war. It has struck us that, in the past, there has been too great a tendency to tell people on the Islands what is going to happen rather than to ask them what they feel, want or require. The present British Government has promised, on several occasions since the war, to consult Island opinion about the future but so far has, unfortunately, shown little inclination to do so. For this reason, we thought it might be a useful idea to suggest in the columns of your newspaper that we might contribute to this process of consultation of Island opinion. We have already had some letters from Islanders. We would welcome more. Would Islanders write to us, perhaps through your newspaper columns or directly to me at the City University, giving us their views and feelings about the future, both medium and long term, as well as about immediate post-war problems, their perceptions of the new regime in Argentina, and other important Island issues? Specifically, we would be interested in:

1. How do Islanders see the situation in ten years time? What would they hope for in respect of their relations with Whitehall? New British governments and political leaders? South American countries?
2. What are the essential things about the British way of life on the Islands that they wish to see preserved and guaranteed? What sorts of guarantees for preservation would make them feel most secure? What are the sort of guarantees that they feel they might realistically expect in the future?
3. What would Islanders require Argentinians to do to restore a reasonable relationship between the Islands and the South American mainland, both immediately and in the longer run? (Many, I am sure, would like to say: "go away, and leave us alone", but I am not sure this request is worth making, given the last 150 years of history!)

Any views or ideas that you might send across to London will be respected and treated confidentially. However, we do see the start of such a dialogue as another way of making the Island voice heard in London and (indirectly) in Argentina; and we also see it as a way of fulfilling one of the aims of the Council, which is to bring Island views into the debate at an early stage, rather than too late to have much positive effect, as has often been the case in the past.

Finally, let me just emphasise that neither I nor the South Atlantic Council are presently advocating one policy or another, although we do feel that, at some stage in the not too distant future, the political future of the Islands has to be frankly discussed with all the parties involved. We are trying to learn, to generate and debate ideas and to open up channels of communication. Finding a generally acceptable solution to the problems which led to the 1982 war will inevitably be a slow one, but we feel it is important to make a start - a view which we hope your readers will share.

Dr. CR Mitchell, Hon. Secretary, South Atlantic Council.

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Readers wishing to write to the SA Council can send their letters directly to Dr. Mitchell at this address: Department of Systems Science, The City University, Northampton Square, London EC1 0HB, England. If you would like your feelings and desires to be known to the Council and to a much larger public as well, you may prefer to write to the Penguin Post Box column in this paper. We would be pleased to publish your letter. The South Atlantic Council subscribe to the PN.

NATURE NOTEBOOK - A NEW REGULAR FEATURE by "Peat Bog Bert"

OBSERVATIONS FROM THE BOAT DECK

I recently spent ten days nestling in the heaving bosom of the South Atlantic Ocean aboard ss UGANDA. Here, I thought happily, was a perfect opportunity to spend time watching seabirds from the deck of the grand old lady, while pretending to be Captain Cook or Black Jake.

Around Ascension there was little to see except the occasional brown booby (I only saw two) and once we set sail there was even less. On one occasion we were summoned on deck by the booming voice of the Commodore, an ancient mariner with enormous eyebrows and a fetish for sextants, to watch a 100-strong

school of dolphins playing around the bow of the ship.

So I joined the ranks of snoring, bronzing carcasses by the swimming pool. Much of the time was spent eating, sleeping, drinking and betting on galloping cardboard penguins, but occasionally it was possible to squeeze into this hectic schedule a few minutes gazing astern from the helicopter flight deck.

After about four days steaming south, the temperature dropped as we passed into the sub-tropical zones. With the increased fertility of the sea, large numbers of prions appeared. There are three distinct groups of prions, or whalebirds, but they are notoriously difficult to identify at sea. Fairy prions and thin-billed prions nest in the Falklands from late August to February and are pelagic for the rest of the year. Their bills are adapted to strain the water away from small prey scooped up from the surface of the sea as they flicker along the wave tops. Rather like the baleen whales, these birds squeeze out the water through a comb-like filter along the edges of the mandibles.

Wandering Albatross followed the ship constantly during the latter days, different individuals being distinguished by the varying amounts of white on their backs.

A few days out from the Falklands, as we crossed into the sub-antarctic zone, the variety and number of birds increased markedly. We were constantly being followed by a whole host of ocean wanderers. Atlantic Petrels and, more especially Cape Pigeons were abundant. Several albatross types were sighted: black browed, sooty and grey headed. We also spotted sooty and greater shearwaters.

Perhaps the most surprising observation was that of a grey-backed storm petrel which appeared in the cinema during a screening of Pink Floyd's film The Wall. Fortunately for the bird, the film was nearly finished.

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IN THE GARDEN by "Greenfinger"

The purpose of this column is mainly to remind the family gardeners of suitable times to plant and tend to those home-grown vegetables which are so valued in the Falklands. If you are a newcomer to survival in the South Atlantic, we hope these tips will be especially useful.

October is traditionally the busiest month of the year and most Islanders try to get the spadework behind them during these weeks. But early planting is not always sensible and my advise is not to hurry this through until the weather has improved and the ground is just a little dryer and warmer. Unfortunately, however, this does not mean you can just sit back and wait for a sunny day. Set to and get your garden cleaned up, ready for the season.

Early POTATOES are one of the first vegetables deserving your attention. Put in a couple of rows, and if you are lucky you could be eating these in early January. But don't make the common mistake of planting the whole plot, as you could loose the lot with a November or December frost. Another early item is PEAS. Ideally by this time these should already be in the ground, but not to worry, you can still plant them in October and get a good crop. Just give them a nice sheltered area and feed them well. It is always advisable to soak peas in water over night before planting them. This is a good time to plant slow growing vegetables such as PARSNIPS, PARSLEY and CARROTS. Parsnips take ages to germinate, but if soaked over night they have something of a head start. Early croppers such as WHITE TURNIP, RADISH and CRESS can also go in now, but don't plant your season's needs all at once. These welcome crops can be grown throughout the summer so that you have a continuous supply. If you have any CAULIFLOWER or CABBAGE plants already established, this is a good time to put them out. But remember to give them space to develop; about 20" (50 cm) apart and a bit more between rows. CAULIFLOWER is a greedy plant and demands feeding. If not already done, SHALLOTS should also be planted now.

One final tip: all keen gardeners should make a point of tuning in to that excellent locally produced radio programme on Wednesday evenings. "In the Potting Shed" is chatty and amusing, covering a far wider and more useful range of information than this brief column.

FUEL PRICE RISE Government informs that the price of kerosene sold to civilians from MOD stocks has increased, with immediate effect, from 28.7p/litre to 52.1p/litre. Background to this in your next PN.

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F.I.s to get V.I.P. Visit

The Forces Information Office has announced that there will be a six-day visit to the Islands by an all-party group of MPs. The nine parliamentarians are due to arrive by airbridge on the 29th October and will tour Stanley and the camp, where they will meet service personnel and Islanders.

The programme for the visit is still being worked out by the Ministry of Defence in consultation with the local government. It is, however, planned that the group will meet as many people as possible before leaving Stanley on the 3rd November. The names of the visiting MPs are not yet known.

EDITOR: The PN will attend a press conference with the visitors before their departure. If you have a question we can ask on your behalf, please contact us soon.

The November 5th Hopefuls

The by-election precipitated by Councillor Terry Peck's recent surprise resignation from Executive and Legislative Councils, will be held on the 5th November.

Although we will not know the identities of all the candidates for the vacant Stanley seat until later this month, the PN has learned that the town's voters will probably be able to choose between at least two men: union chairman, Terry Betts and ex-councillor, Stuart Wallace.

Mr. Betts told the PN last Friday that he is seriously considering standing for the council seat.

In common with all prospective councillors over the past fifteen years, Mr. Betts' council ambitions depend on his approach to the dispute with Argentina. He outlined his feelings to us, saying: "I am quite happy for Britain and Argentina to talk, but about nothing to do with the Falklands. Re-opening links with Argentina is quite impossible." He believes, however, that useful relationships with other South American countries are desirable. "I'd like to see links with Brazil, Uruguay or Chile. We know that links with Uruguay and Chile work".

He has a positive approach to the Falklands domestic problems and is optimistic about the outcome of the current drive towards development. "The place

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has to be fully developed if it is to be a prosperous and viable little country, and there is good reason for hope now that the FI Development Corporation is in full swing".

He emphasised that there is a serious need for more people, pointing out that to achieve population growth a much more energetic housing policy is required.

"Government have been dragging their feet on housing. The would-be immigrants are being put off because of the lack of houses". He would like to see house building programmes in the hands of local builders. "I do believe the expertise is here", he said. "There are locals who can build houses for one third of the cost of Brewsters".

The candidate calls for a revision of the OSAS system, by which professional people from the UK work in the Islands for salaries greater than those awarded to local people. "I don't blame the OSAS personnel themselves", he said, "but the system is all wrong. The aim should be to train local people to run departments themselves". The FI Government Air Service, which is almost totally staffed by Islanders, is, said Mr. Betts, a good example of how the system should work.

Terry Betts urges Falklanders to be optimistic rather than downcast, as he believes many now are. "It's all stagnating again", he said. "It's ourselves. We are still doubtful. You have to believe that there is a future and have a go at making it".

Mr. Betts works in a clerical capacity with the Falkland Islands Company. He has not held public office, but has been active in community affairs as a member of the General Employees' Union. He is now the chairman of that organisation.

Ex-councillor, Stuart Wallace, has told the PN that he may make a bid to return to Legislative Council in November. Mr. Wallace said he would only become a candidate if asked to do so by persons who would then subscribe their names to the nomination form. He would not discuss his political views with the PN at this early date.

THE WEEK IN REVIEW

28.9.84 Ted Needham, the chairman of Coalite, the Falkland Islands Company's parent firm, retired today. He retains a high level involvement in the FIC.

Civil Commissioner, Sir Rex Hunt, was interviewed on Calling the Falklands. He responded to Councillor Terry Peck's recent criticisms of local government and the ODA, saying: "There certainly have been mistakes made, and they will continue to be made. But when one looks back at what was there on the 14th June 1982, we have come a tremendous way. We've made a lot of achievements. I'm optimistic. I'm not like Terry, I'm staying there and helping because I think there's a good future and I think we need more people."

2.10.84 mv AES arrived in Stanley with a large and varied cargo.

Father Phillip, who spent several months at St. Mary's Church during the absence of Father Monaghan, left to return to St. Helena.

The Observer of London reported that Russia and the USA are secretly working together to avoid discussions about the future of the Antarctic in the United Nations. They are said to fear

that the issue could become a rallying point for nations of the third world, who could agree to declare the continent the heritage of all mankind. That could upset the super-powers' ambitions in the south.

Coalite chief, Ted Needham, said on Calling the Falklands that the FI Company is considering selling further plots in the Fitzroy area.

4.10.84 The BBC reported that Chile and Argentina have virtually resolved their dispute over the Beagle Channel Islands. Through Vatican administration, Chile is believed to have been awarded sovereignty, although they will not claim influence in the South Atlantic.

5.10.84 At the Labour Party Conference, delegates approved of motions condemning "fortress Falklands" policy, urging negotiations with Argentina, and pressing for a judicial enquiry into events surrounding the sinking of the GENERAL BELGRANO. Delegates were outspoken in their opposition to expenditure in the Falklands. One spoke of "the grotesque cost of maintaining the Falklands garrison in relation to the number of

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P E O P L E - new faces in the Falklands.THE STRANGE CASE OF THE SOLDIER WHO SETTLED

A Royal Engineer sergeant who completed a five month tour in the Falklands during 1983 and 1984 has left the army and, two weeks ago, returned to settle in Stanley.

Keith Allan, a 42 year-old ex-chief clerk at HQ British Forces Falklands, so enjoyed his four month posting that he requested permission to remain for a second posting. There appeared to be no procedure to help such a willing soldier and the highly surprised senior officers were able to do little but delay his return to the UK by one month. To Keith it was obvious that he could only return to the Islands for any reasonable length of time as a civilian, so he presented the Royal Engineers with his resignation and set out again for Stanley.

Now happily reunited with his girlfriend Phyllis, who is a nursing sister in the civilian hospital, Keith is patiently awaiting an administrative job in the local civil service. He hopes a suitable vacancy will arise soon. Providing he can obtain suitable work, he will remain in the Falklands for at least three years.

In the Falklands, where the garrison tend to consider their posting as little short of a prison sentence, and where military misdemeanours can result in an extended tour, Mr. Allan's love for the Islands has caused some surprise. "But it is not so bad as it is made out to be", he said. "I love it down here, it's the pace of life, lack of pressures. It's clean and the average winter temperature is higher than in East Anglia. There is a bumbling amateurism about the Falklands, but it doesn't take the niceness away from it".

He believes that servicemen would enjoy their Falklands experiences more if they ignored the negative publicity about climate, conditions and people, and arrived here with more open minds. This approach has worked for him. "I was determined to accept it as I found it and I met a lot of nice people because of that".

The ex-sapper shed no tears as he said goodbye to the army after 24 years. "I had no regrets, knowing what I was coming to. It feels like I've never been in the army and I don't miss it at all."

THE GRIMMER FAMILY LEAVE BRITAIN IN FAVOUR OF THE QUIET LIFE

A family of four have just arrived from the UK to start a new life in the Falklands. It's a move which they have been considering for over two years; ever since they saw television pictures of the Islands during the war.

35 year-old Keith Grimmer is already a well known face to many Islanders, as last year he worked as a joiner on the new school at Goose Green. He and his wife, Marilyn, wanted to find a suitable place to bring up their children, Steven aged 12 and baby Edward, who is just 14 months old. While based at Goose Green, Keith had a good look around the Islands, liked what he saw, and the decision to emigrate was made.

"I wanted some of the quiet life", said Keith, who is glad to be out of what he calls "the rat race". The 8,000 mile move was not difficult. "Apart from leaving behind friends and relations in Britain, I've no regrets at all about getting out".

After a short stay in Stanley, the Grimmers are to move to Goose Green, where a job as joiner with the Falkland Islands Company awaits Keith. The family has also bought 150 acres of land which they plan to develop in the next few years.

SENIOR MILITARY OFFICERS VISIT FALKLANDS

The Forces Information Office inform that the Falklands garrison has just played host to two top-level visitors from the United Kingdom.

The first VIP visitor was Vice Admiral Sir Peter Stanford, who is Vice Chief of the Naval Staff. His familiarisation tour lasted six days and included a general inspection of Naval and Marine units, as well as courtesy visits to the RAF and the Army. As the Vice Admiral was leaving the Islands, Major General Jim Eyre of the Household Division was flying in to visit the Coldstream Guards. He spent a few days on the Islands, before leaving on the 1st October.

WILL THE FALKLANDS SOON BECOME A PLAYGROUND FOR WEALTHY TOURISTS?

That, at least, is the hope of the Development Corporation and the British Tourist Authority, whose executives are embarking on an ambitious tourism development plan.

Simon Armstrong, the Corporation's General Manager and an ex-member of the Highlands and Islands Development Board in Scotland, believes that the Falklands are now sufficiently well known and that the extraordinary abundant wildlife resources and potential for outdoor activities can attract wealthy American and European tourists in considerable numbers.

"I honestly believe that there will be enough here to keep them busy", he told the PENGUIN NEWS. He pointed out that ornithology, sailing excursions, over-land safaris, trout fishing and even skin diving will draw the well-heeled traveller in search of excitement, a taste of adventure, and, above all, something new. Even the Islands' wilderness qualities could prove to be an attraction. "The country is so beautiful and unspoiled", said Mr. Armstrong.

The Development Corporation with its budget of 4.6 million pounds is being aided in this latest enterprise by the British Tourist Authority, who agree that the potential is considerable. The new international airport at Mount Pleasant could, they believe, give the industry a green light. Following an initial study, they will promote the Falklands in the USA and Europe.

Discussions have also been held with the Canadian Tourist Board, who point to their own successful development of the Canadian Arctic where, if anything, conditions are even more difficult. They also drew attention to a profitable tourist industry in Greenland.

Simon Armstrong and his colleagues are treading carefully, anxious that the industry should not be developed at the expense of the Falklands' character and natural resources. They are well aware that vacations here will only appeal to a minority: the wealthy frequent traveller with a taste for natural beauty and a liking for a little controlled adventure. The jets from Ascension Island are not going to be full of such people, but a controlled, limited industry is exactly what the corporation is seeking. Simon Armstrong stresses that "It won't take a great industry to have an effect on the economy of the Islands".

The corporation insists that careful planning is the key to success. "The goals may be fairly modest, but we want to be confident we can achieve them", said Mr. Armstrong, adding: "It is important that when we do start developing this, we get it exactly right. We will not get a second chance".

Studies will commence soon to determine whether more hotels, restaurants, better internal communications and other infrastructure are needed. "We would be keen to assist people in upgrading existing facilities, including people on the farms who would like to convert buildings to guest houses".

The owner of Stanley's principal hotel, the Upland Goose, is already showing his confidence that the tourist industry which died when war broke out will be revived. He is building a ten-room extension to the hotel, bringing the number of rooms to 26. Each of the new bedrooms will have a private bathroom. Phyllis and Mike Rendall, who own and manage Malvina House, plan similar expansion to their six-bedroom hotel. Malvina is soon to have its entrance area converted into a restaurant, and an extension added to the front of the building, which will house the bar. Six private bathrooms are also to be installed.

Tourism as envisaged by Simon Armstrong would not be new to the Falklands. Prior to the war many hundreds of South Americans visited the Falklands, attracted largely by low priced English goods in the shops and the mystique of the Islands. There was an element of the rich American and European, who enjoyed the unspoilt environment and the wildlife, but these were few and relatively unprofitable compared to the Argentines and Brazilians. In addition, a few luxury cruise ships have regularly called at Stanley and several wildlife centres during the summer months. This aspect of the industry has not ceased and the LINDBLAD EXPLORER is expected to stop by the Falklands during three of its summer 1984/85 cruises.

At least one person with considerable pre-war experience in the tourist industry believes that the odds are heavily stacked against the development of tourism based on a market in the Northern hemisphere. "We are", said Nap Bound, owner of Outward Bound Tours, "a business which collapsed with the outbreak of war, simply too far away. Furthermore, we are so far off the beaten

track that the Islands cannot be incorporated with vacations in other parts of the world which would help justify the massive travel cost. It will certainly appeal to a few travellers, but not enough to make development of tourism facilities worthwhile." Mr. Bound bases this knowledge on pre-war experience. He estimates that he spent up to 80% of his office time writing to American tourist agencies and arranging packages which almost invariably fell through. "And that", he stresses, "was in the days when we had easy and cheap communications with South America, where many travellers were already enjoying the beauty of southern latitudes." With not a little anger, Mr. Bound points to the irony of the present official policy towards tourism. "When we had a growing and highly profitable industry based on South Americans, nobody here wanted to know about it. If some of the aid and encouragement now being offered had been around then, government revenue could have increased dramatically."

If the future of international tourism is debatable, one tiny aspect of the industry is progressing reasonably well. Servicemen frequently fly to the Islands beauty spots for rest and recreation and some farms have been providing profitable accommodation. The Military-Civil Local Resources Committee has recognised the value of this and have discussed ways of increasing this business for the good of the Islands and the military community. Simon Armstrong happily points out that this type of tourism is small scale, but it has the advantage of not being seasonal and, as personnel change constantly, the demand for local holidays is always present.

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FIC DECLARE FITZROY LAND SALES A COMPLETE SUCCESS

The Falkland Islands Company has reported that its sale of 50 acre plots near Fitzroy has been a complete success. The fifty-one small holdings along the planned route of the road between Stanley and Mount Pleasant Airport were advertised in August and immediately the company were swamped with enquiries from people eager to own their own land. The plots sell to Islanders for £500 and to intending immigrants for £1,000.

The sales followed criticism made after the war that not enough land was being made available for purchase by Islanders. The plots are obviously not large enough to support more than a few sheep, but FIC Managing Director, David Britton, points out that the plots were not intended for traditional Falklands style farming. "They are for people with initiative and a spirit of adventure", he said, "to do with them what they want." Mr. Britton is hoping the plots will be used for the growth of small businesses in the area, but emphasizes that this should happen naturally and with the minimum of bureaucratic interference.

The FIC's initiative has not entirely placated the company's critics, who still point out that Coalite's subsidiary own a disproportionately large amount of the farming land, around 45%, and that any major reformation in the agricultural system must mean more individually owned and viable sheep ranches. However it is being seen as an interesting development, and the prospective Fitzroy settlers appear to be delighted.

Already the new land-owners, who have paid deposits on the plots, are planning a variety of business enterprises, such as a horse riding centre, a river sailing club, market gardening and a shop. It is likely that several of the settlers will embark on market gardening projects, aware that the garrison at the nearby Mount Pleasant Airport will be a ready market. Other buyers see the plots simply as areas for recreation, a motive which also gains the Company's approval. "Now that so many of the beaches have been lost due to the mines", said David Britton, "it will give people somewhere to go".

Over half of the plots have been bought by Falkland Islanders and Mr. Britton is delighted that this is so. But he is also pleased that the rest of the plots are being bought by immigrants from the UK, several of whom have already arrived. And he is not concerned that some of the UK buyers may only be making speculative investments, with no intention of using their land. Would they simply become more absentee landlords? "No. The company and the Islands' representatives in London have gone to great pains to ensure the buyers are genuinely interested in settling on the Islands", he said.

Company officials are quietly optimistic that the sale of land might provide the acorn from which a new settlement will grow. "After all", said Mr. Britton

"London came from somewhere and this project has the head start of being set up on a road." The road will certainly be the main feature that could ensure the scheme's success. Gardeners will be able to take their products into Stanley or Mount Pleasant easily, and speedy access to Stanley could mean that the plots provide a solution to the town's serious shortage of accommodation.

David Britton's hope that the new owners will not be discouraged by a tangle of red tape and a heap of bureaucratic paperwork, may be futile. Already Executive Council has approved a draft of a Land Subdivision Bill, and if passed by Legislative Council, the government will be given the right to control development and building in some areas of the camp. Acting Civil Commissioner, David Taylor, told the PENGUIN NEWS that the proposed law needs more study, but confirmed that government would like a degree of control over building and use of land in certain areas. "Our intention is to try and exercise some type of planning control", he said. He confirmed also that such control would apply mainly to areas of new development affording easy access to people. The land adjacent to the Stanley - Mount Pleasant road would fit this definition. The FIC and some of the prospective settlers have already told the government of their opposition to this idea.

The government is not strongly supporting or opposing the Fitzroy Developments. "Government's view is really a fairly neutral one", said Mr. Taylor. "If people want to buy the plots and make a go of it, then that's their decision."

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RFA OLWEN DEATHS

A verdict of accidental death has been recorded at the inquest into the deaths of two seamen aboard the Royal Fleet Auxiliary ship OLWEN. Ronald Rowsell and John Hocking were killed by what the Coroner, Eryl Thomas, described as a "massive wave".

The OLWEN was sailing as a support ship in a convoy of Royal Navy vessels 760 miles north east of the Falklands when the tragedy happened. The vessel was pitching heavily in stormy seas when a huge wall of water crashed down into the forecabin. Mr. Rowsell and Mr. Hocking were members of a party inspecting storm damage on the forward deck. They were thrown against the superstructure, sustaining injuries from which they later died. Three other men were injured by the freak wave.

CHARITIES RECEIVE GENEROUS GIFTS

Gifts of money to help re-build Stanley's hospital continue to pour in. The Appeal Fund's treasurer recently reported that £864.32 had been raised during the September Goose Green two nighter. In writing to thank the donors, the Acting Civil Commissioner said he was "staggered" by their generosity.

£14,000 has now been raised through military and civilian fund raising efforts. This is in addition to a gift of £1,000,000 from millionaire Falklands fan Jack Heywood.

The RAF Battle of Britain Wings Appeal has met with similar generosity. Squadron Leader Roger Davis organised the

Falklands' appeal and made collections at HQ British Forces Falklands, RAF units throughout the Islands and at the West Store. The total collected was £227.00.

POWER STATION CONSTRUCTION "ON SCHEDULE"

Work on the new extension to Stanley's power station is well under way and, according to the Crown Agents supervisors is progressing on schedule. The station is to be fitted with two new diesel generators which will boost output from the present level of 1.2 megawatts to 3.8 megawatts. The project should be completed in time for next winter's increased demands.

The foundation and construction work is being carried out by two contractors, Fairclough and Andrew Dick of Glasgow. The generators themselves are being supplied by APE Allens and should arrive from the UK in February next year.

The total cost of the project is estimated at £2.9 million and is being met by the Overseas Development Administration.

POST OFFICE FOR EAST COVE

Final preparations are going ahead for the official opening of the post office at East Cove.

The PN will cover it, so watch this space.

BREWSTER RESIDENTS MAY FORM ASSOCIATION

People living on the Brewster housing estate may form a residents association to push for improvements to be made along Jeremy Moore Avenue. The move, which is the inspiration of Mrs. Ann Green, follows some dissatisfaction over government's development of the area since the first householders moved in a year ago.

Mrs. Green told the PENGUIN NEWS that government had promised to improve the road surface and gardens around the houses. Grass was supposed to be seeded on the front lawns and fences erected around the back gardens. Some of the residents are angry that they are still waiting for the work to be carried out.

"Nothing has been done since we moved in last December", said Mrs. Green, who lives with her two children in a Brewster Bungalow she has named Gwynfa. "There's no drainage for all the water on the front lawns and in the summer it just becomes stagnant".

Another resident, John Sherwood, was one of the first to move into the road and he too is annoyed by the delay. He said that no-one can really begin planting vegetables in the back gardens until fencing is put up to give some protection from the wind. Some of the residents of Jeremy Moore Avenue have become tired of waiting. One resident has begun to build his own fence, while others have started laying down top soil on the front lawn area with minimal help from the government.

Ann Green feels that work of this kind should be carried out by professional contractors and she wants a committee to be formed as quickly as possible to fight for the rights of the Brewster residents.

The PENGUIN NEWS has been in touch with the Public Works Department. They accept that there has been a delay, but were pleased to report that a consignment of Sandy Point timber has now arrived from Chile and they will be looking for a local contractor to build the fences later this month.

However Ann Green still wants to go ahead and form a residents association so that government's other responsibilities cannot be overlooked. "If we get together and form a committee, then people will pay more attention to us," she explained. "Considering the rents we pay here, I think we have a right to expect decent services."

The government charges between £82 and £145 for the rental of Brewster homes, the rate depending on style of house and degree of furnishing.

RMB

POLICE FILE

VEHICLE COLLISION. Police in Stanley are still to decide whether or not charges are to be brought against Robert Whitney of 3 Fitzroy Road East after his vehicle was in collision with a stationary Land-Rover belonging to Mr. Laurie Butler. After the collision, Mr. Whitney was seen by a doctor and was found not to be unfit to drive through drink. Mr. Butler has estimated that repairs to his vehicle could cost as much as £800.00.

ACTUAL BODILY HARM. Three Islanders appeared in court last Monday after a disturbance involving a sailor late at night on Saturday 29th September. In the disturbance the sailor sustained abrasions to the face, a broken nose and a leg wound which required eight stitches. Messrs John Jones and Peter McKay pleaded guilty to a charge of causing actual bodily harm and will appear in court again on Wednesday 10th October for sentencing. Erwin Allan pleaded guilty to a breach of the peace charge and was bound over for twelve months for £200.

BIRD'S BEAK BITTEN IN BAR. Finally in this week's POLICE FILE, a fight broke out between a soldier and a sailor after a quarrel in the Victory Bar last week. It appears the quarrel began when the soldier picked up a toy fluffy penguin which had been bought by the sailor during the day, and then bit off its beak. No charges were brought by either man.

THE PENGUIN POST BOX

PO Box 178, Stanley, Falkland Islands

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ALEX BETTS EXPLAINS WHY HE WENT TO ARGENTINA."THE ARGENTINE CLAIM ISN'T AT ALL RIDICULOUS"

Alex Betts is the Falklands most famous defector. He left the Islands with the Argentine forces following their surrender, and now lives in Cordoba. He has attended the United Nations on several occasions, where he spoke in support of the Argentine Government. He now works for LADE, the Argentine state airline. He has a wife, children and other close relatives still living in the Falklands.

This letter from Mr. Betts arrived recently. It will not meet with agreement from many of our readers and may anger some. However it is our policy to reflect all shades of opinion and we therefore have no hesitation in publishing Mr. Betts' writings.

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2.6.84

Dear Graham,

I have been prompted to write because news has reached me that something of a controversy has been generated in the Islands by comments I have made in the UN on the Falklands/Malvinas issue. It is an issue on which one could fill a ream of paper and still not exhaust, but I would like to make a few more general comments here.

I would like to make it very clear from the outset that no member of my family, wherever he or she may be, should be implicated by, nor associated with, anything I have said, or may say in the future, on this subject.

The old but very true saying that "hindsight is a wonderful thing" is being proven by the Falklands crisis. The most glaringly obvious thing that hindsight tells us about the Falklands conflict, is that it was completely unnecessary and could have been avoided if the previous 17 years of farcical negotiations had been conducted in a more realistic attitude. It is undeniable that the principal culprits for not approaching things too seriously were us Islanders (and I include myself here). But why wasn't there any flexibility in this attitude? The answer is really very simple - a lack of information. I don't know if this lack of information was intentional or not but because of it, we were manipulated, or allowed ourselves to be manipulated into a false sense of security and that we could go on stalling with the Argentines forever.

Probably the most significant thing that has come out of this crisis is the post-war flood of books, papers, analyses and theories that have been published on this long-running dispute. I hope that these publications have been made available to you on the Islands. Some of them are real eye-openers and throw a completely different light on issues that have been kept in the dark for far too long. A great majority of these papers and publications have been written by English authors and historians, and nearly all of them admit that the Argentine claim isn't at all ridiculous. Nor is it without foundation as we were led to believe. What a pity that revelations of this dimension weren't available before! If they had of been, perhaps 1200 men would not have lost their lives and another 2000 been injured.

You see, this argument is no different to any other. There are two sides to it but nobody at any time bothered to speak the truth for once and fill us in on the 'ins and outs' of it. For example: successive British Governments have been aware of the doubts which surround the legality of its taking of the Islands in 1833. Furthermore, little or no local history is, or was, taught in the school and in fact very few Islanders have an 'in depth' knowledge of the early local history. In any case, any

reference made to the settlers who were on the Islands between 1824 and 1833 are referred to as simply 'Spanish'. It is now clarified that these settlers were indeed Argentines from the provinces of Grand Buenos Aires and Rio Negro and had a Governor appointed by the Argentine Government of B.A.

I can remember that ten or twelve years ago, Mr. Syd Miller was voicing the opinion that the dispute should go before the International Court of Justice in the Hague to 'get the Argentines off our backs for once and for all'. Although this opinion was fairly widely supported by the community, for some reason it was never followed through and we weren't told why. In the book 'The Falklands War' by the Sunday Times Insight team, it is pointed out that very probably if the case had gone before the International Court, it is by no means certain that it would have judged in favour of the U.K. Could this be why the idea was quietly forgotten about? Imagine the uproar it would have caused if HMG had gone to the International Court and lost? Nevertheless, we would have had to swallow our pride and accept the ruling.

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"WILD TIMES ON UGANDA" - ANOTHER POINT OF VIEW

2.10.84

Dear Editor,

I am writing this in response to your article in PN Number 58 headed "Wild Times on the s.s. UGANDA."

In one paragraph you mention a broken glass. In fact it was plastic. You fail to mention that the Islander involved was very rude. Again in your narrow minded article you failed to mention the other two fights that the Islander got into. He was given rough justice for his words.

If all this happened on the s.s. UGANDA it must have happened in the first class bar which we were not permitted to enter. Why this should be, I don't know, as our company paid for our passages.

You also mention the crew saying that it was a floating gin palace. They must have had a few, because they had one or two fights among themselves.

Incidentally, there were twelve in our cabin, and not one bit of trouble.

Yours faithfully, DAVID JENKINSON, PO Box 20, Mount Pleasant Camp.

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LOCAL PENGUIN FACTORY

Falkland Islander, Lillian Kidd, told the PENGUIN NEWS last week that her cuddly toy penguin has just entered full-time production. She is now working hard to keep up with the demand for the attractive toy birds, which she is sewing and stuffing at the rate of several per day.

Her biggest customers, she explained, are the servicemen on the coastals and the workers at the East Cove airport site. She is not surprised at the demand for her furry creatures. "After all", she explained, "most of the other penguins on sale in Stanley are imported, whereas mine are true home-grown penguins."

KEREN SALES AFTER REPAIRS

Ascension - Stanley shuttle ship s.s. KEREN is due to sale today, after being laid up at the Flexi-port for repair work which lasted several weeks. A bent prop shaft on the vessel has now been straightened and KEREN has undergone a successful sea trial.

FIGAS ISLANDER INSPECTIONS

The FI Government Air Service reported last week that one of their Islander aircraft then undergoing a 50-hour inspection should be back in service today. The second Islander is having a major 1000 hour inspection and FIGAS are unable to give a date for its return to duty.

THE NEW TELEPHONE SYSTEM: CAMPERS MAY BE ABLE TO SPEAK TO THE WORLD USING 2-METRE RADIOS

Details of planned improvements to the Islands' internal communications system have been released by the post office in Stanley. The £755,000 plan has now been approved by Executive Council, and British Telecom experts are working on the actual design of the system. Stanley's extremely outdated manual telephone system will receive the lion's share of the allocated funds, but money will also be spent on radio relay stations to improve communications in the camp.

A completely automatic and modern telephone exchange involving push-button phones and a much reduced staff of operators will be the principal feature of the new system. Existing telephone lines will also have to be replaced. Unlike the present network, the cables for the new system will be laid underground. The work will require major excavations throughout Stanley, but Bill Etheridge, head of the Posts and Telecommunications Department, hopes disruption in the town will be kept at a low level.

"The plan is to integrate the telephone work with other diggings. Hopefully, we will be able to lay the cable ducts while work is being done on the new electricity and water mains." Excavations for these utilities are begin before the end of the year and Bill Etheridge hopes that design work on the telephone system will be complete by then.

The project could take up to eighteen months, although a deadline has not yet been set. The Postmaster is cautious about a time scale, pointing out that "we must always take into account the 'Falklands Factor'". However it looks as though the new system will be worth waiting for. The computer controlled exchange will be able to handle an initial six hundred lines, with a facility to incorporate many more lines into the system when they are required.

The second stage of the improvement scheme will involve upgrading communications within the camp. Plans to build a relay station on Mount Maria near Port Howard have already been approved. "There has been a big private investment in 2-metre radio sets", said Mr Etheridge, "and the government relay station should link up most of West Falkland and its surrounding Islands with Stanley." Moreover, the quality of the signal on VHF should be consistently good enough for it to be relayed abroad via satellite. Such an exciting development for Islanders living in more isolated parts is still a long way off, but when the communications programme is complete, someone on Weddell Island should be able to talk to a friend in the United Kingdom at the flick of a switch.

RMB

REVISED TELEPHONE DIRECTORY TO BE PUBLISHED SOON

A completely updated telephone directory is to be printed soon. The Post Office hopes that telephone subscribers will receive the volume in December of this year.

The current edition of the directory was published over three years ago, and is now hopelessly incomplete. An interesting feature of the slim booklet is the list of Argentine 'phone subscribers. The Argentines, who numbered less than a dozen in Stanley, were Spanish teachers or employees of the airline LADE and the YPF oil company.

JOBS FOR LOCALS AT MOUNT PLEASANT?

If local businessman Fred Clark and a British firm called Tilden Industries have their way, up to twelve Falkland Islanders may soon be employed in short-term but well paid jobs at Mount Pleasant.

Until now only one Islander has been employed at the airport site. He has a driving job which requires the special skills and knowledge of an Islander.

Tilden Industries, through their Stanley agent, Fred Clark, have tendered for a contract to build pre-fabricated accommodation for between five and six hundred site workers at Mount Pleasant. They hope that by using relatively inexpensive local labour to build cabins of their own design, the contract can be secured. The extra accommodation is needed because of Laing Mowlem and ARC's recently successful bid to build permanent military accommodation near the airport.

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Little Chay Rites

Dere Grame,

Me and my mum went down to see Ant Kelpie last nite. Poor olde Ant Kelpies not very well in the sholders since she draged that rayburn home from the rubber sheep. Unkel Ben was pretty upset to. They had just throne there gas coocker out cus the gas was costing 40£ a bottel and now he had just finished ficksin up the rayburn for oile when Big Charly cums in and tells him that a drum of oile now kots 100£ a drum.

My dad sez they will just av to go away before the Big Bale Out comes as Unkel Ben has never cut a sod of pete since he kame here, and with Ant Kelpie's bad back, she wont never cut peet agen. Ennyway, Big Charly sed theres more old peepel in the same bote and he thinks guvverment will give them free fule like he gets. They dont seem to git nuthin exsept o.a.p.

Lotz of luv from LITTEL CHAY.



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THE POST OFFICE CURE FOR A GUILTY CONSCIENCE

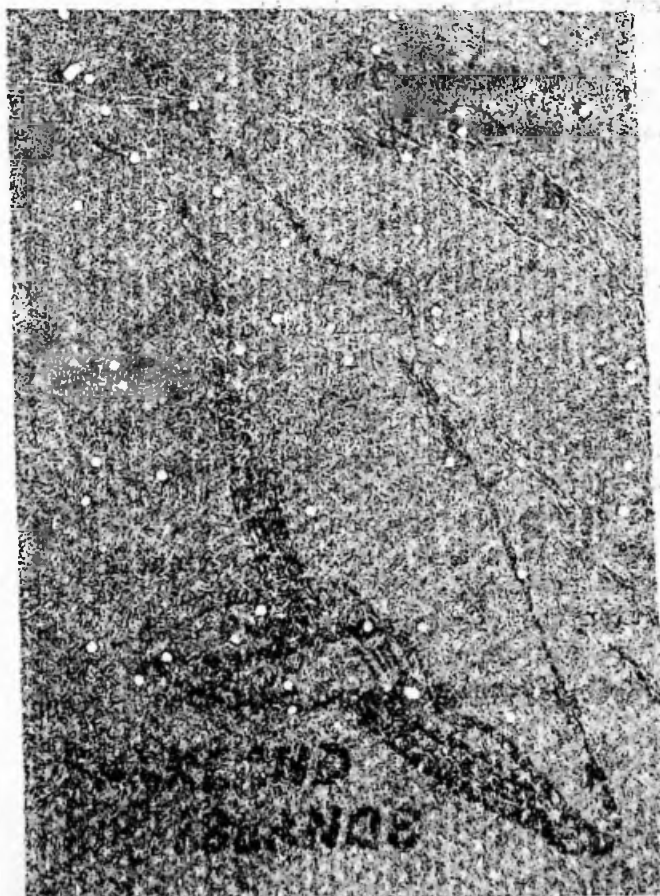
It has been announced that on Monday 5th November, the Post Office will release its final stamp issue of the year, entitled 'CONSERVE'.

The set of four postage stamps and one souvenir sheetlet were designed by Ian Strange of Nature Studio in Stanley. They are priced at 6p, 17p, 22p and 52p. The stamps feature a number of local animals. These include such birds as the South American Tern, Wilson's Petrel and the Black Browed Albatross. Among the mammals portrayed are the Falklands Sea Lion and the rare Dusky Dolphin.

The new issue is designed to reflect the Falklands awareness of the need to conserve its bird, mammal, plant and marine life" according to the Post Office. If that is so, then some might say it is about time the Islands DID take an interest in conservation. The history of the Falklands seems to have been built on the carcasses of assorted whales, seals, penguins and any other animal from which oil could be squeezed. The new issue should go a long way in easing quite a few guilty consciences around the Islands.

POSTAL CHARGES TO GO UP

Postal charges are to go up from next February, the second increase in just over a year. The cost of sending an internal letter will go up by a penny but the price of a standard airmail letter will go up by nearly 25% to 27p. Postmaster, Bill Etheridge, said the increases were due to increased costs and the general policy of bringing rates in line with the rest of the world.



JOBS FOR LOCALS AT MOUNT PLEASANT? (continued from page 10)

Mr. Clark told the PN that he hopes to employ twelve Islanders for approximately two months. The workers need not be skilled tradesmen. He describes the anticipated salary as "1,000 plus per month". His recent radio appeal for employment met with a large response and he has now received more enquiries than there will be vacancies.

If Tilden's bid is successful, the accommodation will be shipped to Mount Pleasant in kit form. The local labourers would be involved in erection, electrical, plumbing and decorating work, helped by three tradesmen from the LMA joint venture.

Fred Clark says he has gained tacit approval for the scheme from local government, who have since the earliest stages of the Mount Pleasant project been concerned that employment of Islanders there on any significant scale would lead to serious labour shortages in government and on the farms.

Mr. Clark believes that the authorities now appreciate that he is not, in his words, "going to shut down the Public Works Department, and that the work is only for two months". He stresses that Tilden's employees would be normally self-employed men and women or those normally employed by the government or FIC who have a large accumulation of leave.

Tilden Industries expect to learn early this week whether their bid has been successful.

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BAD NEWS FOR KEROSENE USERS PN number 58 contained news of the major increase in the price of kerosene, a domestic fuel used by a large number of Islanders. The fuel has risen in price from 28.7p per litre to 52.1p per litre. This sharp rise means that many householders will return to peat, which though tried, proven and abundant is considerably less convenient.

Kerosene supplies have been obtained from the Ministry of Defence since the war and the fuel was heavily subsidised by the government.

"Clearly such a subsidy could not continue indefinitely", explained a government official. "With old stocks being exhausted, the strength of the dollar against sterling and the fact that the MOD has to recover the full transport handling costs of bringing kerosene to the Colony, the price has to be increased."

TONGUE IN BEAK - A LIGHT-HEARTED LOOK AT THE FALKLANDS

A "CROSS" SECTION The Ministry of Defence news release concerning the impending visit of several Members of Parliament stressed that the VIPs are to meet a "cross-section" of the community. So far the names of the globe-trotting politicians have not been released, but if Mr. Tam Dalyell and one or two other radical thinkers are to be in the group, then the chances are that they will meet a furious section of the community.

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AIRBRIDGE ADVENTURES

The allegedly true story of an unfortunate Hercules passenger reached us recently. Some people enjoy the 4,000 mile hop more than others, but no-one can honestly say that it is a joy ride. This passenger on the north-bound journey was so convinced that it would be thirteen hours of hell that he took somewhat more than the recommended dose of sleeping pills before embarkation. As the "Fat Albert" rumbled off the airstrip, the queasy traveller slipped into a profound sleep. Had everything gone according to plan, he probably would have re-gained consciousness shortly before touchdown on Ascension. However things did not go according to plan and some twenty minutes out from Cape Pembroke, the Hercules developed a problem. The pilot turned back to Stanley, and heaving sighs of frustration the passengers stepped down on to terra firma. All except one, that is. He was carried off, and woke up some twelve hours later wondering why it was that Ascension Island bore such an uncanny resemblance to the Falklands.

THE AIRPORT CONSORTIUM'S 40 TON HEADACHE Question: How do you move an excavator and a bulldozer, each weighing nearly 20 tons, from East Cove to Port Stanley? If you know the answer, then LMA would like to hear from you. They need the machinery quickly here in Stanley to begin work at this end of the road to Mount Pleasant.

Their solution seemed simple enough. They had a word with the military at the FIPASS jetty and with the FIC, and soon the m.v. MONSUNEN was chugging around the coast with its heavy-weight cargo. It was only when the ship had tied up at the Flexiport and the crane had commenced lifting the first machine off MONSUNEN's deck, that the LMA representative, Norman Hazel, was politely informed that the vehicles could not be lifted after all. So, after a lot of head scratching, there was nothing else for it but to take them all the way back to East Cove, where they sit at the moment.

Here at the PN we have been thinking hard about the problem and think we have an answer. Why not wait for the road to be built from Mt. Pleasant to Stanley, then the machines could be driven in to town?

THE WEEK IN REVIEW (cont'd from page 2)

people it defends". Deputy Labour Leader, Roy Hattersley, said: "The government must begin to talk to the Argentines about the Falklands long term future. They ought to begin now". Mr. Hattersley said £600 million had been spent on the Falklands this year, and called this "the price of Mrs. Thatcher's pride." Addressing an audience of tax-payers, he said: "Mrs Thatcher would rather spend your money building an airfield on the Falklands than on houses in Britain." He went on to say, "we need to end both the Fortress Falklands policy and the fortress Falklands mentality which is building up in the Falklands."

EDITOR: Thanks to the BBC and Calling the Falklands for many of the above news items.

IN THE GARDEN by "Greenfinger"

Last week I passed on to you a few hints about the work you should be doing at this time of the year if you want to be assured of a bountiful crop of vegetables. Essential they are too, but not awfully pretty. So this week I thought it would be a good idea to talk about the flower bed.

It's a busy time for the flower enthusiast. Plant your seeds as soon as possible. Try POLYANTHUS, ASTERS and ZINNIAS. Most other summer flowering plants should already be sown indoors, but if you still have the seeds unplanted, just put them in a seed tray under glass and you can still get a nice show. Don't forget to use moist virgin earth, and turn the glass daily. You should cover the glass with a sheet of paper until after germination. Watering is not necessary until the seeds are ready for transplanting. This is a good time to take GERANIUM and PELARGONIUM cuttings for late flowering. If you have any GLADIOLI corms, plant them as well.

TREES and SHRUBS should be planted as soon as possible. BOXWOOD and MACROCARPA are the best evergreens to grow here, but remember; if you are lucky enough to get some MACROCARPA seedlings, see that they are well protected for the first few years. And don't make the common mistake of planting them under your window or too close to the foundations of your home. You just might upset your grandchildren. Keep digging!

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TASK FORCE NORTH

Stanley Scouts have embarked on an ambitious fund raising drive, which they hope will result in some of the group's senior members departing on an 8,000 mile adventure.

Scout Leader, Phillip Middleton, has code named the project "Task Force North". He explained to the PN that the Tristram Venture Unit of the Scouts plan to spend three weeks in Britain enjoying scouting opportunities unavailable in the Islands and possibly attending a jamboree. He plans hiking, camping and other adventurous pursuits for the boys and girls. A number of fund raising events are planned for the coming months.

Another Election Hopeful

Another candidate has stepped forward to contend the Legislative Council seat made vacant by Mr. Terry Peck's recent resignation. 34 year old Phillip Middleton, the Manager of Everards Brewery will be seeking Stanley votes in the November 5th by-election. Mr. Middleton told the PN that he plans to base his campaign firmly on the interests of Stanley and its inhabitants.

"Stanley has a very strong character of its own", said Mr. Middleton. He believes that character should not be swamped by the influx of temporary residents with the forces and the UK companies engaged in building work.

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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK Most of the more important articles in this issue were written by our Assistant Editor, Robert McBride. His name is going to become increasingly familiar to readers through his perceptive reporting of the Falklands scene.

Robert spends a full working week and rather an unfair proportion of his weekends slaving over hot typewriters and duplicators in the PN Office. We are glad to have him. Lucky, too, as a job on one of the most far-flung parts of the earth with our little newspaper is not the most obvious choice of employment for

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a young man with a degree in Russian from Liverpool University. We look forward to many more of Robert's contributions.

WE NEED YOU! Don't forget that the PN is your community newspaper and if we are to give a full service we need some help from you. Please write to us with your news. Let us know about weddings, social gatherings in the camp, news of Islanders now living overseas, in fact anything that you feel may be of interest to other readers. And when you have had enough of politicians and academics ranting about your future and your spirits are as low as the Belgrano, write to us. We are always pleased to publish readers' views in the Penguin Post Box column,

We would like to hear more from contractors and servicemen as well, especially from our several hundred readers at Mount Pleasant. Would anybody like to be a regular contributor of news from the airport site?

We look forward to hearing from you soon.

ANOTHER ELECTION HOPEFUL (continued from page 1.)

He believes there has to be positive thinking by Islanders and the local administration. "We should be proud of our achievements", he told us. "But we must also look ahead to the future of the Islands."

Phillip Middleton thinks that the Government is not doing enough to achieve development and encourage Falklanders to be optimistic and invest in the future of the Islands. To bring about this encouragement from above, Mr. Middleton believes that more Islanders should be involved in the running of the Administration. "There seems to be too many people from the UK on short contracts in the government." He thinks that with so many "outsiders" in control, decisions are taken which are not necessarily in the best interests of Stanley's population.

"The Islands should be more self reliant and more should be done to represent the interests of the small traders against all the big outside contractors," he told the PN. As the manager of the small Stanley brewery, Phillip Middleton is angry about the lack of help for local business. "Why, for example, should it only be the Islanders who pay duty," he says with more than a hint of frustration in his voice. He believes that government is giving an excessively easy ride to the big companies, and that the Falklands should make more out of their activities. "I have seen these sort of companies getting away with it before and at the moment, the Falklands Government is on a loser."

Mr. Middleton firmly believes that the future of the Islands lies with the young. As an extremely active youth leader, he believes he is in a good position to speak out for the rights and needs of young people in the Islands. "We have a good record as far as 'O' levels go, but there aren't enough apprenticeships." If elected, Phillip Middleton would push for far greater youth opportunities. He warned that neglecting the needs of young people could have dire consequences. "If they aren't attracted to stay and work in the Islands, then the young people are going to start leaving in their droves."

Away from the domestic scene, the aspiring councillor has strong feelings about the dispute with Argentina. He shares with most Islanders the view that the Falklands should have no dealings with the Buenos Aires government. "Eventually", he said, "the UK government will have to come to some agreement with Argentina about Antarctica. But those talks must be closely monitored so that no arrangement includes the hiving off of such dependencies as South Georgia." Mr. Middleton is very wary of the British Foreign Office. He says that the local administration should closely watch the FCO.

Although Mr. Middleton will have no truck with Argentina, he would not oppose the development of useful relationships with some other countries of South America. "Any relations with the outside world are a must", he said.

Phillip Middleton does not believe that his expatriate Englishman status will be a disadvantage when standing for election against people born in the Islands. "Having been here for six years through all the troubles and the Argentine invasion, I think people will realise I am seriously committed to the Islands."

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TOWN HALL LIMITED TO 150 PEOPLE

The secretariat has announced that the temporary fire precautions limiting the capacity of the main dance hall - cinema to 150 persons could be lifted in time for the traditional Christmas and New Year celebrations. The precautions were introduced after the hospital fire, when the Forces Fire Officer made recommendations concerning safety in all public buildings.

Since the implementation of the report, organisers of social functions in the Town Hall's large upstairs room have not been able to admit more than 150 persons. In addition, the organisation or individual hiring the hall must appoint three people who are to act as a fire picket, patrolling the ground floor to give advance warning of any fire.

Many people have expressed their concern that the restrictions would severely interfere with dances at Christmas, during the sports and over the New Year, a period when many camp people are in Stanley. Functions during the festive season are generally attended by more than three hundred. However Government Secretary, Bernard Pauncefort, has told the PN that it is hoped the restrictions will be lifted before Christmas. Mr Pauncefort said that smoke detectors, fire proof paint and emergency lighting equipment have been ordered from the UK and that, providing they arrive and are installed in time, the Town Hall should be able to accommodate many more than the present 150.

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SETBACK FOR THE FOX BAY MILL

The recently established Fox Bay Mill Company inform that their development plans have suffered a major set-back. Important components for the spinning frame, the mills most complex piece of machinery, were not included in a recent shipment of machinery from the UK. According to the Mill's directors, a case of components was wrongly marked and shipped to Pakistan.

A team of three advisors from Galashiels in Scotland who are at Fox Bay have thus been impeded in their work. However company directors Richard and Grizelda Cockwell told the PN, "it is still hoped that it will be possible to complete erection of the machinery before Christmas while the team from the Scottish College of Textiles is still here". They pointed out, however, that "this will depend on the arrival of the missing case". In the meantime the Mill's directors, employees and advisors continue the setting up of other equipment.

SECURITY ROAD BLOCK AT RAF STANLEY

The Ministry of Defence Information Office has announced that, for security reasons, the Surf Bay entrance to Stanley Airport shall be closed at night. The Joint Liaison Committee agreed to the move, which came into effect last

Friday. The entrance will be closed between 19.00 each night and 07.00 the next day. During those hours the only entrance to the Airport will be along the Coastal road and across Boxer Bridge. Signs will be erected at the turn-off on the main airport road.

SOUTH ATLANTIC MARINE SERVICES - TOURISM COMPANY ESTABLISHED IN STANLEY

Englishman, Dave Eynon, and his Falklands-born wife Carol told the PN last week that they are forming a new company, to be called South Atlantic Marine Services. The business, said Mr. Eynon, "will concentrate on both commercial and sports diving, and boat and overland charters. The company will eventually be well placed to offer the overseas and local tourists the facilities to enjoy a holiday to suit all adventurous and academic tastes." Diving, water skiing and fishing equipment will be supplied.

Mr. Eynon will carry on with his commercial and salvage diving operations, using many years of experience as a professional diver in the North Sea.

Starting this week, South Atlantic Marine Services are offering a variety of sport and recreation trips that they believe will appeal to local and expatriate civilians as well as military personnel. Fishing excursions and scuba diving trips on wrecks of interest in Port William and Stanley Harbour are also being offered. Dave Eynon stresses that his company's services will also appeal to the less adventurous. Inflatable boat tours of famous sailing ship hulks around Stanley and visits to a nearby tussock island can be arranged.

Initially operations will depend on inflatable boats, but the company's schooner PENGUIN will be brought into service early in 1985.

Anyone requiring more details of SAMS should call Mr. and Mrs. Eynon on 'phone number 145.

THE SCHOOL HOSTEL - SECOND TIME LUCKY

Mr. Alex Reed, site engineer for the Laing Mowlem and ARC consortium at the Stanley School Hostel site, told the PN that the project is progressing on schedule. Although the ten man team is still involved in excavation and foundation work, it seems that the 10th February completion date will be met.

The pre-fabricated building designed by Falkland Islander, Gerald Dixon, is being manufactured by Wyseplan Ltd. in the UK and some of the sections are believed to have left Britain on the 5th October. A team of between twelve and twenty sub-contractors will erect the sections under LMA supervision.

The present school hostel project in the grounds of Stanley House marks the F.I. Government's second attempt to solve the acute education problem inherent in the need to teach children living in small, scattered communities around the Islands. The hostel approach means that older children can study in Stanley, where teachers and resources can be centralised.

The first hostel attempt, which was funded by the Overseas Development Administration, took years to build and was never accepted by the Government. They claimed that the single story structure was poorly built and even dangerous.

Alex Reed of LMA believes that the second school hostel will be much more acceptable. He pointed out that the building will be able to satisfy the most stringent UK requirements for safety and sound construction. Safety measures in their building will include modern heat and smoke detectors. "After the hospital fire", said Mr. Reed, "the risks are always in our minds".

Mr. Reed is pleased with progress at Stanley House and he is confident that the project will be carried out swiftly and efficiently. "It should be a good quality contract", he said. "It should please the locals and that is the essence of it all".

TRAWLERS MAKE GOOD USE OF BERKELEY SOUND

The Harbour Department in Stanley told the PN last week that twenty-seven vessels from foreign fishing fleets operating around the coasts visited

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THE PENGUIN POST BOX

PO Box 178, Stanley, Falkland Islands

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"SINK MOANER TAM DALYELL"

Dear Editor,

In almost every "Calling the Falklands" programme and in many other news bulletins from the B.B.C., we hear that wonderful lady, Margaret Thatcher, reviled with, "Why did you order the sinking of the 'General Belgrano'?" It is time that we, of these Islands, gave her our support.

You, as well as I and many others, lived in Stanley during the occupation of the Islands by Argentine forces, and have no illusions as to what our future lifestyle would have been had they not been forcibly removed by the brave British Task Force. In my opinion, I feel that Mr. Tam Dalyell and his few misguided followers, would not have cared two scottish 'hoots' if our submarines had destroyed a dozen Belgrano's. But lacking some other reason, the sinking gave him a golden opportunity to endeavour to blacken the character of Mrs. Thatcher.

As the Belgrano was reported to be steaming five miles outside the Exclusion Zone, she was just as dangerous by twenty minutes, as if she had been five miles inside the Zone, and quite rightly she should have been attacked.

No one is more sorry than I at the loss of life suffered on the warship but we would all have been more saddened if British ships had been sunk by the Belgrano.

I am heartily disgusted at these "Prime Minister, Get Out!" fanatics and have no doubt that they wished the Task Force to be defeated, and thus rid themselves of these "miserable" Islands. As it was not, they turned to the General Belgrano incident to vent their spleen on the Prime Minister.

ANON

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"WILD TIMES ON UGANDA": A VIEW FROM MOUNT PLEASANT

Dear Sir,

With reference to your article in PN No. 58, "Wild Times on the Uganda", I myself was involved in an incident with one of the Islanders on the trip and would like to voice the building contractors' story.

While having a quiet drink with a friend, we were confronted by two very drunk Islanders, who then started abusing us, Britain and the troops. One of them said he did not care how many of the troops died. When told to keep away from us, he swung a punch at me and received a punch on the nose for his troubles. It seems to me that some of the Islanders have very short memories. My friend returned only two years ago from your Islands minus a leg. As you know, many boys did not come home. We at home are very proud and grateful for what the young soldiers achieved and know that most Islanders feel the same. So do you think it surprising that after comments like that, a violent response occurs?

The Islander I struck was involved in three separate incidents in the first five days, on each occasion for comments made to the builders. In one incident he received a blow from a young Welsh lad. To understand the Welshman's feelings, you need only read the memorial at Fitzroy.

I'm not saying us builders are angels, but we're here to work and improve the facilities on the Islands. We do not expect to hear derogatory remarks about the young boys from home who died.

I hope in some way I have expressed the anger felt about the comments made, and about the one-sided article in your paper. I know we have no choice for the

way we reacted but I hope you can understand why. Some people here may have forgotten the young lads that died but we at home in Britain never will.

Thank you,

ANON.

THE OTHER SIDE OF THE UGANDA STORY CONTINUES

Dear Editor,

I am sorry that somebody has taken it upon themselves to write lies about the ss UGANDA. Now how about the truth for a change.

There were 160 contractors who boarded the ship, only to find themselves 12 to a room. The bunks were, true enough, fit for children. They were 5' by 2'6" and the thin mattresses were 4'6" by 2'. Most of us being 6', it was a nightmare trying to sleep. But there was plenty to do on board i.e. joining in on P.F. with the armed forces, there were four deck games, two swimming pools, a sun deck and competitions with the forces. So, after all that a lot of us were tired and any aggression in us had gone. All we wanted to do in the evenings was walk on deck, play cards or darts and watch videos. Most of us drank pepsi's and lemonade because the alcohol was out of date. We were segregated from all women and Islanders. The forward part of the ship was private and out of bounds to us all but when the women and Islanders came in our part of the ship, nothing was said.

As for the troubled times on board, I will start with the broken glass part of it all which began when one of the Islanders came into our bar a bit tipsy. He said a few nasty words to a contractor and our bloke being the smaller of the two, said a few words and quietly walked away. This went on for four nights, until in the end the contractor called him a 'Benny'. Both being tipsy, the Islander struck out and the other man hit him back. This caused the Islander to fall, hitting his head. We all got smacked wrists for it the next morning by the Sergeant Major.

Regarding the contractor with broken ribs: the man was a bit drunk and left the lounge to go to bed. In the depths of the ship it is difficult to walk down slippery steps when the ship is rolling. He fell from the top to the bottom and that is how he developed rib problems.

Other than these isolated troubled times, we gave the Islander children sweets, money, soft drinks and played games with them all the way to the Falklands. I would like to think that our side of the story will be published and so, I expect, would the armed forces.

Yours sincerely, M.G.J., Spokesman for all UGANDA contractors.

THE SOUTH ATLANTIC COUNCIL: A READER ASKS WHY THEY ARE NOT IN ARGENTINA PERSUADING PRESIDENT ALFONSIN TO GIVE UP HIS CLAIM

5.10.84

Dear Sir,

How strange that all the talk of finding solutions to the fundamental issues ie contention between Great Britain and Argentina has so far come from just about every source but one: Argentina. There are, as far as Argentina is concerned, no fundamental issues in contention, only sovereignty. That will only be discussed if the outcome of any talks are in favour of Argentina.

The South Atlantic Council, incidently, were very careful not to use the word sovereignty in their cleverly worded discourse. They dismissed as ludicrous any suggestion that the Falkland Islands are British and are going to remain so.

May I ask why the SAC are not in Argentina trying to persuade the government of President Alfonsin that they should give up any idea of trying to claim sovereignty and be content with business and economic ties with the Falklands?

I would ask anyone who is thinking of writing to the South Atlantic Council to ask why is the comment 'Go away and leave us alone', as Dr. Mitchell admits, the most likely reply. Why should it not be worth making? Could the answer be that it doesn't fit in with the SACs plans? And, finally, I would ask why should Islanders consider the SAC as their voice in London?

Yours sincerely, TERRY GALLIGAN, PO Box 158, Port Stanley.

(Alex Betts letter is on Page 9)

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TRAWLERS IN BERKELEY SOUND (continued from page 4)

Berkeley Sound during the first three weeks of September this year. The visitors included twenty-five Polish ships, as well as one flying the Russian flag and one from the Philippines. The trawlers use the sheltered water of the Sound to transfer catches to freighters and replenish supplies.

FIRE AT WORKERS HOSTEL - £1,000 OF DAMAGE

Workers from the Amy Roadstone Construction company hope to move back into Waverly House in Stanley early this week, after the fire which broke out there during the dawn hours of last Wednesday. The six men who were in the house at the time discovered the fire just after 5.00 a.m., but the alarm was not raised until nearly an hour later.

The company's Stanley manager, Mr. Geoff Crompton, said that while some of the men tackled the blaze, the other occupants of the house had great difficulty in contacting the Fire Brigade. Mr. Crompton said his men had called at a number of houses before finding one which had a telephone. "I am not happy that there is no public telephone or fire alarm at that end of the town", he told us.

When the town's sirens were sounded, however, the Fire Brigade were at the scene within a few minutes. Mr. Crompton said he was pleased at the quick response.

It is thought that the fire started at the electricity meter near the John Street entrance to the house. The building has received extensive re-wiring work recently and the system had been passed as safe by the Stanley Power and Electrical Department.

Because of water and smoke damage and the need to replace the junction box in the house, the repair bill could reach £1,000.

Fire Chief, Mr. Pat McPhee, refused to make any comment on the fire when approached by a PN reporter.

GOVERNMENT PROMOTIONS AND NEW APPOINTMENTS

Several local government employees have recently received promotions in the civil service. Mr. Peter King has taken up the post of Assistant Government Secretary and Clerk of Councils after several years at the Secretariat as Executive Officer. Mr. Andy Brownlee has taken Mr. King's place as Executive Officer after leaving the Treasury, where he was Assistant Income Tax Officer. The vacant Treasury post has been filled by Mr. Jimmy Stevenson, who previously worked in the Meteorological Station and with the Air Service.

In London, Mr. Alistair Cameron was recently appointed representative of the Falklands Government in the FI Government Office. He replaced ex-councillor Adrian Monk, who retired from the Office some weeks ago. Mr. Cameron, who is an Islander, spent some time as a civil servant in Stanley.

PEOPLE PEOPLE PEOPLE PEOPLE PEOPLE PEOPLE PEOPLE PEOPLE PEOPLE PEOPLE

DORA'S HOME FROM HOME - AN ISLANDER DOES HER BIT FOR THE TROOPS

Wartime always seems to bring out the best in people. From the meek to the mighty, all seem to want to "do their bit". Once the British forces had retaken Stanley in 1982, Dora Ford, like everyone else, decided it was time to do her bit. She came across four rather damp and miserable soldiers whose tent was doing its best to imitate a kite in the fierce winter storm. So she invited them into her house on Philomel Street. And there they stayed for four months, while pre-fabricated barracks were brought down for the troops from the UK.

The soldiers left Dora's house, grateful for being saved from the damp "bivvy" blues. But by the time the lodgers had left, news of Mrs. Ford's hospitality had spread through the garrison. A couple of soldiers started dropping in for tea. Then a few more, and a few more, until the Ford family's kitchen was the regular meeting place for a crowd of troops during their breaks.

Now, in Dora's cosy kitchen, two kettles are always steaming away on the peat stove and if they drop in at the right time, her visitors can always expect a cake straight from the oven. "Mid-morning smoko is always the favourite", Dora explained. At that time of the day she can always expect six or seven around her table. In a week she normally caters for a platoon and a half's worth of soldiers, with Sunday afternoon being the busiest time. "I just like seeing the boys in here," she said. "They keep on telling me it's like a home from home for them".

As each unit finish their tour, they introduce their replacement to Dora and her husband Jimmy. So the soldiers just keep on coming and the tea keeps on flowing. Dora explained that she sees the largest number of "boys" just before the arrival of a new unit, when the departing unit come to say goodbye. Just before a recent departure of the troop ship UGANDA, all records were broken when twenty-one soldiers arrived at her house. "A line of them just kept on coming through the door", she explained. "I didn't know when the line was going to stop". But as far as Dora is concerned, the more's the merrier and she is proud that all twenty-one of the visitors went away full of tea and cake.

In recognition of her sterling efforts, the "boys" gave her a plaque just before they left with the inscription, "in recognition of your endless hospitality, your warm welcome and treasured friendship."

"I can't count how many boys have been here", said Dora. For almost a year she has kept a visitor's book in which she has collected the names of three hundred regular visitors. But the number of men who have sat around her tables since the end of the war must be at least double that figure. One can only guess at the gallons of tea which must have been brewed since June 1982.

"It's going to be different when the boys are moved out to Mount Pleasant next year", she told me sadly. "It'll certainly be a sad day when they leave". As we talked there was a knock on the window. Three of her "boys" had arrived. She cheered up. "Oh well, better put the tea on I suppose".

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ANOTHER ELECTION HOPEFUL (continued from page 2)

He went on to point out that being an "expat" may well prove to be an advantage, as he has had the opportunities to taste life in other parts of the world. He feels he has gained experiences that can be useful to an elected member of the Government.

Phillip Middleton's approach is one of energetic development, relying on optimism and self respect among Islanders. "During my time here", he said, "I've seen enough of the decline. Let's now start to rebuild."

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At least one other person will be a candidate on nomination day, 22nd October. He is Mr. Terry Betts, Chairman of the General Employees Union.

ALEX BETTS WRITES FROM ARGENTINA

In our last issue we published the first part of a letter from Alex Betts, an Islander who left to live in Argentina at the end of the war. The second part of Mr. Betts' letter follows.

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Cordoba, 2.6.84

The UK Government were twice very near to taking a positive step in trying to reach a basis for a negotiated settlement with Argentina. The first in 1968 with the "Memorandums of Understanding". The second, and to a lesser degree, was with the lease-back idea. The first attempt was headed off by what is now known as the Falkland Islands Committee. In the same book that I mentioned earlier (The Falklands War), they make no bones about the issue that this Committee was founded with the sole object of protecting the Falkland Islands Company's interests in the Islands and not out of any sense of protectionism of the Islanders and their interests. The claim to "remain British" and "self determination" were used as a cover to achieve another objective, which explains why the travel expenses of various FI Committee officials from the UK visiting the Islands were absorbed by the accounts department of FIC in Stanley.

Nobody at any time has put in doubt the Islanders right to being British by descent nor would this right be infringed in the future. This dispute is a territorial one between the opposing governments and not of the nationality of the inhabitants, who until 23rd March 1983 were simply Falkland Islanders. Now with the Nationality Act of the aforementioned date islanders enjoy the right of being British Subjects equal to any other inhabitant of the U.K. I am inclined to agree with the idea that this Act has weakened the argument of self-determination. How can a minority group of 1800 Self-determine from a majority of 55 million?

In 1980 Nicholas Ridley very nearly 'sold' the lease-back idea (despite the contradicting evidence given to the Franks Committee), but being a diplomat he spoke in a diplomats language and although he indicated very plainly the dangers of stalling Argentina any longer, the full import of his words were lost or ignored. Possibly because he overlooked the most important thing of all once again, the admission that there exists room for doubt of the sovereignty issue. Nevertheless he won a wide and varied section of the public's support. This was reduced to nothing by Adrian Monks speech of New Years Eve. Mr. Monk was astute enough to wait for Mr. Ridley to leave the islands before making his counter-attack. Therefore there was no-one to refute him. Not even Governor Rex Hunt, representative of the Crown and HMG replied to Mr. Monk. This is odd when one considers that Mr. Ridley's proposal was a British government proposal and not something he thought up out of the blue!

Referring back to the evidence taken in the islands by the Investigating Committee of the Franks Report; I don't know if copies of this are available to the general public back there. Probably not. Although it cost me a good deal of money, I have been able to obtain copies which I have read very closely. They make very interesting reading indeed. I think some of the frankest answers to the questions were made by Don and Margaret Davidson. Perhaps it was because they were intending to leave the islands. I think it is well worth recapping what they said, which in brief was this:

The real culprits for what happened in April of 1982 were the islanders with their intransigence.

That in February of 1983 (when the evidence was taken) the situation in local government administration and politics had returned to its pre-war status of the 'ruling-clique' and its everlasting round of cocktails.

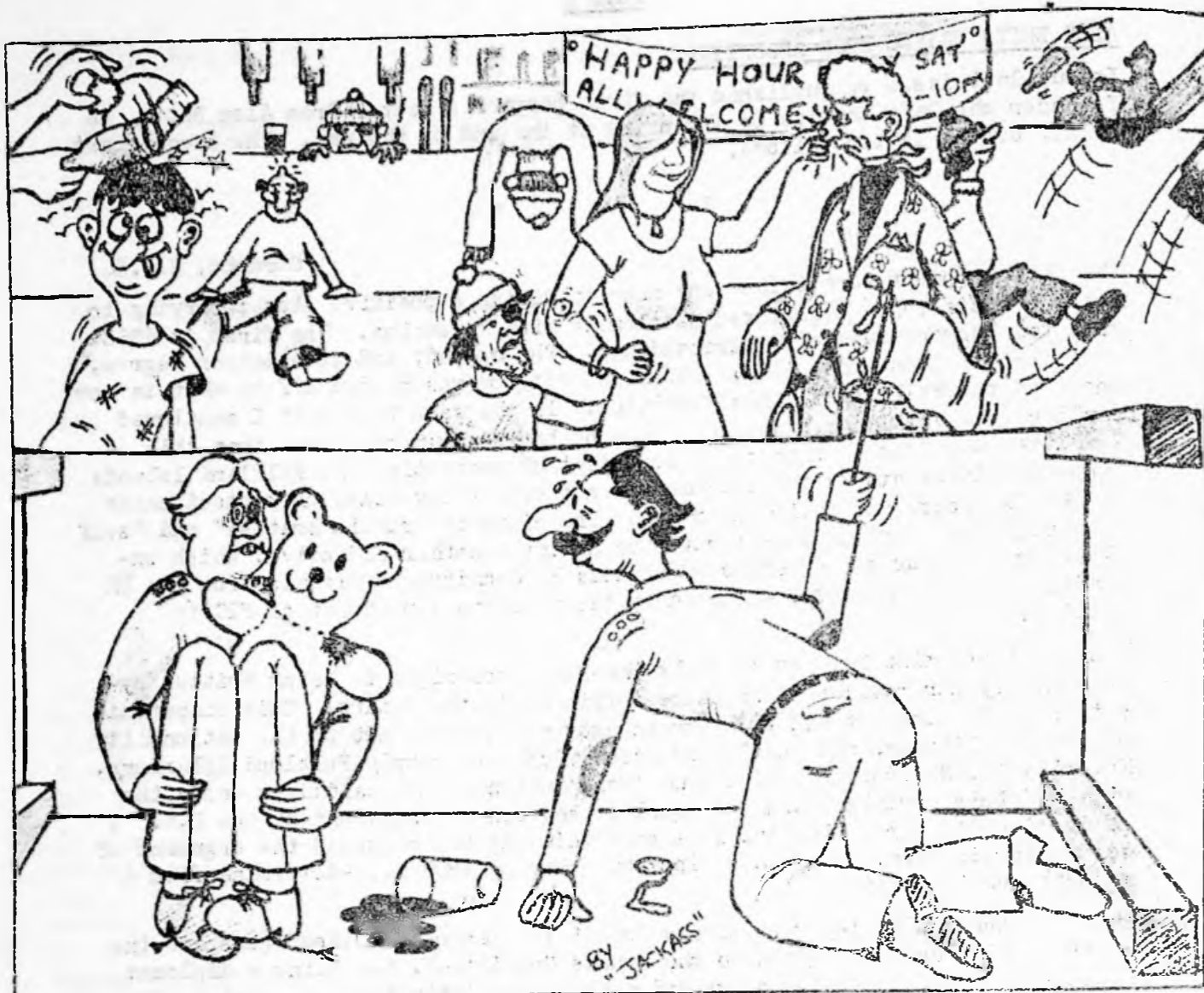
The islands can't remain a colony and a drain on the British public forever.

That some sort of solution to the present situation will be found, to ensure greater stability and security, and, in finding this solution, it will undoubtedly involve Argentina.

HMG should be offering options and not looking for answers from the island population.

HMG should be offering real long-term development and expansion and not the 'carrots on sticks' of the present.

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"FOR HEAVENS SAKE CARUTHERS, WHAT DID THEY TELL US AT SANDHURST ABOUT THIS TYPE OF WARFARE?"

POLICE FILE

ISLANDERS GUILTY OF ACTUAL BODILY HARM

Two Islanders were sentenced last Wednesday for causing actual bodily harm to a sailor in Stanley on Saturday 29th September. In the assault, the sailor sustained abrasions to the face, a broken nose and suffered a leg wound which required eight stitches. Co-accused, Messrs John Jones and Peter McKay, had already pleaded guilty to the charge at a previous court appearance on Monday 1st October. They were ordered by presiding Magistrate, Miss Eryl Thomas, to pay a £200 fine each and both were given a six months prison sentence suspended for twelve months.

ASSAULT CHARGE FOR MOUNT PLEASANT WORKER

A vehicle driver with the LMA construction consortium at the Mount Pleasant Airport site appeared in court last Thursday charged with the assault of Miss Margaret Paterson, a worker from the same site. The Magistrate, Miss Eryl Thomas, was told that the incident occurred during the early hours of the previous day. Miss Paterson and her friend Miss Jeanna McCann had returned to their shared room after a private party in one of the site's accommodation lounges. The two women had just changed for bed when the accused, Mr. Leonard Jones, entered the room, which had been left unlocked. It was alleged that Mr. Jones was shouting and became abusive to Miss McCann. The court heard that Miss Jones had tried to calm the man, but he had turned on her instead.

It was claimed that Mr. Jones then gripped Margaret Paterson by the throat and threw her across the bed, where she hit her neck on the edge of the bed frame. She stated that since the incident she had been unable to swallow solid food and had suffered from a swollen and sore throat.

The defendant told the Magistrate that he had not known Miss Paterson before the incident, but stated that he had been friendly with Miss McCann for three weeks previously. In mitigation Mr. Jones said: "I've never done this sort of thing before. I'm sorry it happened."

Leonard Jones pleaded guilty to the charge of assault occasioning actual bodily harm. He was fined £250 by the court and given seven days to pay.

FAIRCLOUGH-MILLER EMPLOYEE REPATRIATED AFTER G.B.H. CHARGE

An employee of the Fairclough-Miller building consortium has been sent back to the United Kingdom following a court appearance a week ago.

Mr. Steven Large was charged with causing grievous bodily harm to the firm's manager, Mr. Bill Campbell on the 5th October. The court heard that Mr. Campbell had left the bar at the Hillside camp at 10.20 p.m. and in an incident a short time later suffered extensive injuries. It was alleged in the court that Mr. Large, a clerk with the company, had followed the manager and assaulted him in the camp. In the alleged assault, Mr. Campbell was hit in the face and knocked to the ground. He sustained severe bruising to the left side of his face. It was said that damage to his teeth will result in two being extracted.

Mr. Campbell told the court that he was sure it was the accused who assaulted him. Mr. Large pleaded not guilty to the charge and the Magistrate dismissed the case because of lack of evidence. However, Steven Large was put onto m.v. KEREN the same morning for repatriation to the U.K. A spokesman for the company, Mr. John Retford, refused to comment on the matter when approached by a PN reporter. He said that any dealings between Fairclough-Miller and its employees are confidential.

POLICE MESSAGE

Chief Superintendent Bill Richards of the Stanley Police Force has said he is concerned that persons arriving in the Falklands are often unaware of the regulations concerning driving licences.

He asked the PN to point out that any person can drive on Stanley's roads for a period of six months following their arrival providing they hold a vehicle licence valid in the United Kingdom. However, these documents must be submitted to the Chief of Police for checking and recording purposes before a motorist ventures onto the highways. The holder of a British or international permit must obtain a Falklands licence after six months of residence in the Islands.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS

MARRIAGES

- 27th September 1984. Margaret Ann Evans and William Andrew Nutt Goodwin. In the FIDF Club, Stanley.
- 29th September 1984. Jacqueline Denise Morrison and Kenneth Morrison. At Port Howard.

ENGAGEMENT

Melvyn Curran is pleased to announce the engagement of his eldest daughter, Sharon, to Rex, youngest son of Sinclair and Lorna Grace. In New Zealand. Melvyn Curran is an Islander now resident in New Zealand.

DEATH

10th October 1984. Mrs. Coral Ines Barton. Mrs. Barton died in Stanley where she was receiving medical attention. Mrs. Barton, who was known to everyone as Col, had lived for many years at Teal Inlet, where her husband, David, is the manager. To Mr. Barton, Leif and John, we offer our most sincere sympathy.

IN YOUR WEEKLY PENGUIN NEWS NEXT MONDAY ...

- * Terry Peck knocks his critics for six
- * We meet the busy bomb disposal men of the Falklands
- * A new cooking feature
- * Laughs galore with Little Chay and our cartoonist, "Jackass"

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Islanders off to U.N.

Stanley councillor John Cheek leaves the Falklands tomorrow, the 23rd October, at the start of a diplomatic mission to the United Nations. He will be followed later this week by fellow councillor Tim Blake.

The two men have a formidable task ahead of them, as an independent deputation which, with the support of Britain and precious few other countries, will oppose the Argentine inspired General Assembly motion urging a return to negotiations that will result in a permanent settlement of the Falklands dispute.

The two Islanders are not under the illusion that their rhetoric can swing international opinion to the side of the Falklands. Indeed, they are sure that con-
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F.I.G. Kerosene

Bonanza!

Argentine supplies may solve fuel crisis

An early Christmas present of 20,000 gallons of kerosene could soon be made available to hundreds of Islanders - courtesy of the Argentine Government. The news is particularly timely as many people are feeling the squeeze from the recent huge rise in the price of kerosene available from Ministry of Defence stocks. Government recently announced a price hike of almost 90%, from 28.7 pence per litre to 52.1 pence per litre.

The fuel, which at the moment is sitting in four massive dumps at Fox Bay, was left by the Argentines after the war. It was then classified as JP 1 aviation fuel, but a recent report has recommended that it should be downgraded to standard kerosene due to deterioration. The report also says that although some of the 464 drums have started leaking and are therefore unsafe, the majority of the containers can still be salvaged.

Officially classified as spoils of war, the drums are said to be the property of the Ministry of Defence. It appears that the Ministry have two options open to them for disposing of the fuel before it deteriorates any further. They can either sell it to the Government or dispose of the huge quantity at

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siderations far removed from anti-colonialism, South American solidarity and other noble sounding principles that seem so important to the Argentine Government are such that support for the Falklands will be less than it ever has been. The Argentines are certain to have their motion carried.

Despite the debate's foregone conclusion, the Councillors feel their mission is justified. "It's important that we take the opportunity of putting before the UN the wishes of the Falkland Islanders", says John Cheek. He adds: "We have to show ourselves to be independent in what we say". A British Government allegation, he believes, is not enough. Apparently most of Councillor Cheek's constituents would agree with him and are quite happy to pay the £10,000 annual bill for such diplomatic missions. At the public meeting organised by John Cheek and his colleague on Council, Bill Goss, this feeling came over strongly. "£10,000 is a small price for what you are doing", said Robin Pitaluga of Salvador.

The estimated 65 people in the Town Hall represented only about 8% of the Stanley constituency, but John Cheek said afterwards that he believes the people gathered there expressed feelings typical of folk all over the Falklands. "I know there are people who think differently to that", he said, "but they are in a very small minority".

Many of the Stanley citizens, as well as a few visitors from the camp, were forthright in their insistence that the globe-trotting councillors do not budge from their traditional opposition to talks and renewed links between the Islands and Argentina. When Councillor Cheek said "We want no talks with Argentina and no return to communications and YPF Agreements", there was a chorus of "hear, hear" from the floor, a chorus which was interspersed with voices loudly exclaiming: "no agreements, no agreements!"

The Falklands debate in the General Assembly of the United Nations is scheduled for the 30th or 31st of this month.

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KEROSENE BONANZA (cont'd from page 1)

sea. The Falklands Government are hoping that the MOD will choose the first option. "It would help them get rid of what could be a bad pollution problem," said Government Secretary, Bernard Pauncefort.

He has been instructed by the Standing Finance Committee to make representations to the Ministry with a view to buying the fuel on behalf of FIG. As yet no price has been disclosed, but it is hoped that the MOD will sell the fuel at a give-away price because it is not thought to be of any use to the forces. The Government have told the PENGUIN NEWS that they are not interested in making a profit out of the deal, and they would make the kerosene available to Islanders at the same price paid by the Government. Mr. Pauncefort pointed out that, due to the massive demand which they believe would be created, preference would be given to the elderly consumers and families on low incomes when and if the fuel is distributed.

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POLICE FILEFINES AFTER FIGHT AT MOUNT PLEASANT

A worker from the airport construction site appeared in court last Monday charged with two offences after a disturbance at a birthday party on the 5th October. James King, a brick layer with the LMA construction consortium, was charged with being armed with an offensive weapon with intent to cause actual bodily harm and with assaulting David Harvey, thereby occasioning him actual bodily harm.

The court was told that David Harvey was a friend of the accused, and it was to his party that James King had been invited. The party went on long after the bar had closed, and at 4.00 o'clock the following morning a disagreement occurred between Mr. King and several other people at the party. Blows were exchanged which he had bought off a soldier on the s.s. UGANDA. David Harvey approached Mr. King and attempted to disarm him. In the struggle

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"IT'S ABOUT THAT NEW LOCAL LAD YOU PUT ON THE DIGGERS, BOSS. HE SAYS THANKS FOR THE JOB, AND HE'LL BE BACK IN A WEEK WHEN HE'S FINISHED CUTTING HIS MUM'S PEAT."

The Penguin Visits the Minefield Men

If there is one army unit which is familiar to all Falkland Islanders, it is 49FOD, the Minefield Men. Some two and a half years after the Argentines returned to their country, this small unit of sappers is still fighting the war, locating and dealing with the deadly litter of mines and unexploded ammunition.

Our reporter, Robert McBride, recently visited 49FOD. His report follows.

"It's a great job", said Captain Bowen. "All these lovely bombs to play around with". Whether it is fun or not, Captain Paddy Bowen, head of the Royal Engineers Explosive Ordnance Disposal Unit knows that his job has a deadly serious side to it. Two of his predecessors set off mines while working with the Argentine legacy, and both lost limbs. Indeed, it is thought that more people have been maimed since the war than during the ten week campaign. Due to this high casualty rate, the known minefields have been fenced, and the work of clearing mined areas has been suspended. The engineers of FOD no longer have to inch their way through the deadly areas of beach and land feeling for mines with bayonets.

But the sappers are still hard at work on the seemingly endless task of battlefield clearance. For months now, lines of engineers from the thirty strong unit have been sweeping the hillsides which were the scenes of bloody battles in 1982. In a reversal of the British advance during the war, the sappers are gradually working west from Stanley into the camp, reclaiming large tracts of land which were once marked on the mines clearance map in ominous red ink.



At present the team is working on the slopes of Mount Kent, where they are finding what Paddy Bowen calls, "lots of interesting stuff." The "stuff" on Mount Kent includes such nasty surprises as unexploded shells, grenades and a fair sprinkling of small ammunition. Most dangerous though, has been the discovery of two bomblets from a cluster bomb, one of the most effective weapons used by the RAF and Navy Harriers during the war. The anti-personnel bombs had been dropped during an attack on grounded Argentine helicopters. Each canister holds up to 150 of the small bombs, but around 10% never explode. A quick mental calculation indicates that there are up to a dozen of the bombs waiting to be found by the sappers along the hillside. The bombs are particularly sensitive to movement, and the only way to deal with the lethal little devices is to place a small chargeside each, "light the blue touch paper and stand well back", so to speak. Paddy Bowen described how two airmen were killed on an RAF bombing range in the UK when one of the devices exploded as it was picked up.

The Captain is pleased that such examples of foolhardiness are rare in the Falklands. He explained that servicemen and Islanders are well aware of the danger of handling suspicious devices and even taking them off as souvenirs. An energetic campaign of information has been to thank for for this healthy awareness of the dangers that lie in the camp. The Engineers frequently give talks on the coastels, schools and on the local radio. "I don't think people are as silly as they used to be", said Captain Bowen. For those who need a vivid reminder of the dangers of souvenir hunting, he keeps a photograph of what is just recognisable as the hand of an RAF corporal whose souvenir exploded. He is keen to hear from anyone who is keeping an unexploded device. He will ensure that these are made safe "with no questions asked". His message to anyone who finds something suspicious is quite simple: DON'T TOUCH IT. MARK ITS POSITION CLEARLY, THEN CALL BOMB DISPOSAL IN TO DEAL WITH IT.

As for the fenced off mine fields, there is little the engineers can do but keep them fenced off. They regularly inspect the fences and keep a check on the perimeters of the minefields to ensure none of the mines have been carried beyond the fence by wind, or, in the case of mined beaches, by wave action.

The freeze on mine field clearance is necessary because a one hundred percent successful detecting device that can be used in the Falklands does not exist. The Argentines apparently "forgot" that their devices had to be fitted with metal rings for ease of detection, as specified by the Geneva Convention. A new type of detector is being developed at the moment by a company called ERA, based in Leatherhead, England. Interestingly enough, it was this company which developed the first electronic mine detector during the Second World War. The test model of their latest device should arrive in Stanley next April.

The machine works on a principle similar to radar. Electronic pulses are directed into the ground from a conventional mine detector plate. Any object in the ground which is more dense than the surrounding earth send back a "shadow" which can be detected on the radar equipment. As yet, however, the company is having difficulty in designing a system for their detector which will distinguish between the harmless shadow of a stone and that of a mine. The size of the device is posing another problem. Although the equipment employs the latest micro-chip technology, it is not exactly pocket calculator size. The sapper will walk forward scanning the ground, while connected by a long wire to a Volvo Snowcat vehicle. The tracked personnel carrier will be packed with a king's ransom worth of sophisticated screens, dials and electronic modules.

So, for the time being at least, the engineers regret that many square miles of land, such as Stanley Common, will remain out of bounds. All the unit can do is make sure the fences are maintained, and continue to clean away the debris of battles in the mountains, like some host clearing up the left-overs after the party has finished and everyone has gone home.

It is certainly a dangerous job, but by applying knowledge gained from comprehensive training, those dangers are kept to a minimum.

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THE PENGUIN POST BOX - READERS' LETTERS

PO Box 178, Stanley, Falkland Islands

The Penguin Post Box is a column in which you can express your views. Letters submitted should be of reasonable length and may be written anonymously. Views expressed here are not necessarily shared by the staff of the PENGUIN NEWS.

NOT FALKLANDS FACTOR, BUT FOOLS FACTOR

16.10.84

Sir,

I wonder how many other Falkland Islanders beside myself are getting thoroughly tired of the oft-repeated expression "The Falklands Factor".

The Falklands Factor is a slogan used to gloss over inter-departmental inadequacies and, not seldom, international idiocies. The Falklands Factor is one of the "sneers of the travelled idiots who frequently visit our land" (sorry Mr. Kipling).

The frequency of use of the Falklands Factor and Fortress Falklands catchwords is a measure of the "intelligence factor" of the lame brain politicians who resort to them.

The correct term is "fools factor" and traces of it's existence can be found in the corridors of ODA, MOD and the Crown Agents. No one is perfect, so why put all the blame on the Falklands?

J.T. CLEMENT, PO Box 83, Stanley.

"WHAT LAUGHABLE JUSTICE WE ARE HANDING OUT"

11.10.84

Dear Editor,

I have just heard on the mid-week local news programme from FIBS that the two Falkland Islander men who, in a bout of drunken violence set upon a Naval Petty Officer for no reason at all, and battered his face badly, are to be fined £200 each and given a suspended sentence, something which means nothing provided they manage to keep their slates clean for the stipulated time.

I understand that these two men are usually employed as shearers and with one or two days hard work in the shearing season could earn £200 easily. So that part of their punishment does not mean a great deal either. What laughable justice we seem to be handing out!

By the time they had finished beating this Petty Officer and kicking him in the face, he needed considerable attention at the British Military Hospital. He also had to have his leg stitched. One would suppose that this was no mere scrap, but a vicious attack on an innocent man.

Not only have they changed the shape of this poor man's face for life, which is a big enough crime, but they have also brought more discredit on the Islands and the Islanders in one evening's brutal work than Tam Dalyell has managed to inflict on us in two and a half years.

In my opinion they deserve not only a punishment to fit the crime, but the absolute contempt of every Islander.

Yours truly, Mrs. NORMA EDWARDS, Stanley.

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"LITTLE CHAY IS A FIFTH COLUMNIST!"

15.10.84

Dear Graham,

I think we could all do without "Little Chay", in fact I think you should dispose of him. He is nothing more nor less than what was known in the Second World War as a fifth columnist, one who by insidious propaganda endeavours to lower morale in the civil population. It is high time he was baled out before he plans to do so.

Sincerely, BETTY MILLER, 21 John Street, Stanley.

EDITOR: We have had a word with visiting ODA psychiatrist, Dr. Sigmund Shrink, who said that analysis of Little Chay's letters indicates a character which, through youthful innocence and uninhibited curiosity, is able to ask questions.

While resting after intensive work at ODA project sites around the Islands, the distinguished doctor said that Chay's unhealthy desire to know why his lot is such a rotten one should pass, and be replaced with a much more natural attitude of lethargy and defeatism.

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TERRY PECK REPLIES TO DAVID TAYLOR'S CRITICISM

When ex-councillor Terry Peck announced his decision to resign from Legislative and Executive Councils recently, he spoke frankly to the press, giving reasons for his lack of faith in the administration of the Falklands, his pessimism about the future and his concern at alleged waste of public funds. His frank remarks published in the PENGUIN NEWS, the Daily Telegraph and the Observer generated an indignant response from Government House. In response to the Observer article, Acting Civil Commissioner, David Taylor, submitted a written defence of the government to the Observer.

Mr. Taylor did not deny that as much as £160 per day is being paid for the services of an electrician contracted from the United Kingdom. He talks of the high cost of labour generally. "It has been reluctantly but realistically accepted by Councillors that much of the development work which needs to be done has to be done by expatriate labour. This labour is inevitably expensive; the figure which councillor Peck quotes for the electrician includes, in addition to his emoluments, travel, messing, protective clothing, insurance and, of course, the contractors mark-up. If the work were not done by expatriate labour, it would not be done at all."

The Acting Commissioner went on to refute Mr. Peck's allegation that such expensive man-power had been brought to the Islands long before they could have any useful role in construction projects. "The team of expatriate tradesmen building the Power Station cannot necessarily all be employed at all times on that work (Ed: the power station). However, just because such labour is so expensive, it is employed on the many other jobs which need to be done and for which there is no local labour available."

Regarding the ex-councillor's allegation that large quantities of cement had been rendered useless through exposure to rain, Mr. Taylor said: "A very small proportion has become unusable because of damage during off-loading. The rest is adequately protected and is currently being used to build the power station."

Mr. Peck had also claimed that, through poor planning, newly laid concrete roads in Stanley will soon be partially destroyed again in order to lay power and water mains. In reply, Mr. Taylor pointed out that "their rehabilitation was necessarily one of re-surfacing and not of wholesale excavation to re-lay all mains services, the cost of which would have been horrendous."

In concluding his letter, Mr. Taylor made it clear that he regarded the ex-councillor's remarks as dangerously and excessively critical. "His present allegations do no service at all to the Islands; they can only have the effect of discouraging all those who, like myself, are committed to building a better future for a place which he has chosen to leave".

A copy of David Taylor's letter to the Observer was sent to Terry Peck, and this prompted the departing local politician to write to the PENGUIN NEWS. We publish his letter here.

Dear Editor,

I would appreciate you publishing this article in reply to the Acting Civil Commissioner's letter to the Observer last week. I have no intention of entering a prolonged disagreement, but I do feel it must be answered.

Stanley Roads: ALL services were to be renewed prior to the roads being resurfaced. I refer the Acting Civil Commissioner to question 1/83 by Councillor Cheek, on the 25th March 1983, when the Chief Secretary confirmed to Legislative Council that this would be done. The Director of Public Works, this year, told Council that Stanley roads would continue to be a major problem because no proper drainage has been made.

Cement: 477 tonnes of cement were left behind by the Crown Agents in May 1984. The cement has remained on pallets, some covered by polythene sheeting, others open to all weathers. Brewster Associates left their remaining cement on site and unprotected. For over six months this cement has remained in the open.

The Falkland Islands Councillors have NO say or control over contracts being awarded to overseas personnel. The Foreign Office and the Overseas Development Administration award and control the contracts. The power house project is open ended. It is all very well to ensure personnel are not idle, but the additional cost is charged against the project. £2.9 million may be £3.5 million when completed. This means that some other development project will be axed because of insufficient finance. Brewster Associates had £7.2 million for the completion of their fifty-four house contract. It included a twelve month guarantee. They have chosen to ignore this condition and have left the Islands. Will they be held in breach of contract or receive full payment plus claims? Crown Agents apparently received full payment for the Stanley roads without completing them.

Misuse of government transport is still continuing against the Council decision to end it. It is a blatant misuse of public money and is also illegal. The record of the Standing Finance Committee shows a history of Council ordering the administration to exercise control over expenditure. Violation of Customs duties by outside contractors continues. Council could refuse to allocate additional funds, perhaps oppose the budget, but only the Islanders would suffer, as it would be their money. A far too casual attitude is taken by the short term officer, and results in chaos and excessive spending.

I have requested an independent enquiry (which must exclude Freemasons) and repeated this over the radio. Executive Council in June 1983 held the opinion that a public enquiry into the mis-application of funds in connection with the rehabilitation of Stanley roads and environs, and the construction of fifty-four houses by Brewster Associates, was required.

I have always advocated immigration to the Falklands. The FCO have always made it extremely difficult for would-be immigrants, using the age-old excuse of insufficient accommodation. There is accommodation available. I supplied a list of twenty private houses and twenty-six government houses. Most remain empty today. £1.5 million from Development funds has been set aside. The intention is to import houses. The Property Services Agency, Laing-Mowlem-ARC and the MOD have rented accommodation. They have offered reasonable terms to the owners, and have in most cases refurbished the premises at their own expense. It is time we used some of this money to do the same. Instead of feathering an overseas supplier we would invest it in our own country.

I am not prepared to give in, as implied by the letter and calling the Falklands. I have my own personal reason for leaving. I have not decided for how long. I am a Falkland Islander and very proud of it. I know there is a future here, but we are being denied it. We must have a 200 mile exclusive fisheries zone; we must retain South Georgia (our only deep water harbour and docking facilities); we must licence and control our offshore fishing. Without these we cannot become viable. For these very reasons we are being forced into grant in aid status, which means disaster. We must have our own government and not be dictated to by the FCO.

Yours sincerely, TERRY PECK, 5A Brisbane Road, Port Stanley.

The sappers' training, means, more often than not, enthusiasm, and this is certainly a dominant trait in Paddy Bowen's character. He volunteered to come back to the Islands for this, his second tour of duty, and his ambition is still to deal with a "really big bomb". "Back in the UK", said the Captain, "you occasionally handle the odd wartime German bomb. But here, this is the real thing".

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THE ALEX BETTS LETTER - PART 3

In issues 59 and 60 we published parts of a long letter from Alex Betts, an Islander who now lives in Argentina. He supports the Argentine position on the Falklands dispute, and will probably speak at the United Nations soon when the Islands are discussed.

Last week Mr. Betts referred to the Franks Report, and quoted ex-Falklands residents, Don and Margaret Davidson. The letter continues.

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The most profound statement of all was made by Margaret in replying to a question from Mr. Canavan. I take the liberty of quoting both the question and its answer.

Mr. Canavan: "You mentioned the possibility of options being put to the Islanders and those who wish to stay here. Does it mean you think that the option of the status quo, a British colony and "Fortress Falklands" is untenable?"

Margaret: "I cannot see the British Government allowing it to continue indefinitely and I do not want to be responsible for another conflict and 250 more lives lost in the South Atlantic. So therefore we should face up to the fact that we cannot remain like this."

I say this statement was profound because it is the only time anyone took into account the human values (which are far above the material values) involved in this totally unnecessary conflict. Perhaps Don and Margaret's evidence appeals to me because really there is little difference between what they said and what I am saying here, and what I have said in the UN.

I had believed from the beginning (2nd April) that bullets and bloodshed wouldn't solve anything. In fact on April 20th I approached Councillor Terry Peck, Harry Milne and several other towns people with the idea that we Islanders should be looking for and offering suggestions to avoid an armed conflict.. Unfortunately this idea was considered in the same light as the previous seventeen years of talks in the UN, and I found little or no support. Terry told me he would do his best to get this initiative off the ground and then within half an hour or so set off to camp. The next I heard of him he was in San Carlos. At least Harry was much franker. He wouldn't touch the idea with a barge pole, and proceeded to give me a lecture on the causes of Britain's involvement in the Second World War. Those who listened most sympathetically to the idea were the local towns'-people, but only three were prepared to involve themselves in it. Nearly all that I spoke with had this curious concept that the Argentines would be kicked out at short notice and the only mortalities and injuries would be Argentine ones. The British troops would all go back within two or three weeks from the end of the fighting, and everything would return to normal. Did it turn out that way?

At first the winning of the war revived among the British public the old feeling of being the world power of forty or fifty years ago. However this feeling quickly diminished when losses involved and the future economic burden the Islands are proving to be, were revealed to them. The predominant feeling the British public now is that a solution should be found (and the quicker the better) to free them from economic commitments in the South Atlantic. These funds are required far more urgently at home.

So therefore it pleases me that there is now new food for thought back there, and that in expressing their opinions some people are for me, some are against me and others even use the word traitor when talking about me. I respect all

this touchy and complex problem is being discussed in a different light and that some people are supporting radical ideas that go against the grain of the majority.

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TREASURY NOTICE

Old Age Pension Contributions
Unemployment due to ill-health

The public is informed that when the Old Age Pensions Board is satisfied by the Certificate of a Medical Officer that an employed person has been, by reason of ill-health, incapable of work for a period exceeding seven days beyond the expiration of any remuneration payable to such person in respect of such period of incapacity, the contributions payable by and in respect of such person during the period of incapacity shall be payable by the Government out of the general revenues of the Falkland Islands.

GOVERNMENT INVEST IN FIRE FIGHTING AND PREVENTION EQUIPMENT

The Secretariat have given details of the government's planned expenditure on fire fighting and prevention equipment. The expenditure was approved following study of a report on local fire facilities by the Forces Fire Officer.

The lion's share of the allocated funds will go to Stanley's civilian fire brigade. £120,000 is to be spent on the volunteer force, with nearly half of that sum being used to purchase a new fire engine. Another £100,000 will buy smoke detectors and other fire prevention equipment for the Brewster Hospital. The Executive Council have decided that a further £50,000 should be spent on equipment to reduce the risk of fire in the Town Hall and Post Office.

COOKHOUSE BLAST VICTIMS RECOVERING

The seven soldiers injured in last Tuesday's cook house explosion are now recovering from their burns. The blast occurred at about 12.30 p.m. in a nissen hut adjacent to the Stanley Race Course. The men had been preparing their lunch when, it is believed, a petrol cooker exploded, sending a fireball through the building and blowing out the timber walls at each end. The hut's lining was set ablaze, but the flames were quickly extinguished.

The injured men, six of whom were working with the Royal Engineer detachment building the new water supply pipeline to Stanley, were quickly taken to the Brewster Hospital, where they received

first aid for their burns. It soon became clear, however, that the soldiers needed more extensive treatment in the better equipped Military Hospital. The RAF were called in to help, and despite bad weather and poor visibility, a helicopter landed on the nearby race course to carry out the evacuation.

Five of the soldiers have now been released from the BMH, although they continue to receive medical attention and are engaged in light work only. Two of the injured have been evacuated by air for further treatment in the UK.

The Army are carrying out an enquiry into the cause of the accident.

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL HAPPY WITH DEVELOPMENT WORK.

The local government's Chief Executive, David Taylor, has told the PN that much of Executive Council's meeting last week was occupied with discussion of the official development programmes now underway.

"Public Works Department projects are coming along well", said Mr. Taylor. He pointed out that the construction of a new water supply pipeline running from Moody Brook to Stanley is progressing well in the hands of the Royal Engineers. The Council also noted with some satisfaction that work on the extension to the Stanley power station has commenced, as has construction of a new hangar for Islander aircraft belonging to the Government Air Service.

The Chief Executive, who chaired

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the meeting because of Sir Rex Hunt's absence, was also pleased to report that the Callaghan Road phase of the Brewster housing project was drawing to a close. He said that the the twenty-seven homes should be

November. At a Housing Committee meeting last week some of the new houses were allocated to persons who have been awaiting suitable accommodation for months.

The Council heard of progress with plans on West Falkland. Mr. Taylor said he is pleased with improvements at Fox Bay East, which he described as "an enclave of development on West Falkland". "We want to build it up as a place for people to earn a living in the wool mill, in fishing and in farming", said Mr. Taylor. He pointed out that there is still a lot of work to be done on buildings and on the electricity supply. An improved jetty is also required, and the Army may be asked to help with that aspect of the project. Mr. Taylor said that Executive Council is taking the matter of Fox Bay's development very seriously.

LABOUR PARTY LEADER SAYS "ANY RESOLUTION HAS TO BE SATISFACTORY TO THE ISLANDERS"

Labour Party Leader, Neil Kinnock, indicated in a recent interview on the BBC that, while his party believes in searching for a lasting solution to the Falklands dispute, any agreement with Argentina must have the approval of Islanders.

In an international phone-in programme, the Member of Parliament told a caller from South America that "the outcome in the Falklands must enjoy the general assent of the Falkland Islanders".

"Our current government appears to be willing to take no initiatives that offer a prospect of ending Fortress Falklands", said Mr. Kinnock. "In the Labour Party", he went on, "we understand that there can't be any permanence in the future of Fortress Falklands with all the huge expenditure and the distortion of our defence commitment that goes with that. In consideration with the Falkland Islanders I think that there is a prospect of ending Fortress Falklands and its various obligations, and of securing the assured freedom that the Falkland Islanders seek and must have".

The Labour leader said that there is no moral conflict between respect for

the high price in lives and injuries already paid to secure the freedom of the Islands in 1982 and his party's desire to achieve a solution through negotiations. "If the dreadful loss of life on both sides freezes us in the view that nothing must be done because lives were lost, then that would be terrible stagnation. If we say we owe it to those people who lost their lives and made other sacrifices to find a means of peaceful progress, I think that it is the intelligent response."

NEW MINE FIELD LOCATED

The Royal Engineers Bomb Disposal Unit told the PN last week they hope to complete the fencing of a newly discovered mine field at Port Harriet.

Suspensions that the beach is mined were aroused when a farmer discovered a mine in the sand some time ago. The sappers were called in to dispose of the device, which they then believed had been washed up by the tide.

However, last Monday a second device was discovered by Royal Marines who were practicing an amphibious landing from HMS SENTINEL. The mock attack suddenly became too much like the real thing when one of the Marines discovered an SB-33 anti-personnel mine. The beach was quickly evacuated.

The experts are still not sure whether the isolated beach is a minefield or is simply receiving the weapons from other areas of the coast through wave and current action. Whatever the explanation, no chances are being taken, and the area is to be completely fenced off and marked. The dangerous area will almost certainly be marked on the next revised issue of the minefield situation map.

FAMOUS YACHTSMAN TO VISIT SOON

Chay Blyth, the small-boat sailor famous for his daring ocean crossings and circumnavigations, is expected to visit Stanley next Friday, the 26th October.

The yachtsman, whose visit to the Falklands is expected to be very brief, is sailing from Brazil, and after leaving Stanley will head West to take on the hostile winds of Cape Horn.

CIVIL COMMISSIONER RETURNS

Sir Rex Hunt, the Civil Commissioner, returned to the Falklands on the 17th October, after several months in the United Kingdom. Government's Chief Executive, David Taylor, assumed the role of Acting Civil Commissioner during Sir Rex Hunt's absence.

THE PINK SHOP

1985 Falkland Islands Calendars with 13 colour photographs - £2 inc. envelope. 18p surface mail or 91p airmail will take them around the world.

Yamaha Musical Instruments - PS25 keyboard with stand (49 keys, 10 voices, 10 rhythms) £375; PS407 keyboard (44 keys, 10 voices, 10 rhythms) £199; CP7 electric piano (61 keys, 4 voices) £399; HS200 childrens' keyboard (25 keys, 5 voices) £39.95; FG342 II jumbo folk guitar with hard case @ £199; SG200 Solid body Electric Guitar £219 (case £75); JX35B Amplifier £269 (35 watt bass amp); I only case for bass guitar £79. This all looks rather boring but if you are uncontrollably enthusiastic I might be able to send a technicolour brochure. Yamaha make very good instruments. They are expensive but well worth the money. Unfortunately no strings arrived this time.

Scotch 3M's blank tapes - (Audio) C60 £1, C90 £1.20, C90 Triple Pack £3.50. (Video) E120 £5.99, E180 £6.99. New prerecorded tapes arriving shortly inc. the usual selection of goldies plus all the current hit albums.

Frames - Many readers will now be familiar with our range of gold and silver finished Daler frame kits. These are available as follows: 5 x 7" £4.59, 6 x 8" £4.91, 7 x 9" £5.52, 10 x 8" £5.98, 10 x 12" £7.02, 16 x 12" £9.00, 18 x 14" £11.07, 20 x 16" £12.56. Framing and mount cutting services are also available.

Winsor & Newton Artist's Materials - Scraper board kits £2.72, scraperfoil kits asst. £3.26 (Lion, tiger, horses, etc), Venus drawing pencils 4B to 2H at 35p. Rubbers and Sceptre fine art brushes in a wide range of sizes (1" wash to 00 gauge). Sceptre brushes are virtually indistinguishable from sables except to Picasso but they are much cheaper, in fact about half the price! William Mitchell pens (set of Italics £3.95, Round hand £4.22, Mapping £4.76). Lakeland pencils (24 half length asst. £3.95). Sketch Pads A4 £1.84, A3 £3.44 Watercolour pads A3 £3.86, A4 £2.16. Poster colour sets and water colours available and also boxes of 8 asst. colour acrylics @ £3.14.

Conqueror fine stationery - watermarked, laid paper in sage, claret, deep blue or brown, A4 size 20p for 10 sheets or £9.03 for a box of 500 sheets.

50 x LL size envelopes (the oblong ones) £1.74.

20 ordinary sized envelopes (C6) £1.11, 50 sheet pad to match £1.11 and these are available in white, grey, vellum, or sky.

Also airmail eight envelopes and pads (ruled or unruled) at competitive prices (eg. 32p for 13 envelopes.)

Books "Of Ice and Men" - Sir Vivian Fuchs £13.75

"The Falkland Story" - Mary Cawkell £1.75

"Air War South Atlantic" - Ethell and Price £9.95

"Task Force Portfolio" (Part 2) - £4.95

"Falkland Islands Birds" - Woods & Buxton £8.50

"Antarctic Diary" - Maria Buxton - £7.95 (a delightful book written by

Cindy Buxton's late mother containing nostalgic descriptions of pre-war Stanley.) These are just a few of our available titles.

"A Flora of Tierra del Fuego" by Dr. David Moore (ills. by Natalie R. Goodall). This is the definitive flora of the area and includes most Falkland species. 400 pages price £68.00.

Mary Quant Cosmetics A wide range of shades are available for eyes, lips, nails skin and anywhere else you can think of! Lash Tint mascara £1.60, Lipstick £1.86, Nail Polish £1.50, Polish Off remover 99p, Lift off (eye make up remover) £1.72 etc etc also we stock Mary Quant Perfumes.

Crown & Rose Pewterware - from the oldest and finest of London craftsman pewterers we can offer Pint Tankards - £29.95, Goblets £22.95, and bells £22.95 all etched with an attractive Falklands Design.

Dartington Crystal. Hand made items made by highly skilled craftsmen from Devon. We can offer Tankards @ £12.50, Goblets @ £19.50 for a pair, bells @ £9.25, Decanters @ £22.95 and ashtrays @ £11.05. All these are engraved with a Falklands logo and like almost all of our goods they are available only from the shop.

I am running out of space so I quickly need to cram a few more things in. We now have loads of clothes inc. Stretch jeans, stretch cords, denims, stonewashed etc. Innumerable T shirts and sweatshirts (plain and logoed), Baby clothes Pretty Polly tights and stockings, Guernsey Sweaters, Sterling Silver Jewellery etc.

I give up, I knew I'd never get it all onto one page. The best thing to do is come and have a look. Our opening hours are as follows: Monday to Saturday 10 till 12 noon and 1.30 till 5.30 pm.

POLICE FILE (continued from page 2)

David Harvey sustained a cut to the hand which needed three butterfly clips. "My sole intention was just to threaten", Mr. King told the magistrate, Miss Eryl Thomas. "Dave did get cut. I got cut myself".

James King pleaded guilty to both charges and was fined £150 for the first offence and £75 for the second. He was given seven days to pay the fines. Mr. King was repatriated to the United Kingdom on the s.s. ENGLAND, which sailed from East Cove last Saturday.

THREE CHARGES FOR LOCAL MAN IN DRIVING INCIDENT

Robert Whitney of Stanley appeared before local magistrate Miss Eryl Thomas last Monday, charged with three motoring offences after his vehicle was in collision with a stationary Land-Rover belonging to Laurie Butler, proprietor of the Stanley Butchery.

On the first count, Mr. Whitney was charged with having no insurance for his vehicle. He was also charged with not having efficient brakes and with failing to stop his vehicle. The court was told that in the incident Mr. Whitney's vehicle collided with a trailer, which in turn crashed into Mr. Butler's Land-Rover. After the crash, the defendant was seen by a doctor and was found not to have been driving under the influence of alcohol.

Robert Whitney pleaded guilty to all three charges. For the insurance offence he was given a £20 fine and disqualified from driving for twelve months. For each of the other two offences, Mr. Whitney was ordered to pay a £5 fine. He was also ordered to pay £774.62 to Mr. Butler as compensation for the damage to the Land-Rover.

LITTLE CHAY WRITES

"DEAR UNKLE WRECKS..."

Deer Unkel Wrecks,

My mum sez shees so pleeced yew cum back cus she nose yew wont stand for that dreful increece in the price of kerosen while we hav that stak of the stuff that the argies left behind for nuffing. Ukel Ben thort that yew had left us forevver, but now hees feelin better and sumwun thort they saw him smile tooday. Wots a smile unkel Wrecks? Ennyway, unkel Ben sez he nose that so long as we hav yew and missus Hatcher those dreful peeple wont never ever cum back. But my dad sez that wunce Mrs. Hatcher goes they will swarm over hear like a swarm of littel blak aunts waving there funny flags and picshures of the Virgin Mery. I spose then weel have a nue guverner who will protect us frum the horrors of kolonialismism and he will give us frute n milk n beef n kleen rodes n fixt up houses n old Stanly will look nice n smart agen. Ant Kelpie was just practisin shoutin "Viva Komdoro Alick" wen unkel Ben cum home frum the peetbog and herd her. He hit her so hard across the mouth with the spade that she went down like the belgrano. Big Charley sex shees stopt talkin and he thinks shees got a tuch of greevus bodily harm.

It was me burfday last week and the Kelper Kid sent me a parcel from england, but it got orl smashed up in the male so me mum went down to the shops to git me sumpin else. But the nise man sed orl there toys were broken to. So ant Kelpies goin to nit me a nuc benny hat with a nice penwing on it wen she gets the wool frum the fox bay mill. But dad sez the mills gorn to Pakistan or sum place like that and I will have to wate for my next burfday for the hat. Ennyway Mally has promised too git me sumpin frum the Naffey wen she goes downe to the Kostel tonite.

Lots of luve frum LITTEL CHAY

TONGUE IN BEAK - A brief look at the alternative news

JUNIOR RANKS BAR LEADS IN PENGUIN BEER LEAGUE Everards, the Falklands' brewers, tell us that their firkins of strong lager are rolling out of the brewery thick and fast, ready to take on the present lager best seller in town, Carlsberg Elephant. The plucky Penguin is, in fact, rapidly making ground over the Elephant in the bars. In league Division One of the lager drinkers table is the junior ranks bar on Coastel one. But in the second division a fierce promotion struggle is underway between the closely matched FI Defence Force, Green Beret, and Gluepot Clubs. But lager drinkers beware. With the start of the shearing season close at hand, Everards are bringing out a special light Penguin lager, to make life easier in the shearing sheds. By the end of the summer the thirsty shearers, who are at the moment rank outsiders, could well pull back to clinch the Lager League with ease.

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G'DAY CHAY!

THE FALKLANDS WELCOME CHAY BLYTH AND ERIC BLUNN

Chay Blyth, one of the world's greatest yachtsmen, is expected to arrive in Port Stanley today. This will be the approximate half-way stage in his journey from New York to San Francisco via the old and dangerous Cape Horn route. Chay and his crewman, Eric Blunn, are expected to spend only a few hours in Stanley before resuming their adventure.

The two men, in their trimaran BEEFEATER II, are attempting to break a record for the 14,000 mile journey which has stood since 1851, when Josiah Creesy covered the distance in 89 days and 21 hours in his clipper FLYING CLOUD.

This is Chay Blyth's second attempt to break the record.

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Parliamentary Visit Today

Nine parliamentarians are expected to arrive in Stanley on this afternoon's airbridge flight from Ascension Island, to begin their week-long tour of the Islands. The group is being led by the Conservative MP, the Rt Hon Julian Amery. Other members come from all three main political parties. They are: the Earl of Onslow (Con), Mr. Matthew Parris MP (Con), Mr. Anthony Beaumont-Dark MP (Con), Mrs Anna McCurley MP (Con), Mr Greg Knight MP (Con), Mr Geraint Howells MP (Lib), Mr Ron Davis MP (Lab), and Mr Frank Maynes MP (Lab).

The parliamentarians face an extensive programme which should enable them to see many aspects of the Islands during their short stay.

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Terry Peck to Publish Book

Among the new books published in the United Kingdom next April may be one written by Terry Peck, who was until his resignation earlier this month a local Legislative and Executive Council member. Mr Peck has told the PN that his book will be an account of his life in the Islands. The autobiography, which is bound to prove controversial, should be released in April 1985.

Mr Peck's story will commence with boyhood recollections of the Falklands in the 1940's and will trace his career from his first employment with the Government in the 1950's. Much of the narrative will deal with Terry Peck's service in the Stanley Police Force, which he joined in 1960.

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BRITISH ANTARCTIC TO INTRODUCE HELICOPTERS

The British Antarctic Survey's research and supply vessel BRANSFIELD is expected to leave the United Kingdom during November, bound for the Antarctic. For the first time the vessel will be carrying two helicopters. Although BRANSFIELD has been fitted with a flight deck since her introduction during the early 1970s, this has only been used by helicopters from other vessels. Now BAS have chartered two small aircraft belonging to the Bristow company. BAS Office in Stanley told the PN that the helicopters will assist with the scientific research programme in the British Antarctic Territory.

RRS JOHN BISCOE, the second ship of the BAS fleet is now on its way south after taking on fuel in Stanley over the weekend. The BISCOE is carrying a number of personnel who will relieve BAS members who have spent the winter on British Antarctic bases. The ship will work in the southern oceans until March or April of 1985, although she will return to the Falklands to spend Christmas in Stanley.

DEATH ON M.V. ENGLAND

The MV ENGLAND returned to the Islands last Monday morning, only two days after leaving East Cove with 450 workers from the airport construction site who were due to begin their mid-term leave in the United Kingdom. The ship had to make its unscheduled visit to Stanley to leave the body of a crewman who had died the previous evening.

Just before 7 o'clock on Sunday evening, the ship's 3rd Engineering Officer, 30 year old Mr. John Bast, became ill and died. A police spokesman in Stanley told the Penguin News that there was no reason to believe the death was due to anything but natural causes. Mr. Bast's body has now been returned to the United Kingdom, where a post-mortem will be carried out.

The mv ENGLAND was 200 miles from the Islands when Mr. Bast died. The vessel is now continuing its journey to Cape Town, two days behind schedule.

SIGNALS CORPORAL RECEIVES AWARD FOR BRAVERY

A corporal from the Royal Corps of Signals is returning to Britain on the ss UGANDA after his four month tour of duty in the Falklands, taking with him a citation for bravery. The citation was presented to 31 year old Corporal Malcolm Crawford just before his departure by General Peter de la Billiere for the rescue of two soldiers last July.

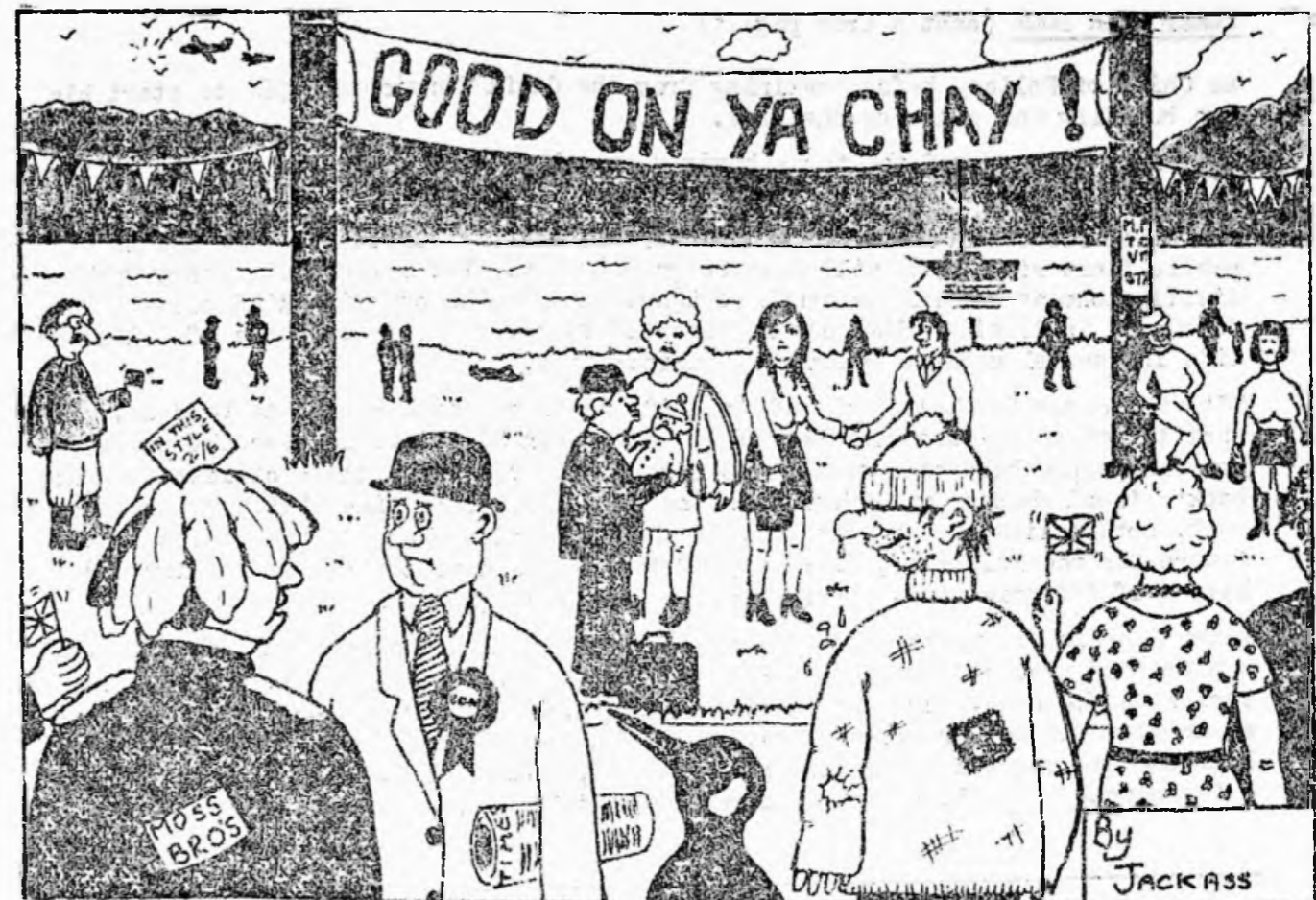
Corporal Crawford was the commander of an isolated radio station on West Falkland at the time of his daring rescue. The Forces Information Office said that the corporal had entered a corridor in the small station to find it was full of dense smoke. He soon found that the smoke was coming from the equipment room at the end of the corridor where two of Malcolm Crawford's colleagues were working. He tried to open the door, but found that it was jammed. With no hesitation, he used his own strength to rip the entire door off its hinges. He found the two signalmen slumped on the floor, overcome by smoke and fumes from the electrical fire in the room.

He dragged the unconscious men out into the open air, where he gave them first aid. The fire was then extinguished, and Corporal Crawford called up a helicopter to take the men to hospital. Without his swift action, it is probable that the signalmen would have died.

Malcolm Crawford is now on his way to rejoin his unit at Fulford Barracks in York, where he will be re-united with his wife Karen, and children Scott and Stuart. The citation which will undoubtedly hang over Corporal Crawford's mantelpiece for the rest of his life, reads: "His ability to make instant decisions in an emergency and his leadership and coolness under stress were magnificent examples to others".

ISLANDERS APPLY FOR PILOT TRAINING

Four people have applied for the position of trainee pilot, which was advertised over the local radio recently. The Falkland Islands Government Air Service, which is now almost completely staffed by Islanders, would arrange for the successful applicant to be trained in Perth, Scotland. The course would be funded by the British Council. FIGAS is also looking for suitable persons to train as air mechanics.



"WHAT DO YOU MEAN YOU'RE TOUCHED BY THE WARMTH OF OUR WELCOME?
WE'RE WAITING TO GREET CHAY BLYTH".

ELECTION SPECIAL

Question Time for Phillip Middleton

When we planned this special feature it was our hope that the three candidates, Harold Bennet, Terry Betts and Phillip Middleton would answer our questions. To our regret, however, Mr Bennet and Mr Betts declined the invitation.

Mr Middleton is the 34 year old manager of Everards Brewery. He has been a teacher in Stanley and the camp, and is active in local youth movements.

QUESTION: You may represent the people of Stanley on Legislative Council. Please name your three principle ideas which you think will improve the quality of life for the residents of Stanley.

MR MIDDLETON: Government money should be spent on an entertainment and community centre with sports facilities which can be used by all sectors of the community, from play group, through youth organisations to old age pensioners.

A determined effort should be made to make the fabric of the town more attractive. This would mean refurbishment of Government buildings as incentive for all property owners to do likewise.



READ LITTLE CHAY ON PAGE 12

TERRY PECK BOOK (cont'd from page 1)

as Chief of Police, before retiring from the Civil Service in 1981 to start his own building and plumbing business.

The final chapters of the three hundred page book will cover the war, in which the author fought with the Parachute Regiment, and its aftermath.

His allegations and the official counter-allegations surrounding the use of public funds since 1982 will feature prominently. The reasons for Terry Peck's disillusionment and his eventual resignation from the councils will also be discussed in detail. His book is expected to cover the wider field of Islanders' life in general under a colonial administration.

"It will cover the political side of life under colonial rule", he told us. "I want to let people see how the Islands have been administered over the years and how the people have been treated as second and even third class citizens". The book's final chapter will deal with the ex-councillor's view of future development, both political and economic, in the Falklands. He says that there is a future for the Falklands, "but only if the people have control over money and have self determination. There must be less Foreign Office control."

Terry Peck is discussing his finished manuscript with publishers in the UK, and a number of national newspapers have expressed interest in buying rights to serialise the book. Bearing in mind Terry Peck's career as an outspoken councillor who was frequently critical of the British and local governments, the book can be expected to trouble a number of people. "Yes, I think there will be a few people who will be a bit touchy about it", he said.

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MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT EXPECTED TODAY (cont'd from page 1)

check in at the Upland Goose Hotel. Tonight the MPs will be the guests of the Officers' Mess at Lookout Camp, where they will have supper. Tomorrow the group will be taken on a programme of civil visits, and that evening will attend a supper party at Britannia House, the home of General de la Billiere.

After another night at the Upland Goose, the politicians will embark on a whistle-stop tour of the camp which will last until the end of this week. On Wednesday they will be taken to Mount Kent, Bombilla, Kelly's Garden, HMS BROADSWORD and RFA DILIGENCE. The following days will include a visit to Blue Beach Military Cemetery and one of West Falkland's Rapier anti-aircraft missile sites. After visiting Chartres and staying overnight at Goose Green the MPs will be shown around the Fox Bay East development.

The party is expected to fly back to Stanley by FIGAS around midday on Friday, and will spend the afternoon on a walk-about in Stanley, visiting shops and meeting Islanders. At a public meeting in the Town Hall that night, they will be available to answer questions from the public. The gathering will take place during just one hour, from 6pm to 7pm.

Saturday will be occupied with a tour of military units and installations around the Canache. Sunday has been left free for relaxation. This break will also give the dignitaries a chance to collect their wits, because they are due to face the press, the PN included, at a conference that evening, shortly before they leave by RAF Hercules.

RMB

RE-SHUFFLE IN THE LEGAL DEPARTMENT

The Legal Department in Stanley has announced several changes which will alter the face of the office over the next few months. The departure of Senior Magistrate, Miss Eryl Thomas, has left a void temporarily filled by Mr. Barrington-Jones. A permanent replacement for Miss Thomas is expected to arrive soon. Until recently Mr. Barrington-Jones was acting Attorney General during the absence of Michael Gaiger. Mr. Gaiger has now returned from the United Kingdom.

The post of Registrar General is to be filled by Falkland Islander Sharon Halford. "This will be in compliance with the government's policy of localisation", Mr Barrington-Jones pointed out. He went on to tell the PN that a new position is to

be created in the department; that of Crown Solicitor. The new person will assist the Attorney General, and will be recruited from the UK. The government hope that these changes will be effected within the next few months, so that the new year will see a new-look Legal Department in Stanley.

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THE PENGUIN POST BOX, PO Box 178, Port Stanley.

This is your column. Write to the Editor expressing your views on virtually anything to do with the Falklands. We will do our best to publish your letters. To avoid the necessity for extensive editing, please be concise. Opinions expressed in the Penguin Post Box are not necessarily shared by the Editorial staff.

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IN DEFENCE OF LITTLE CHAY

dear graham,

when I read in your paper that little chay was a fifth columnist i got all confused so i went to ask little chay how does an ordinary worker go about becoming one of those. well he was no end chuffed because he had no idea he was a fifth columnist and he wondered if he should wear a special hat because of it or wot. he couldn't tell me anything about that inside propaganda bit so I asked his first cousin twice removed tots megillicuddy and he didn't know anything about it either except he thought outside propaganda would be better this time of year because you wouldn't have to harden it off. little chay says if he is a fifth columnist he would like to meet the other four and maybe they could have a beano or something, except since he is the fifth he would have to be head columnist of course. i asked tots what he knew about a fifth columnist in the 2nd world war and he said he didn't know anything about them either, but he had heard something that every fifth child born in the world is chinese and he thought maybe during the war every fifth columnist was chinese and the other four were british.

little chay says he feels real proud to be a fifth columnist and maybe he could get to be osas next, but meanwhile he hopes you or somebody will send him a button he can wear on those days when they say medals will be worn.

with lots of luv,

from little chay's best friend.

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THE LAST (?) LETTER ABOUT "WILD TIMES ON SS UGANDA"

Dear Sir,

I would like to reply to your article "Wild Times on the s.s. UGANDA". There could have been wild times, but I did not see any. And I did not see a gin palace.

We thoroughly enjoyed our trip on the s.s. UGANDA. We were very pleased to be invited to play bingo and to the penguin racing. We also had whist drives on a few afternoons, and one evening joined in with the contractors and lads for a really enjoyable sing-song. It was a pity we could not have had more of these. Thank you, lads, for having us.

We are Islanders, and we will never forget what the lads did to liberate us; the ones who gave their lives, the wounded and all the rest who helped in any way. We do and always will appreciate what they have done and what the lads who serve here on the Falklands are doing now. And we also appreciate what the contractors are doing. You are all doing a good job.

May I say a very big thankyou to Commodore Wachter and to all on the s.s. UGANDA for looking after us so well. We do hope to travel with you again.

Good luck to all lads serving here and the contractors as well. I think I can speak for most Falkland Islands bound passengers on that voyage.

Yours sincerely, Mrs. BETTY FORD, Stanley.

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APOLOGIES TO TERRY BETTS

22.10.84

Dear Graham,

The Penguin News No. 59 of 8th October 1984 states that Terry Betts works "in a clerical capacity with the Falkland Islands Company Ltd." Would you please correct this to "a managerial capacity" or attribute to him his correct title as Works Department Manager.

Yours sincerely, T.G. SPRUCE, Stanley Manager, The Falkland Islands Company.

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THE ALEX BETTS LETTER CONTINUES : "DON'T BE LULLED INTO THINKING THAT WHAT IS OCCURRING NOW IS EITHER POSITIVE OR PROSPEROUS".

In issues 59, 60 and 61 we published lengthy excerpts from a letter from Alex Betts, a Falkland Islander who left with the Argentine Forces and now living in Argentina. Mr. Betts has attended the United Nations on several occasions, supporting the arguments of the Buenos Aires Government. He is likely to be in New York again on the 31st of October, when the Falklands dispute will be debated in the General Assembly. If so, he will face two other Islanders, Councillors John Cheek and Tim Blake, who left Stanley last week to fight the Argentine inspired motion in the UN.

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The biggest obstacle during this whole affair has been ignorance and misunderstanding. The only cure for this is in dialogue; constructive dialogue out of which the Islands can look to a positive and peaceful future. Don't be lulled into thinking that what is occurring now is either positive or prosperous on a long term basis. It is neither. Nor does it really offer anything positive. It's really nothing more than a reproduction (on a larger scale) of what took place whilst Johnson Construction Ltd. were in the Islands several years ago.

What happens after the completion of the new airport? Will it add anything or offer anything in the way of diversification from the Islands' economy continuing to be 98% dependent on the wool product? I think not. Nor will it, until something is worked out with Argentina. The most immediate diversification open to the Islands is in tourism, but apart from the South American tourist there is little or nothing that the Islands can offer to tourists from other parts of the world, as Ian Strange's New Island project demonstrated all too clearly and at great personal expense to him. Even Shackleton admits in his updated report of 1982 that nothing has really changed and that stagnation in the economy continues and has worsened. He also says that any real long-term development of the Islands continues to be dependent on a South American (sic) country's help and participation. I am well aware that in some quarters it is said that Shackleton's reports have been greatly over rated, but I find it significant that now, eight years and a war later, some of his earlier suggestions are being implemented.

I'm sorry to have gone on a bit, but there are literally hundreds of things left unsaid. I have only scratched the surface of some of the arguments I have touched on here, and they could be enlarged a great deal.

Yours respectfully, ALEX BETTS, Servicio STAN (LADE), Aeropuerto Internacional (5147) Cordoba, Argentina.

ELECTION DETAILS

Messrs Harold Bennett, Terence Betts and Phillip Middleton are candidates in the November 5th by-election. The polling station will be in the Ante Room of the Court and Council Chamber of the Town Hall, and will be open from 9.00 a.m. to 6.00 p.m. The successful candidate will replace Terry Peck on Legislative Council as the representative for Stanley as a whole.

ELECTION SPECIAL. FIVE QUESTIONS FOR CANDIDATE PHILLIP MIDDLETON

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There should be improvements to public facilities, such as toilets, car parking space, and roads and pavements to aid in the flow of traffic.

QUESTION: If asked to address an audience of ordinary Argentines, what would be the first thing that you would say to them?

MR. MIDDLETON: It would be a question. What would be the benefit to the Argentine man in the street of Argentine sovereignty over the Falklands? The assumption is that, besides the glory of possession, there is nothing here that they have not got in abundance already in Argentina.

QUESTION: Concisely, how do you feel about the idea of Britain restoring links with Argentina; Britain talking to Argentina about the future of the Falklands; Argentine next of kin visiting the graves of their war dead in the Falklands?

MR. MIDDLETON: A. It is inevitable that they must come to some agreement about the future of the South Atlantic, particularly with reference to the re-signing of the Antarctic Treaty and economic development such as fishing.

B. In the immediate future the best possible solution for both Britain and Argentina would be a freeze on the question of sovereignty for at least twenty-five years.

C. Personally I have no objections to a properly organised, internationally monitored visit by bona fide next of kin, as I think the reactions from Falkland Islanders towards the Argentine visitors would be a useful gauge of local opinion for them to take back to their homeland.

QUESTION: If one field is to be identified with you during your term - assuming that you are elected - what would you wish it to be?

MR. MIDDLETON: It would have to be the whole spectrum of education, training and youth activities, as I firmly believe that the future of the Islands is dependent on large scale investment in the youth and their future.

QUESTION: Do you have any new approach to those perennial problems, housing and education?

MR. MIDDLETON: Perhaps the Superintendent of Education should become the head of education, training and culture with increased responsibilities for all aspects of pre-school, junior, senior and camp education, as well as apprenticeships, correspondence courses, youth training schemes and all external influences on any of these.

Instead of spending vast sums on new style housing, a fund could be set up for the purchase of basic materials and labour for local housing projects undertaken by local construction teams.

TONGUE IN BEAK - A SOMETIMES OFFBEAT LOOK AT THE FALKLANDS SCENE

WIND-UPS HIT THE PENGUIN NEWS. It is a well known fact that besides the Harriers and Phantoms, the fastest things to fly around Stanley are rumours. A Falkland rumour can be born, grown to maturity and be passed from one end of town to the other in about as much time as it takes to say "have you heard...". It seems that the rumours are as important to the town as peat and mutton.

"But they're quite harmless aren't they?", we hear you ask. Well, they don't do anyone any harm sure enough - unless, that is, you happen to be a reporter with your ear to the ground and your nose twitching for the slightest sniff of a story. In that case every rumour becomes a potential front page banner headline which has to be followed up. And every time you are left walking away from the Forces Press Office or the Secretariat with that awful "you've been wound up, mate", ringing in your ears.

During the last few weeks at the PN office, we have been particularly plagued by the "have you heard" factor. So far we have had to follow up such scoops as the semi-believable rumour that the Goldstream Guards were draining ponds to expose and re-bury the bodies of Argentine soldiers. And then there was the plan to land a wide bodied Tristar at Mount Pleasant later this month, even though the foundations of the strip are barely set. Or the completely wild jokers in the pack such as the "news" that a propeller had fallen off the s.s. UGANDA, leaving her sailing around in circles half way between here and Ascension.

So the next time you hear a rumour, embroider it and pass it on, spare a thought for the hard-pushed staff at the PENGUIN who, sooner or later, will pick up that very same story and will once more suffer the indignity of being well and truly "wound up".

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ON THE AIR WITH STRIKE COMMAND The sound recordist with the BBC Pebble Mill TV team who arrived in Stanley last week is John Gilbert. It's a very fine name for a sound recordist, as we are sure you will agree, but it's rather a shame that he and his chums of the video world dropped in this week. You see the visiting Air Marshall of Strike Command is also John Gilbert. We think it could be highly amusing if someone gets their baggage mixed up.

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HIGH JINKS IN THE SOUND A seafaring friend reminded us recently of the occasion a few years ago when one of the Falkland Islands Company's sheep-shifting schooners came to grief on a particularly vindictive sand bank in Choisei Sound. The little ship was high and dry for several days while the crew laboured frantically to extract her from the clinging sand. Worn out, no doubt, by the Herculean task, the crew disappeared below decks for some kip. The wags at a nearby farm seized their chance, and rowed out to the reef. When the groggy sailors emerged some hours later, they were faced with a large signpost planted in the shallow sea. On it was written in the largest of letters the straightforward instruction: "NO PARKING".

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SIGN SPOTTED AT MOUNT PLEASANT One of our readers at the airport site, who identifies himself only as WBC (why is it that so many people are reluctant to associate themselves openly with the PN?) kindly sent us this piece of information. Apparently a new church sign has been erected out there. It reads: "SAINT GOHOME'S - PATRON SAINT OF JACKERS, SACKERS, MEDIVACERS & NUTTERS".

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EDITOR RISKS VISITING THE UGANDA - AND IS PLEASED HE DID! Fancy our editor being invited on board the most lovely of Falklands ships, the s.s. UGANDA. I mean, after all the allegedly spurious things we wrote about high jinks on a recent south bound shuttle, which precipitated so many angry letters from readers. It can now be said that he set off with some trepidation, but quickly realised that far from being the recipient of aggression, he was to receive some wonderfully kind hospitality. In fact he and the PN's stalwart helper, Keith Ansell, had such a fine time in the company of UGANDA's Captain and the ship's Commandant, Lt. Col. Chilcott, and a lot of other charming people, that they stayed the night. Actually they had little choice, as the Queen's Harbour Master had closed Port William due to heavy weather. But the enforced stay was certainly no hardship. He looked a little ragged when he arrived at the PN Office the next morning, but, gosh, he certainly did enjoy himself.

POLICE FILE

Stanley Police are concerned at the growing traffic problem caused by the influx of vehicles owned by contracting companies and the Property Services Agency.

Chief Superintendent Bill Richards told the PN that careless and illegal parking on Stanley's narrow streets is the most obvious manifestation of the traffic problem which faces his force.

As local drivers will know, parking on corners and pavements is common, and is a frequent cause of dangerous blind spots and congestion. The Chief Superintendent points out that such parking is illegal, and the offending drivers can be punished with fines. Roads, he stressed, must be clear of parked vehicles up to forty-five feet from corners. For the convenience of drivers, these areas are sometimes indicated by yellow painted curbs, but in most areas of Stanley this has been impossible because of the decaying pavements. However the absence of such lines does not mean that the law can be ignored.

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We still have a few sets of 600 X-16 remould tyres; £100 for a set of five.

POLICE FILE (cont'd from page 8)

Unfortunately the parking problem has now been improved by the introduction of a parking lot on the FI Company owned ground behind the West Store. "When the military moved off the site, they agreed to level the area and use it as a public car park", said Bill Richards. "The outcome is that it's a stonerun. A fair proportion of the stone is out in the road, and is dangerous."

The Chief Superintendent hopes that driving in Stanley may become easier with the introduction of more "priority routes". His plan would mean that traffic using west to east roads would give way to vehicles climbing or descending the hills. At present Philomel Hill and Ross Road are the only priority routes. If the system is extended to apply to more roads, the "give way to the right" rule would be dropped. Although most visitors to Stanley are probably unaware of this rule of thumb, vehicles should always slow or stop at inter-sections, and give way to any driver approaching from the right.

Talking of traffic problems as a whole, the Police Chief said: "it is not a problem that is easy to solve, but we do need urgently yellow paint on curb stones for forty feet around junctions, and an awful lot of signs for virtually every corner."

PEOPLE

Falkland Islander Gerard Johnson returned to his birth place this month after a six year odyssey. Gerard, who joined the RRS BRANSFIELD in 1977, has hardly stopped travelling during this time, visiting places as far apart as New Zealand, Britain and the Antarctic. Now he has come home, and although few of his family remain in the Islands, he is pleased to be settling down again. "I'm happy to be back. It's the first time since I left that I have sat down and said 'right! I'm staying!'"

Gerard lived for a time on a British Antarctic base, where he developed a passion for photography. It's not easy to capture the beauty and grandeur of the icy south, but the 25 year old Islander has done it successfully. His skill was recognised by the British Wildlife Organisation who selected five of his photographs for display in an exhibition this month at the Natural History Museum in London. The organisation had received no less than 13,000 entries.

The young Islander now hopes to start a photography business in Stanley, processing films and selling his own work overseas.

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The PN welcomes Trisha Langmead, who arrived in Stanley several weeks ago excited at the prospect of the challenging Falklands way of life, and pleased to have escaped from what she describes as a "mundane job in England".

Trisha was encouraged to make the move by her friend Anna King. The two met while studying at the British School in Montevideo in 1979, where she was living with her diplomatic service family. Trisha spent a few weeks of her school holidays in Stanley during 1980, and decided that she liked the place. She needed little persuasion to return here.

Now Trisha is happily employed at the Upland Goose Hotel, sharing a home with her friend from school days. She is a keen and valued PENGUIN NEWS helper, too, spending several hours of each weekend helping to produce the paper. We hope she will be around for a long time.

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FALKLANDS COOKING

Falklands mutton is sometimes referred to as 365 because it is eaten so regularly during the year. But it needn't be boring. Newcomers may like to try this recipe as a break from the regular roast joint and veg.

MUTTON A LA SAUCE LYONAISE - or to most of us, MUTTON IN ONION SAUCE

The ingredients: 8 mutton chops from Laurie, 2 medium onions from Joe & Jene, (or 4 oz dried onions), approximately 1½ oz flour, a dash of vegetable oil, one pint of milk, salt and pepper, garlic salt and lots of love and care.

Method: In a large frying pan heat the vegetable oil to a low frying temperature. Season the chops to taste, remembering that you can always add more seasoning but never take it away. Lightly fry the chops for three to four minutes, then remove them and add the flour to the oil. Mix this to a paste and slowly add the milk. Do not worry if the sauce looks a little thin, as you may thicken it later. Add to this the sliced onions, and bring to the boil. Then add the chops. Allow this to simmer for one to one and a quarter hours, then taste and adjust the seasoning. Serve it, and delight your family or friends.

Thanks to Mike Burke for this recipe. If you have a recipe that our readers might like to try, why not send it to the PN. We will publish as many as possible.

IN THE GARDEN, with "Greenfinger"

You should now have tidied up the various plots and be getting down to the serious task of sowing most of the vegetable seeds. The ones that require attention now are SPRING ONIONS, LETTUCE, CARROTS, GOLDEN BALL TURNIPS, PARSLEY and BEETROOT. BEETROOT, I find, is a difficult vegetable to grow in Stanley, and I don't think I have ever succeeded in growing one any larger than a hen egg. But I always keep trying, and I am sure Gene of the Potting Shed would not mind if I repeated his method. Dig in a dressing of Growmore and leave the ground about a week before sowing. Then firm the ground lightly and sprinkle salt along the line of the drill before planting the seeds thinly. Another light dressing of salt should be applied and hoed in about the end of December. I just hope it works, Gene.

Towards the end of the month it is not a bad idea to put in another row or two of EARLY TURNIPS to follow those sown a week or so ago. A second crop of RADISHES can also be sown at that time.

It is so easy to forget those seed POTATOES you have put away for later. You might well find they have grown long, white shoots rendering them useless for planting. It is wise to set them out in trays with the eyes uppermost and expose them to the light so that they turn green and sprout nice strong shoots. They will then grow rapidly when you plant them during the latter part of November. Remember: the later you plant your spuds, the less likelihood there is of losing your crop to December frosts, eelworm or whatever it is that attacks the patch around Christmas.

SIR REX TALKS OF THE AIRPORT PROJECT: "THE GREATEST ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT WE'VE HAD"

In a Penguin News interview last week, Sir Rex Hunt expressed his confidence that the Mount Pleasant Airport will provide the key to the development of major new industries. "I think it's the greatest economic development that we've had" said the Civil Commissioner. "It is equally as important on the economic side as it is for the defence of the Islands. I see big development following on from the airport".

Sir Rex suggested that mutton, sea trout and shellfish products could easily be exported to wealthy existing markets in the jumbo jets chartered by the military. He believes they will have ample space for local products on their north-bound flights.

The reality of these ideas may not be far off. Sir Rex, who visited the Mount Pleasant construction site recently, happily points to rapid progress there. The project seems on schedule for an inaugural flight on the 1st May 1985, and chartered jumbo jets (RAF Tristars will probably not be used for some time) may commence regular flights soon after that.

The Civil Commissioner has already approached the Sheep Owners Association, encouraging them to look at a possible mutton export trade. He is sure that at least some of the approximately 23,000 sheep slaughtered but wasted because of the lack of any market, could be flown to Europe and then on to the Middle East where a market definitely exists. New Zealand farmers already air freight their mutton to Arab consumers.

Mutton export could be the first of several viable industries opened up by the airport. "With this size runway", said Sir Rex enthusiastically, "we are in business".

CHAY BLYTH VISIT (continued from page 1.)

His first trimaran, BEEFEATER, was holed and abandoned by the delivery crew in November 1983 while en route to the starting line in New York. Sponsors James Burrough PLC, manufacturers of Beefeater gin, quickly provided another boat, and the challenge was again taken up.

Des Peck of the Philomel Store, agent for Beefeater gin in the Falklands, is delighted that the yachtsmen are to call at Stanley. He has arranged to meet BEEFEATER II from the deck of a local boat near the entrance to Port William.

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PENGUIN NEWS WELCOMES BEEFEATER II. We wish Chay Blyth and Eric Blunn good luck in their record breaking attempt, and our own Little Chay says "Bon voyage".

LITTLE CHAY RITES

Dear Grame,

Big Charley's propper chuffed. He sez theres a hole bunch of em-pees cumming this weak to study the falklands factor and hes to orl the partys sept wun and thats the wun us benneys are asked to go to and ask questions. But my dad sez therell be no hard stuff left by then cus its bound to be the last night. But hees going down for the beer anyway. Big Charley sez there goin to be hear for orlmost a weak so they will be abel to get to mount plesent and foxbay mill and chrtrs before gettin down to the mor seerius bizness of touring orl the penwing rookereys and the battel fields. He thinks theyll be verrie tired after orl that and they will only have about an hour left to lissen to us in the towne hawl before theyll hav to leeve for the big goin away partie with orl the wen-eyes. Unkel ben sez hees going to gag ant kelpie befor she goes cus she arsked so menny questions wen the dutchess wuz hear that the pore lady cuddent anser her kwestions nor enny budy elses about our fishing limmits and oyle and konstitutions and all that.

Last nite that horrid old Big Charley came up to our pad with the latest penwing nues and showed me that letter from Betsy who wrote to you about me. He new i carnt reed verry well just yet so my mum arsked him to reed it out lowd sos we cud orl here it. Big Charley was plesed and sed she wuz rite to rite to the penwing and say orl those nasty things bout me and mu letters. But i got so upset i cried orl nite and ime still snivelling this morning - sniff, sniff. i just hav to say howe sorry i am for riting culms in the penwing wot sum people dont like. So my mum sez i gotter stop writin enny more letters to yew untill dokter shrink sez i understand mor about wot ime riting about and learn to be a diplo mat. So thats wot ime going to do.

Wot kind of a mat is a diplo mat Grame. Dad sez weer used to bein walked on so it cant be that hard beein a mat.

Luv from Little Chay. xxx

PHILATELIC NEWSMOUNT PLEASANT POST OFFICE OPENING ANNOUNCED

The Postmaster, Mr. Bill Etheridge, has told the PENGUIN NEWS that the new post office at Mount Pleasant is to be officially opened by the Civil Commissioner on the 2nd November. A number of guests, including representatives of the contractors and local people associated with the Falklands postal service will attend the brief ceremony.

The small office has actually been functioning for several months, receiving and distributing mail to the airport personnel as well as organising outgoing despatches. The office, which is staffed by Mr. Andy Dolphin and Mrs. Eileen Hughes, has not, however, used its own distinctive cachet. This will change after the 2nd November, from which date all mail posted at Mount Pleasant will be readily identifiable as such. An official opening commemorative cover will be available from the Mount Pleasant, Stanley and the forces post offices.

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PURCHASE OF WAR BOOTY KEROSENE GOES AHEAD - DISTRIBUTION TO BE ARRANGED SOON

Further to our "Kerosene Bonanza" article in PN No. 61, we can now inform that the government have secured the purchase of the ex-Argentine kerosene stock-piled at Fox Bay. The 464 drums of the fuel were abandoned by the Argentine forces after their surrender. As spoils of war, it became the property of the Ministry of Defence.

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Happy birthday Mount Pleasant!

THE PENGUIN VISITS MT PLEASANT

TERRY PECK STAYS

Terry Peck, the Falklands' most outspoken and consistently controversial figure, has decided to stay in Port Stanley, and will not now be leaving to start a new life in Scotland as he had previously planned. At present, Mr. Peck is renovating a house on Fitzroy Road which he and his family hope to move into later this week.

Terry Peck told the PN that he had been keen to see what opportunities there are in the UK for him. However, after much thought, he decided to stay on in the Falklands for the sake of his family. He feels that he will only be able to leave the Islands when his son, James, has left for

Britain to join the army.

For the next year at least, the ex-Councillor will be very much in evidence on the Falklands scene - much to the chagrin of some figures in Government. We asked Mr. Peck if he is planning to enter government again, mindful of next year's general elections. He replied that it is too early to say whether he will again offer himself for election to Legislative Council.

Terry Peck still plans to visit the UK, but for just one month early in the new year. He will discuss his book, an autobiographical volume which is bound to prove controversial, with publishers and newspapers, who are said to be interested in marketing the material.

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Where are you Little Chay? I'm sure nobody really meant to hurt you that much.

WAR BOOTY KEROSENE (continued from page 1)

Government officials have been meeting MOD representatives, and are now to go ahead with the purchase at what Government Secretary, Bernard Pauncefort, calls a "very reasonable price". The MV FORREST, which is presently undergoing a refit in Montevideo will be instructed to alter course on her return journey to call at Fox Bay and pick up approximately half of the 20,000 litres of kerosene from the four large dumps there.

Announcements are soon to be broadcast over the local radio, inviting kerosene consumers on the outlying islands and in the camp settlements to inform the Government if they wish to take advantage of the cheap fuel offer. When a list of customers has been drawn up, FORREST will sail around the Islands from Fox Bay, delivering the drums. The remainder of the windfall fuel supply will be shipped to Stanley for distribution.

The Kerosene will not be free, however Bernard Pauncefort has told the PN that FIG do not intend to make any profit out of the deal. A margin will be added to the original MOD cost to cover handling expenses.

RMB

CHAY BLYTH SAILS AFTER EXTENDED STAY IN STANLEY

Chay Blyth, the famous small boat adventurer, spent nearly 48 hours in Stanley last week, enjoying a break from his record breaking attempt to sail from New York to San Francisco.

Accompanied by crewman Eric Blunn, Chay's yacht, BEEFEATER II, sailed into Port William at around midday last Wednesday. The yacht, which is sponsored by the distillers of Beefeater Gin, was towed the last few miles by a naval launch to a sheltered berth near the Government Jetty. The two men, looking a little weary and sporting several days growth of beard, stepped ashore to be welcomed by Lady Hunt and around fifty Islanders and servicemen. Des Peck, the local retailer of Beefeater gin had prepared a special welcome. Stationed at the head of the crowd, he opened a bottle of his favourite tipple and passed glasses of gin and tonic to the yachtsmen.

The yacht was six days ahead of schedule, having taken forty-one days to complete the first stage of the journey. If the second lap, from Stanley to San Francisco, is carried through with similar speed, it seems likely that the record will be broken. The record for the fastest passage from New York to San Francisco has stood since 1851, when Captain Josiah Creesey, a New Englander, pushed his clipper and crew almost to breaking point on the 14,000 mile passage. Seduced by the promise of fortunes in the gold prospecting fields of California, the Americans completed the voyage in eighty-nine days and twenty-one hours.

Chay Blyth's stay in Stanley was longer than planned. He had intended to remain at anchor in Stanley for less than twenty-four hours. However after seeking medical attention for a painful foot complaint, which he laughingly described as gout, the skipper of the small trimaran decided that a slightly longer rest in harbour would be wise. The time was spent taking on provisions and conducting minor repairs.

The two men were to face their most trying time a few days after leaving Stanley when they would take on the infamously hostile conditions of Cape Horn. The PN asked Chay if he was eagerly anticipating tackling the Cape against the prevailing westerly winds. "Not really", he replied. "I've gone off the idea". But then he laughed, and added, "we'll do it alright. It'd be a real disappointment if we got all this way and then lose".

The 44 year old veteran of many small boat adventures said he will write a book when his latest voyage is completed. He suggested that it may also be time to hang up his oil skins. "This is my last trip", he said. Then he smiled, and with a laugh added, "mind you, I said that last time".

Chay Blyth and Eric Blunn sailed out of Stanley Harbour around 10.00 a.m. on Friday the 2nd November. After nursing BEEFEATER II around the treacherous Horn, they will head north, using every square inch of sail possible. They won't stop until they sail under the Golden Gate Bridge.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY MOUNT PLEASANT AIRPORT! THE PENGUIN REPORTER VISITS THE SITEONE YEAR AFTER WORK COMMENCED

Just over one year ago we reported that the first sods of earth were being turned near East Cove. We said then that the disembarkation of men and machines from a ship in East Cove was more than a little reminiscent of a time some fourteen months previously when another force of men and machines rushed ashore in San Carlos Water.

The analogy still applies. Laing Mowlem and ARC have consolidated their position and with the commencement of work on the road, have broken out from their beachhead.

At the invitation of the Property Services Agency, our reporter, Rob McBride, recently toured Mount Pleasant to see for himself the admirable victory that is being achieved in spite of stiff resistance from the forces of politics, isolation and weather. His report follows.

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"I DON'T THINK THAT ANYWHERE IN THE WORLD THERE HAS BEEN AN AIRPORT OF THIS SIZE WHICH HAS BEEN BUILT SO QUICKLY"

Peter Phythion, the Entertainments Manager at the Mount Pleasant Airport site, was pleased to inform me that the 42nd sport had just been added to the list of activities available in the massive recreation complex. We had just done the tour of the bars, video rooms and table tennis hall, and were now gazing over what seemed like acres of green baize in the snooker room. The fact that a massive entertainments centre exists at all on this equally massive construction site only forty six weeks after bull dozers dug into the strips of earth that would eventually support the air strips, is staggering - almost unbelievable.

The same feeling of incredulity must have been experienced by the Property Services Agency's Regional Director, Maurice Chamings, when he first looked out at the proposed site from the window of a shepherd's hut in August 1982. The grandly named Mount Pleasant House was the only shelter for Mr. Chamings and his advance party, who had been sent to evaluate the area as a possible location for a new airport. The land he saw and the land on which I was standing in the Sports Centre, was then little more than a bog. It would have been difficult then for anyone to visualise an airport the size of Gatwick or Heathrow rising up out of the peat. But someone in London had come up with the idea, so the evaluation went ahead. There was found to be a deep water anchorage five miles away in East Cove, and there were no mountains encircling the area to interfere with approaching aircraft. It was certainly a dream, but not a wild one. When the advance party went back to the UK with their findings, the decision was made to turn the concept into reality.

Three giants of the construction world, Laing, Mowlem and Amy Roadstone Construction, joined forces to win the £215 millions contract, and the Ministry of Defence purchased the broad swathe of land which stretches ten miles from East Cove to Mount Pleasant from the Falkland Islands Company. By any standards, 8,500 acres is a large piece of land, but it could not be said to have damaged the MOD's bank balance. The amount of money paid for the site would just about have bought one acre of farming land in Surrey. The contract was clear, and on the surface, at least, straightforward. Build an airport to international standards with all the jet-age facilities for civilian and military aircraft, ready for the arrival of the first tristar jumbo jet by the end of April 1985. The race against time was on.

On 28th October last year, the MERCHANT PROVIDENCE tied up at East Cove, and leaving a life on the ocean wave behind her, commenced a new career as a floating jetty head. Two days later the MV ENGLAND berthed alongside her and the first 105 pioneer workers stepped ashore. Base camp was quickly constructed and they began the task of driving a road inland to reach the site of the future airport. Pressure was such and supplies of raw material so scarce during those early days, that a ship load of 3,000 tons of stone had to be despatched from the UK. The floating jetty was linked to the airport site by a road within seven weeks, and over that route began to rumble a steady flow of machines, materials and men.

Looking back on the past twelve months, Maurice Chamings is pleased with the progress made. LMA, he says, are not doing badly at all. After all, points out

Mr. Chammings, "the only things we can get locally are stone and water. Everything else has to come from the UK". That "everything else" includes five hundred vehicles and machines worth £20 million, pre-fabricated buildings, fuel and foodstuffs. So far a quarter of a million tons of these supplies have been hauled across the decks of the Merchant Providence and sent up the road to the building site. When MPA have completed their work, the figures for the costs and quantities of the materials and supplies imported will blow the circuits of the average pocket calculator. By that time, one and a half million tons of stone will have been blasted from two local quarries and ground into rubble, gravel and sand. The figure for the amount of cement used will involve an equally impressive row of zeroes, thanks to three giant mixers which can produce up to 150 tons of concrete per hour. The one local resource they do have at Mount Pleasant is peat. But they would be a lot happier if it wasn't present in such copious quantities. To get to bed rock and commence foundation work on the two-mile runway, the mechanical diggers have excavated 1.3 million cubic yards of peat. We estimate that that would be enough to keep the average Rayburn kitchen cooker burning fiercely for 8,060 years.

LMA's Project Manager, Wyn Kendrick is delighted that these staggering statistics have been brought about during just 46 weeks of work. "I don't think that anywhere in the world there has been an airport this size which has been built so quickly", he said. With understandable satisfaction he pointed to a similar airport being built by the Americans on the Island of Diego Garcia in the Indian Ocean. The project there is not expected to be completed for five years. The two strips at Mount Pleasant will have been built in just sixteen months. The speed which is characteristic of the Mount Pleasant effort is also reflected in the erection of a massive hangar. It has taken three months to erect the building, although some work remains to be done on the eighty foot high construction which will eventually shelter a Tristar jet. It all adds up to an astonishing feat of machine and muscle winning over the elements.

Some might argue that it is also an astonishingly expensive feat. But for those people who divide every sum of Falkland expenditure by 1800, it should be pointed out that MPA is here to stay. Falkland Islanders many generations into the future should be reaping the benefit of the airport. It is, quite literally, an investment in the future. The accommodation blocks have a life expectancy of at least twenty years and they will be owned by the Ministry of Defence, unlike the expensively leased coastals. Those counting the pennies and pounds should also note that the completion of MPA will mean an almost immediate reduction in force levels, which is surely a money-saving move. Furthermore, the movement of troops garrisoning the Islands will be carried out by RAF airliners instead of chartered ships. In the long term, Mount Pleasant is a money saving exercise.

It is no exaggeration to say that the airport will generate enterprise, industry and money for the Falklands. When the last dumper truck has spread its load of asphalt on the runway, and the first Tristar touches down, the Islands will have the opportunity of exporting produce which has not to date been exploited. Markets that today are unreachable may suddenly be only a dozen hours flight away. It could also be the key to a profitable fishing industry. Eastern Block and Spanish ships will be able to use Falklands Ports to change crews that have been flown in to Mount Pleasant on Chartered airliners. The expensive and lengthy trips to Montevideo would suddenly become unnecessary for the trawlers.

Next April, then, seems to hold the promise of major changes for not only the forces, but for Falkland Islanders too. The concrete and asphalt will offer opportunities for commercial progress, creating the degree of self-sufficiency needed if the Islands are ever to deal with the UK as equals rather than as poor cousins.

Happy Birthday Mount Pleasant!

NEXT WEEK: A CLOSER LOOK AT MOUNT PLEASANT NEW TOWN - THE ISLANDS' SECOND CITY

FILM CREW IN ISLANDS TO PRODUCE DOCUMENTARY

Jack Murray and Theo Richmond, two film makers employed by the Central Office of Information, are now in the Falklands. They are making a documentary film of life in the Falklands which is expected to be titled "Falklands Now". More members of their team will arrive this week, bringing equipment for the project.

THE PENGUIN POST BOX

Write to the Penguin News, PO Box 178, Port Stanley to have your views expressed in this column. To avoid the necessity for extensive editing, please be concise. Opinions expressed in this column are not necessarily shared by the editorial staff.

DAVID TAYLOR WRITES TO TERRY PECK

Dear Sir,

Characteristically, Mr. Peck's letter (PN No. 61) ignores much of what I said and introduces a great deal of additional material. Most of this he has said before, although the references to Freemasons is new and puzzling. He clearly believes that if you say something often enough you will eventually be believed.

When he does specifically refer to my letter, his rebuttals are unconvincing. On roads, the Chief Secretary's answer to Councillor Cheek's question which Mr. Peck reports simply confirms that the "necessary repairs and replacements will be made", not that all services were to be renewed (which is very different). When Mr. Peck first talked about cement to the Observer, he said that "hundreds of tons ... was left at the mercy of the weather and hardened". He now simply says that it was left out and that some was unprotected. What he does not say is that the amount which was unprotected (as a result of damage during the handling) is small. On the question of Councillors' say in the award of contracts, this was not an issue in the original article. What was in issue was an allegation that "the Authorities were engaged in a cover up of the true financial position of the Islands". No evidence in support of this has been produced.

However, the main point of my letter was in the last paragraph which you have quoted in your summary of it. My concern all along has not been that Mr. Peck was going or that "he was prepared to give in" but in the manner of his going.

When I wrote to him following the article in the Daily Telegraph of 10 September, I asked whether he thought what he had caused to be written was helpful to the Falkland Islands. The Islanders have a great many supporters in Britain. There is also a body of opinion which is essentially against the defence and development of the Islands and against Britain's retaining sovereignty over them. Nothing can be more encouraging to those people than criticisms of the kind which Mr. Peck so persistently makes. Far from being more concerned about the Islands as a result, those people are only too delighted to have any evidence which supports their contention that the Islands are unviable, that they cannot be developed and that they should be given away with all speed. I ask Mr. Peck to think again.

Yours faithfully, DAVID TAYLOR, Chief Executive, The Secretariat, Stanley.

"MIGRANTS HAVE NO SAY IN THE RUNNING OF THE COMMUNITY"

26.10.84

Dear Sir,

Mr. Phillip Middleton, in his pre-election address on Falkland Islands Radio, was on fairly safe ground criticising the duty-free and tax concessions to temporary residents. Let us not forget that such migrants have no voice, and therefore no say in the running of the Islands community.

Yours faithfully, HUGH COCHRANE, C/O LMA, Mount Pleasant.

A MESSAGE FOR ISLANDERS: "WAKE UP FROM ILLUSIONS"

Dear Mr. Bound,

The Falkland Islanders, above all others, should be ever grateful that Mrs. Thatcher was not among those so tragically killed in the terrorist bomb attack at Brighton.

They owe their present freedom to many people, but to none more than her. So let every Falkland Islander, every friend of the Falklands, think about the consequences to the Islands' security and sovereignty, had the bombers achieved their worst designs.

Any friend of the Falklands can well understand how easy it must be for Kelpers surrounded by the Armed Forces of the British Crown, with repeated assurances from Mrs. Thatcher and her Ministers, to come to believe that those alone are sufficient to guarantee the continuing freedoms and security of the Falkland Islands.

That is not how things are in London and the UK.

That sort of too-great reliance on the courage, determination of any one person is dangerous self delusion which puts all our future at risk. Time after time after time friends of the Falklands here in London have told your Civil Commissioner, your London representative, your Islands Executive, your councillors, publically and privately, that only the understanding and goodwill of the British people will be sufficient to guarantee the Islands security and future.

The pro-Argentine propagandists have won all the political battles these past two years, and there are no signs that the Falklands Government or Legco are either going to attempt to turn back that anti-Falklands tide, or help their friends here in the UK to do that for them.

Everything you do, everything you achieve in the Islands, is at risk unless the political battles are won. There is probably a very small pro-Falklands majority in Parliament at this date. By 1987, or after the next general election, there will no longer be a pro-Falklands majority in Parliament.

It is time now for Falkland Islanders to urgently wake from apparent apathy and self delusion, the councillors to work together more closely and more decisively to ensure that more decisions are taken in the Islands not in Whitehall, and for the FI Government to realise at last that time is NOT on your side.

Falklands friends in the UK will do all we can to fight these battles which your Legco and government are unwilling or unable to fight.

We need more than fair words and fine phrases. Above all, we need to know that the Falkland Islanders are awake and aware of the dangers they face. Time is not on your side.

So put not your trust in Princes, or Prime Ministers or Parliament. Wake up from illusions and help win again the trust and support of the British people.

ERIC OGDEN, Vice Chairman Falkland Islands Association; London.

POLICE FILE

JUVENILE DRIVING OFFENCE

On Monday 29th October, a juvenile appeared in court in Stanley charged with two motoring offences. In the first instance, the youth was charged with driving a motorbike in the town without a driving license and without insurance. He pleaded guilty to both charges, and was fined by Magistrate Mr. Barrington-Jones £20 for the first offence and £50 for the second. The defendant was also banned from obtaining a driving license for twelve months.

A police spokesman was keen to point out that the force did not wish to appear as "ogres" for taking the juvenile to court. They said the youth in question had ignored earlier warnings about driving his motorbike on the roads without license or insurance, and that on the latest occasion the police had no option but to enforce the law.

BLACK LIST OFFENCES

Mr. Kelvin Browning, whose name appears on the Black List, appeared before Stanley's magistrate last Tuesday. He was charged with being in possession of intoxicating liquor. Mr. Browning was ordered to remain on the list until the 31st December 1985 and was fined £10.

Appearing in court on the same day was Mr. Frederick Biggs. He was charged with

supplying intoxicating liquor to Mr. Browning. Mr. Biggs was also placed on the Black List and was fined £10.

Editor's note: Our overseas readers may need a note of explanation about the Black List. Persons with drinking problems may have their names added to the list voluntarily or on the recommendation of a doctor or magistrate. Bars and retail outlets are regularly notified of additions to the list. They are prohibited by law to sell alcoholic drinks to persons on the list. It is often said that such a legal device could not be expected to work well anywhere other than in the Falklands.

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STANLEY'S FIRST TRADERS ASSOCIATION

The Falklands first traders' association was established at a meeting last Wednesday evening in Stanley. Over a dozen traders attended the meeting.

The local businessmen elected Dave Eynon as their Chairman, and Standard Chartered Bank Manager, Alan Parry, as Treasurer. The post of Secretary has yet to be filled, but until it is, the secretarial duties will be carried out by other members of the committee, who are Phil Middleton, Dave Hawksworth and Jimmy Alazia.

The Association is to meet again this Tuesday, when a constitution will be drafted. Asked of his ideas of the aims of the Association, Dave Eynon told the PN that he wants the FI Company, the Government and the Military to be made aware of the presence of local commerce in the town. He also sees the organisation as a useful representative body in matters concerning traders and government. "There are many problems which affect all the traders here", he told us. "We want to be able to speak to the Government with one voice and not as individual traders".

LOCAL MEN ON FIRE FIGHTING COURSE

Falkland Islanders; Charles Keenleyside and Robert Finlayson, who are members of the Stanley Fire Brigade, are to take short courses in the operation and maintenance of Draeger breathing equipment.

The two men are presently studying at the Cable and Wireless College in the UK, and will commence the one week fire fighting course when their electronic engineering courses are complete.

Draeger, who manufacture fire fighting breathing equipment for civilian and military use, have agreed to provide the course free of charge.

YET ANOTHER KEROSENE PRICE RISE

The Ministry of Defence increased the price of their kerosene for a second time on the 2nd November. The fuel now sells

to civilians for 53.37 pence per litre. The rise follows soon after a massive price hike which took the price of kerosene from an affordable 28.7 pence per litre to 52.1 pence per litre.

MPs HAVE A WEEK IN THE FALKLANDS

Nine parliamentarians stepped off the airbridge Hercules last Monday to commence a week-long programme of visits to defensive installations and development projects, and meetings with military and civilian administrations.

The multi-party, ad hoc group were being led by the Rt Hon Julian Amery MP. The other visitors were: The Earl of Onslow (Conservative), Mathew Parris (Con.), Anthony Beaumont-Dark (Con.), Anna McCurley (Con.), Robin Maxwell-Hislop (Con.), Geraint Howells (Liberal), Ron Davis (Lab.) and Austin Mitchell (Lab.).

On Friday evening the parliamentarians attended a 90 minute long public meeting in Stanley's Town Hall. Around 150 towns folk accepted the invitation to meet the politicians.

The gathering was addressed by Julian Amery, who stressed the importance of confident belief in the future. "I think there are solid reasons for believing in it", said the MP. He pointed to the Mount Pleasant Airport as an example of this sound basis for a future. This he described as a "positive development, opening new opportunities for the Falkland Islanders". He also cited as encouraging the developments at Fox Bay East, and went on to stress the important role that the Falklands could take in the exploitation of Antarctic resources. He believes that such involvement will benefit the people of the Falklands. Continuing on the theme of optimism and encouragement, Mr. Amery pointed to the strategic value of the Islands. "If the Panama

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Canal is closed, every thing from the west coast of America would have to come around Cape Horn". He indicated that in such circumstances the Islands would assume unprecedented importance.

The Conservative MP stressed that Islanders must show initiative and commitment if the movement towards development is to be successful. "You have a critical part to play", said Mr. Amery. "Of course we in Britain will have to play our part. We'll be doing it in partnership with you, and as you are the people on the spot you are the people best able to justify members of Parliament like ourselves in supporting you. Let's go forward together with a faith that could move mountains."

MOUNT PLEASANT POST OFFICE OFFICIALLY OPENED

The new Post Office at the Mount Pleasant Airport site was officially opened last Friday morning by the Civil Commissioner, Sir Rex Hunt. Accompanied by Government Secretary, Bernard Pauncefort, and Postmaster, Mr. Bill Etheridge, Sir Rex unveiled a plaque on the outside of the building. The brief ceremony gave the sub-post office official status, and the staff there will now be able to use a distinctive cachet.

Sir Rex and Lady Hunt were welcomed by LMA director, Bill Bloomfield, who said it will be interesting to compare the development of the Mount Pleasant Post Office with that of the last Office opened in the Islands, at Fox Bay East eighty years ago. The first year's takings at Fox Bay were less than £2.00, but, said Mr. Bloomfield, with Mount Pleasant's unique frank and sales to philatelists the world over, there is no doubt that figure will be surpassed, and that the new office will help promote what is at present one of the largest earners of revenue for the Falklands Government.

Sir Rex Hunt, in his address, thanked LMA and the many other people who had helped in establishing the post office. He was particularly grateful to Andy Dolphin and Eileen Hughes, who had managed the post office during the months prior to the official opening. Until the official opening last week, the two civil-servants had processed mail but had forwarded the outgoing envelopes and packages to Stanley to receive the main office's cachet. "Letters franked here", said Sir Rex, "will be collectors' items and will command a high price on the world stamp market."

Following the official opening, a large queue of people instantly formed at the sales desk. Some of those buying the special commemorative covers had their collectors' items signed by the Civil Commissioner, thus ensuring that the 60p covers would be of special interest to philatelists of the future. Fox Bay East's

first year takings were exceeded within two minutes.

At present the new office will only handle mail, but further business could be on the horizon. Sir Rex Hunt pointed out that the Post Office could handle telecommunications should Cable and Wireless decide to withdraw its services following the completion of the airport.

NEW FUEL DEPOT OPENED AT CANACHE

The Forces' new bulk fuel depot was officially opened on the 26th October by the Civil Commissioner. After a briefing on the construction and operation of the depot, Sir Rex Hunt toured the complex situated at the Canache, accompanied by Major General Peter de la Billiere.

The tanks in the depot can hold up to 600,000 litres of fuel as well as a large quantity of lubricants in nearby containers. Tankers will be able to feed supplies to the complex through a pipeline running into Stanley Harbour.

The underground tanks and surrounding constructions were built in seven weeks by the 1st Field Squadron of the Royal Engineers. The Sappers also constructed a road network in the area, laying and rolling some 25,000 tons of crushed rock from the Mary Hill Quarry.

The Petroleum Platoon of the Ordnance Corps have now taken over the management of the depot from Captain Bruce Blaxter and his construction team.

After cutting the tape at the entrance to the complex, Sir Rex Hunt was able to watch his London taxi receiving the first fuel from the new pumps.

From today, the new depot will supply fuel to military and civilian consumers, replacing the ex-Argentine YPF plant to the east of Stanley. The Canache outlet will be open from 8.00 am to 12.00 noon, and from 1.30 pm to 7.00 pm. Civilians will continue to pay for the fuel at the Treasury in Stanley.

The new development is an improvement in almost every way, but will introduce a problem for drivers of small cars. While Land-Rover owners will have few problems negotiating the pot-holed route from Stanley to the Canache, drivers of Mini's and similar vehicles could find the road virtually impassable.

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FALKLAND ISLANDS DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Simon Armstrong, the General Manager, answers some of the questions most frequently asked about FIDC.

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WHAT IS FIDC?

FIDC is a development agency set up by act of both our Legislative Council and UK Parliament.

WHAT ARE ITS AIMS?

FIDC's aim is to encourage the economic development of the Falkland Islands. It hopes to do this by identifying likely projects, assisting them financially and by monitoring and guiding the later progress.

WHERE DOES FIDC GET ITS MONEY?

FIDC is almost totally financed by grant aid from the Overseas Development Administration.

DOES THIS MEAN THAT ODA CONTROL THE PURSE STRINGS?

FIDC has a local board known as the Corporation. The Corporation membership is very representative of local interest groups. The Corporation can give assistance up to £250,000 without having to refer to anybody else at all.

WHO IS ENTITLED TO FIDC ASSISTANCE?

No one is entitled to FIDC assistance as a right. Each application is considered on its own merits and the Corporation decide if the applicant should receive assistance and in what form.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR ASSISTANCE?

Anyone carrying on, or proposing to carry on any activity which is both likely to contribute to the economic development of the Falkland Islands and is potentially financially viable.

WILL FIDC PUT UP ALL THE COSTS OF A PROJECT?

FIDC's assistance is intended to supplement and encourage investment by individuals or companies. Generally FIDC would only consider putting up 50% of the total costs of a project. The remainder of the costs should come from either individuals or company's own resources or from bank borrowing.

WILL THE ASSISTANCE BE GRANT OR LOAN OR WHAT?

FIDC's normal assistance takes the form of:

1. Loans Normally at a concessionary interest rate. FIDC will set

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the repayment period to meet the needs of the applicant. FIDC can give an initial interest free period and postponement of capital repayment of upto three years in cases where it is deemed necessary.

2. Share and stock participation

FIDC can purchase shares in an existing company or a company being formed. This form of assistance does not need to be repaid or result in interest being paid. FIDC does not want and will not take a controlling interest in a company.

3. Agricultural Grants

Non-repayable grants are available for a range of agricultural improvements. FIDC only awards grants to projects, other than agricultural improvements, if the project is not likely to succeed on normal assistance alone and the project is essential to the proper management of the area.

IS THE FIDC UNINTERESTED IN EXISTING BUSINESSES?

No, FIDC is very interested in existing businesses - after all, you are already here and successful. However, we are a development agency and we cannot help you just to continue your existing activity at the same level or put up our money to help you lower your overdraft. There is no development in that. But if you want to expand or branch out or train staff or almost anything which improves a local service and is an extension to what you normally do - then we are interested.

HOW DOES FIDC DIFFER FROM FIG?

FIDC is not a part of FIG in any way. We rent our offices, pay our telephone bill and for all other services like any other individual or company. FIG has a development responsibility in creating the infra-structure - the houses, roads, electricity, water etc, and once they are there, FIDC must make sure that jobs exist and services are available to attract and keep people to live in the houses and use the roads.

The only exception to this is that FIDC can build housing for the staff of an assisted company if no other housing is available - and that is just what we are doing at Mullet Creek for the new dairy.

WHO DO I APPEAL TO IF I AM UNHAPPY WITH FIDC STAFF'S ADVICE?

Anyone is entitled to have their application considered by the Executive Board or the Corporation of FIDC. You can indeed insist that the staff put your application up for a decision, but there is no appeal procedure beyond the Corporation - the buck stops there!

WHAT DO I DO IF I HAVE AN IDEA FOR A BUSINESS, BUT DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO NEXT?

Ring FIDC on 186 and make an appointment to see Simon Armstrong or John Reid. They will be happy to discuss your ideas and see if FIDC can help take them through to completion.

TONGUE IN REAK - A SOMETIMES OFFBEAT LOOK AT THE ALTERNATIVE NEWS

BOBBING ABOUT IN BOATS

Now enough is enough! After our little sermon last week about the evils of rumour mongering, we thought we had finally exorcised the demon heresay from the streets of Stanley, making them safe for reporters to tread once more. But it was not to be.

Last Wednesday morning, yet another rumour struck this sleeping, innocent town. It seeped up from the sewers, slid along gutters and finally gripped the telephone wires, setting phones ringing and people running all over town. The message people heard on those bewitched telephone lines? That no other than the famous Chay Blyth was about to arrive in Port William.

People were thrown into clothes, cameras into bags; then people, clothes, cameras and bags into cars. If you, like us, had the misfortune to be up at half past six on that morning, then you might have spotted a group of cold and bleary-eyed figures bobbing up and down in Chris Bundes' boat, the FOAM, at the Public Jetty, ready to go out and meet the intrepid yachtsman and his crewman, Eric Blunn. The group included the entire staff of the PN, representatives of the FIC, FIG, Beefeaters Gin and, yes, Sir Rex Hunt.

We knew that Chay could not be far off, but thought we should check with the Queen's Harbour Master to learn of his exact location. It was only then that we were told he was probably closer to the Falklands than to Brazil, but that was about all. At that moment messrs Blyth and Blunn, miles out to sea, were most likely ensconced in warm bunks nursing plates of hot bacon and eggs. I could have sworn that the shrieking gulls were laughing at us. The wind up was made that much more unbearable as Des Peck didn't want to open the Beefeaters Gin until it could be shared with Chay, and Sir Rex wouldn't let us take turns wearing his natty, Russian style fur hat. If anyone had said, "never mind, we'll laugh about it afterwards, I think he would have been keel-hauled.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Around midday we did get out into Port William to see Beefeater II sailing into harbour. By that time we were in a better state of mind to enjoy it. Many thanks to Chris Bundes and Des Peck for the trip.

CONTROVERSIAL FUND

It is said that a new charity box has been placed on the long counter of the Globe bar here in Stanley. It seems that the pub's regulars have become so tired of the continuing controversy surrounding the sinking of the GENERAL BELGRANO that they have started raising cash to raise the cruiser from the sea bed.

ALL YOU NEED IS A RAKE AND A HOE AND A PIECE OF FERTILE GROUND

The approaches to the new Brewster Houses on Jeremy Moore Avenue are starting to look a little more respectable. The Public Works recently dumped large quantities of soil excavated from the school hostel site on the open-plan approaches to the Government houses, kindly inviting the occupants to create their own gardens and lawns. So far, however, there are few signs of greenery. But one can hope. Chief Police Officer Bill Richards has erected an official looking sign in his newly landscaped garden. In large white letters, it reads: "If grass grows, keep off".

FALKLANDS COUNCIL INVITES ARGENTINE NEXT OF KIN TO VISIT WAR GRAVES

During a discussion programme on Calling the Falklands last Friday, Councillor John Cheek revealed that during his recent visit to the General Assembly of the United Nations, he officially invited the families of Argentine soldiers killed in the Falklands to visit the war cemetery at Goose Green. "We believe it is right and proper", he said, adding that the invitation had been extended after discussion in Legislative Council. Mr. Cheek said that such a visit should be carefully organised through an independent body such as the Red Cross. "The world community would see it as something we should be doing", he said. The councillor does not believe that the Argentine Government will readily authorise such a visit.

The bodies of fallen Argentine soliders continue to be found from time to time on the mountains around Stanley. The remains of an unidentified soldier were interred at Goose Green last week following a funeral ceremony conducted by Monsignor Spraggon.

SURPRISE VOTING IN U.N. FALKLANDS DEBATE - "A SERIOUS SET-BACK FOR ARGENTINA"

Councillors and Government officials have hailed the outcome of the recent United Nations General Assembly debate on the Falklands as a virtual victory for Britain and the Islands.

Paradoxically, Argentina did receive massive support for its motion urging a return to negotiations, but an unexpectedly large number of countries supported Britain, and many others abstained. Political pundits had forecast a significant drop in support for Britain, and officials could not conceal their delight at the relatively favourable outcome. In the hope that Britain's former allies, especially those in the Common Market, would change sides or at least abstain, the Argentines had moderated the wording of their 1983 resolution. This year they simply called for a return to negotiations. But the plan failed.

89 countries voted in favour of the resolution, nine voted with Britain in opposing it, and 54 countries abstained. The figures at last year's Falklands debate were 87, 9 and 54 respectively.

"We regard this as a very good result," said Sir Rex Hunt. "I should think the Argentines are very disappointed at the outcome".

Speaking on the BBC's *Calling the Falklands*, John Dickie, the diplomatic correspondent of the Daily Mail, described the outcome as "a serious set-back for Argentina - they failed miserably". He called the debate a "good occasion for Britain".

According to *Calling the Falklands*, one of Argentina's nearest neighbours, Uruguay, had even shown signs of sympathy for Britain and the Falklands. Although voting with Argentina in the interests of South American solidarity, which for that small country is a vital principle, the Uruguayan delegate made it clear that his government does not believe that a return to negotiations should presuppose an outcome favourable to Argentina.

The surprise result in the U.N. was probably due in some degree to the participation of Legislative Council members John Cheek and Tim Blake. "Both spoke very well and made a very good impression", said the Civil Commissioner. "That might well have helped us".

Councillor Blake returned by airbridge last Saturday. John Cheek plans to remain in the UK until later this week.

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TO THE POLLS! STANLEY ELECTS A COUNCILLOR TODAY

Residents of Stanley whose names appear on the electoral roll, can vote today for their representative on Legislative Council.

Contesting the Legco seat which became vacant following the resignation of Terry Peck one month ago, are Messrs Terry Betts, Harold Bennett and Phillip Middleton.

The polling station will be in the ante-room of the Court and Council Chamber, and citizens may cast their votes between 9.00 a.m. and 6.00 p.m. The name of the successful candidate is expected to be announced later this evening.

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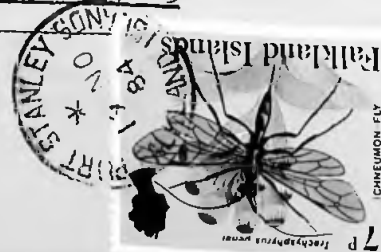
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DISASTER AT THE CAPE

Round the world yachtsman, Chay Blyth, and his crewman, Eric Blunn, are recovering in Chile after their Trimaran Beefeater Two capsized in stormy seas off Cape Horn. The automatic distress signals from the boat were picked up at 3.17 a.m. (GMT) last Thursday when it was some 450 miles south west of the Falklands. Rescue services in Chile and Argentina were alerted, and an RAF Hercules stood by, ready to assist in a search.

The two yachtsmen spent hours on the upturned hull of their boat in what Chay called a "terrifying ordeal" before being rescued by a Chilean vessel. Chay Blyth suffered a broken collar bone and both men were hospitalized in Chile.

Before setting off from Stanley, Chay joked with Islanders about the dangers of tackling the Horn against the prevailing winds. This is the second time that Chay has lost a boat in attempts to break the sailing record from New York to San Francisco.

"We Shall Remember Them"

In remembrance services around the Islands yesterday, Falklanders and servicemen remembered those who died in two world wars and in the 1982 conflict.

In Stanley, religious services were followed by the focal point of the day, a joint civil and military ceremony at the Cross of Sacrifice. A guard of honour was formed by units of the Royal Navy, Army, Royal Marines, Royal Air Force and the Falkland Islands Defence Force. A two minute silence was marked at the beginning and end by gunfire from FIDF signalling guns on Victory Green.

Outside Stanley, similar services were held at Blue Beach Military Cemetery, Campito, Fitzroy/Bluff Cove, Fox Bay, Goose Green, Pebble Island and Sapper Hill.

ELECTION VICTORY FOR HAROLD BENNETT

Stanley has a new representative on Legislative Council. Retired magistrate, Harold Bennett, swept to victory at the polls with 179 of the 360 votes cast, with a minimum of effort. "It's nice to know that people who have known and trusted me all my life still trust me", he said.

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MOD wish to point out that the 'ex Argentine kerosene is only suitable for well built and maintained heating systems. It is not for use in small "Aladin" stoves.

CRUISES TO SOUTH GEORGIA COMING UP SOON

Arrangements are being made by the Forces and Government House staff to allow a limited number of Islanders to travel with the forces on ten day round trips to South Georgia. Royal Fleet Auxiliary ships make regular trips to the dependency with supplies and replacement personnel for the garrison there, and the vessels often take servicemen for rest & recreation.

A few civilians have already managed to make the unusual trip, but once the technical details such as insurance have been worked out, the opportunity should be opened up to a much wider spectrum of people. The round trip normally takes between eight and ten days, six days of which are spent at sea. The cost of the excursion is provisionally set at £420. The PN has been told that anyone wishing to make the trip should notify Government House. Their applications will be considered on individual merits and will depend on space being available aboard the ships.

YACHT PUTS INTO STANLEY UNDER JURY-RIG

A New Zealand registered yacht is undergoing major repairs at Navy Point after she was dismasted while en route from South Georgia to Chile. The TOTORORE, skippered by New Zealander, Gerry Clark, was only three days sailing from Stanley when she lost her mast in heavy weather. Sailing with improvised sails and rigging, the boat managed to limp into Stanley on Saturday 3rd November.

TOTORORE was not unknown in Falklands waters. She visited Stanley last June to pick up a crew member who had arrived from Punta Arenas. She set off for South Georgia in September to carry out scientific work on behalf of the British Antarctic Survey. The three men on board had completed their research and were heading for Chile when the extensive damage was sustained. It is not yet known how long the yacht will remain in Stanley.

REPAIR WORK COMMENCES ON AIRPORT ROAD

A start has been made on the desperately required temporary repairs to the Stanley Airport Road.

The restoration work is now being carried out on a two mile stretch from Windy Ridge aerial farm to the outskirts of Stanley, by 15 Field Support

Squadron of the Royal Engineers.

One hundred meters of the new crushed rock surface is being laid each day. The most seriously damaged patches on other stretches of the road will be dealt with in turn, and when the work has been completed, daily grading should maintain the surface in reasonable condition.

Lt Col Barry Sanderson, Commander Royal Engineers, urges all drivers to exercise great caution on the stretches of restored road. He reminds drivers of the dangers of loose chippings and urges them to avoid speeding.

The Airport Road, which is known to servicemen as the M1, was the subject of extensive and expensive repair work by the Crown Agents road team earlier this year. However the surface lasted only months before developing serious pot-holes and ruts. The Parliamentarians who spent a week in the Falklands earlier this month intend to question the British Government about the standard of work carried out. The bill for the repair work earlier this year exceeded one million pounds.

SIR GEOFFREY HOWE SPEAKS OF THE NEED FOR A FORMAL END TO THE WAR

In a Central Office of Information interview on the 1st November, Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary, spoke of his desire for renewed relations with Argentina and the need for a formal cessation of hostilities.

In reply to the suggestion that as war had not been declared there was no need for a formal end, the minister had this to say: "It doesn't make much difference to the people of the Falkland Islands whether their homes were invaded and the Islands occupied as a result of war, declared or undeclared. The reality was what happened. If we are to have the chance of moving as we would wish to more normal relations, I think the people of the Islands are entitled to have it made clear that there is no further intention of hostilities."

He was asked if Britain should exercise greater flexibility in an effort to break the political impasse.

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"We would like to normalise our relations", said Sir Geoffrey. "That is why we put so much effort into negotiations that were initiated during the summer in Switzerland. We planned that with great care in order to try and be sure that they went ahead rather than foundered at the first step. And unfortunately the Argentines were not prepared to do that. It was our initiative to have those negotiations in that way. We were very disappointed that they didn't succeed".

OIL COMPANY TO COMMENCE SURVEY SOON

Calling the Falklands reported last week that the Firstland Gas and Oil Company intend to start surveying in the Falklands soon.

The company, which has struck oil or gas twice in the United States since July this year, have been issued with a licence to drill on Douglas Station land, but their surveys will include Lafonia and parts of the West.

Paul Beck of Firstland indicated on the programme that Islanders should not envisage massive oil infrastructure and wealth for a while yet. "I think it's still early days", he said.

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THE FALKLANDS WELCOMES THE ROYAL GREEN JACKETS

The First Battalion of the Royal Green Jackets officially took over the role of resident infantry battalion from the Coldstream Guards on Sunday 4th November. An advance party arrived in the Falklands from the Battalion's HQ in Tidworth three weeks ago and a small detachment of infantrymen were posted to South Georgia at the same time. They will spend their four months in the Southern Hemisphere in the dependency.

The main body of the battalion followed on by sea, and have now settled at the three company locations around the Islands. 'A' Company have moved into Kelly's Garden, 'B' Company to Fox Bay and 'C' Company into the Canache complex. The latter group will remain in Stanley until the HQ has been established at Goose Green. The Battalion is virtually up to full strength and will be in the Falklands until the 5th March.

The unit is no stranger to overseas postings. From 1977 to 1979, the battalion was stationed in Hong Kong, policing the border with China. From then until 1983 the men worked a "split shift" between the UK mainland and Northern Ireland. The last twelve months has seen the globe trotting Green Jackets playing an active role with the United Kingdom Mobile Force. Their final overseas excursion before heading south was the three week Exercise Bold Gannet in Denmark, an operation held in conjunction with the much larger Exercise Lionheart in West Germany.

Captain Wilmslow said he was rather apprehensive about the prospect of travelling south to find the sun, but now that they are all here, he says the men just

JACK HAYWOOD IN BID TO BUY FIC

Millionaire Jack Haywood, who gave one million pounds to the Hospital Rebuilding Fund following disastrous fire in April, has offered Coalite £5,000,000 for their subsidiary, The Falkland Islands Company.

The philanthropic Englishman, who is sometimes known as "Union Jack", and is often quoted as saying "I like to keep everything bright, beautiful and British, said that if his bid is successful, he will sell half of the equity to Islanders.

The offer was made to FIC's Ted Needham over a meal in the Dorchester Hotel in London, reported the BBC on Calling the Falklands. Mr Needham is said to have insisted that the company is worth twelve million, but later lowered his asking price to ten million pounds. Mr. Haywood pointed out that the FIC's profits represented only 1% of Coalite's thirty-one million pounds annual profit.

It is not known if Mr. Haywood will continue with his efforts to acquire the company, but some people in influential positions are hoping he will, Lord Shackleton said the Government would welcome a more altruistic owner.

"want to get stuck in." "We've got a busy time ahead of us, and the time will pass quickly", he told the PN. He pointed out that for infantry and adventure training, the Islands are ideal. "In the UK", he said, "about 90% of our time is taken up by garrison and security duties in camp". Captain Wilmslow pointed out that the Falklands offer far greater opportunities for water sports, live firing and the real work of the infantryman.

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FALKLAND ISLANDS COMPANY ACCUSED OF "AN ACT OF SLAVERY" & "CONTRACT OF SERVICE"

A concerted attack has been launched in the United Kingdom by critics of the Falkland Islands Company. The FIC opposition, who include Tam Dalyell, Lord Shackleton and Falklands wool marketer Colin Smith, claim that the FIC's share farming programme amounts to "an act of slavery". A lawyer consulted by the company's critics described the agreement between the FIC and its tenants on various small islands around East Falkland as "not a share farming agreement, but a contract of service".

According to an article in the Scotsman on the 29th October, Tam Dalyell MP has written to the Chairman of the Foreign Affairs Select Committee of the House of Commons suggesting that they question Eric Varley, the senior executive of Coalite, about allegations of "colonial exploitation" by their Falklands subsidiary.

The FIC's opponents claim that the company, which owns over 40% of farming land in the Falklands, is behaving unscrupulously. They allege that excessive controls are placed on the leasing farmer, that the company is insisting farm supplies be purchased from FIC outlets, and that tenants must "accept and diligently implement directions on farming policy". They further allege that tenant farmers can only sell their wool through the company, and are not permitted to become involved in any other economic activity without FIC's consent. The programme's opponents claim that agreements will be terminated if tenants suffer any long term illness or incapacity.

The influential opposition group hope that the FIC can be embarrassed into halting the share farming scheme, and introducing in its place the land division and sales programme envisaged by Lord Shackleton in his reports.

Lord Shackleton himself is particularly outspoken in criticism of the Company. The FIC is "taking exploitive advantage of its dominant position in the Islands", the peer told the Sunday Times.

Belgrano crusader Tam Dalyell also had strong words for the FIC's initiative. "What exactly is this freedom for which the task force was sent, over 250 British servicemen were killed and over 750 maimed, and on which we are spending £3 million a day?" He described the tenant farming system as an infamous agreement in the worst traditions of the nineteenth century. "It was not for this that Britain went to war", he told the Scotsman.

The campaign seems to have the support of the FIC's first tenant farmer. Robin Goodwin, who managed the Swan Island group, is quoted in the Sunday Times as saying, "it was another turn of the clamp around our necks. Share farming is only good for one party, the owners". Mr. Goodwin is now buying a small farm at San Carlos. He gave the Sunday Times an example of FIC's alleged monopoly £500 a mile. But the Company insisted I purchase conventional fencing costing four times as much".

In spite of the opposition now being voiced, the FIC have had little trouble finding tenants for their share farms. Bleaker, Lively, Speedwell and George the land.

The PN contacted the Falkland Islands Company inviting them to comment on the allegations. However Stanley Manager, Terry Spruce, was unable to comment, and before the PN went to press. We hope to publish the FIC's reply in our next issue.

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Little Chay

Dere Grame,

My mum kewed for 2 hours last week and we wuz pleased wen she came back with an orrence for us. Wee had 2 segments the first nite and were savin 2 more for sunday. Big Charly is keepin the rest for us in his frige so's we can hav it for Crissyms. My mum sez peepel was torkin a lot in the kew about that nasty letter wat wuz ritten about me bein a colonist and thay orl sed thay liked my letters and those that didnt cud get stuff and even Big Charly sed I shud start ritin agen. But he sed i must be a good Chay and be kareful not to rock the bote to much.



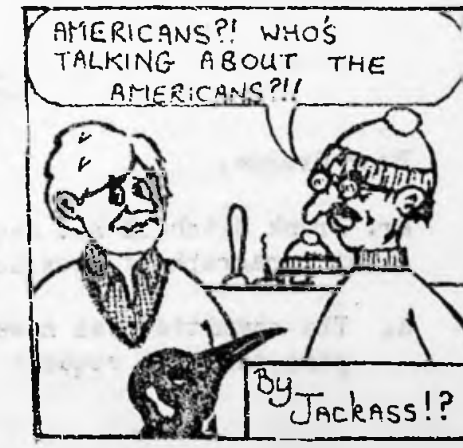
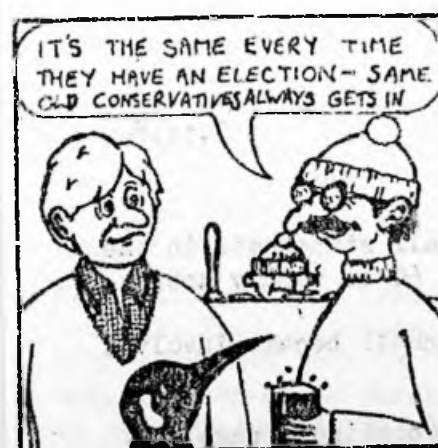
Enny way there hassent bean much to rite about sept that pore old dads feelin a littel better now after that dredful shock he had last weak. He wuz helpin old Harpoon Jack down at the Spit and Sawdust with the stock taking. After 3 daze hard work dad had taken orl the stock he cud put in the peat shed & wuz carefully makin his way home wen he suddenly felt hissself gettin kold and klammey. At furst he thort it wuz the wind chill factor but wen he turned round he got the most dredfull frite. It was nothin less than a dirty grate Forkland Faktor that had sneaked up behind him. Lukkerly the look of horrer on dads face skared the evil thing so much that it ran orf and dissappeared downe a big hole. Dere my skoole. Big Charley thinks preps dad'll be famus cus theres a team of xports cummin on the hairbridge tomorrer to join the wee tee ewe and make a speshul study of the habbits of the Forklands Faktor. He told my dad that he thinks nobuddy else has seen wan and the boss of the team will cum to him first. But dad sez thats nonsense cus theres plenty of them about and the inglishmen are seein them orl the time.

Unkel Bens hopin to get a fue drums of that cheep keroscen from the west. He sez its the onley thing he kan eit since they stuck him on the black list. Me ant dussent mind cus she herd it was jet fuel and rekons it may make him git up a bit faster in the mornings.

Lotsa lov, LITTLE CHAY

TONGUE IN BEAR - A LOOK AT THE ALTERNATIVE NEWS

DON'T CALL US... We're always pleased to receive new ideas for features, and so we listened keenly when approached by a reader recently. Having noticed the minority status that genuine Islanders have assumed, he suggested we should introduce a variation of the popular "spot-the-ball" competition. He thinks we should take a panoramic view of the interior of the Globe bar on a Saturday night, publish the picture and invite readers to spot the Ben.



By JACKASS!?

THE PENGUIN POST BOX

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GIVE US ROADS AND WORKERS!

2.11.84

Sir,

I was a little disappointed to hear the limited ideas put forward during the Graham Bound interview with Mr. Terry Betts and Mr. Phillip Middleton.

Certainly the questions which Mr. Bound put to the two aspiring candidates for the mantle which recently slipped from the shoulders of former councillor Terry Peck, did not give them much room for manoeuvre.

Stanley seemed to be treated like a walled town without any connection with the surrounding country. The need for more sensibly designed and sensibly priced housing was quite rightly stated, but to what end? Simply to use more water, burn more fuel and, dare I say it?, to fill the harbour with still more sewage.?

No thought appears to have been given as to how a more populous capital city might benefit the whole Falklands. It will not unless a sensible road system is planned for East and West Falklands.

Air fares and sea freights are now a serious drain on the pockets of camp dwellers and the opportunities for contracting work to be undertaken colony-wide by persons operating from Stanley are seriously hampered for lack of even a primitive all weather road system. Neither Mr. Betts or Mr. Middleton gave it a thought.

Mr. Betts proclaimed his support for the workers. I have often wondered who does or does not come into this category. If one accepts that a statuesque being supported by a spade can be so described, then why cannot one, be he employer, civil servant or farmer, who may frequently work long hours beyond the call of duty, who may well be responsible for producing a notable contribution to the common wealth, why cannot such a one also be called a "worker"? If the worker of yesterday becomes a farmer today (and works harder than ever in consequence) would he lose his worker status? In spite of the fact that from then on he would forfeit paid holidays, employers contribution to old age pension and medical service levy, possibly Provident Fund advantages and a non-contributory pension.

Would he also lose the support of a councillor who had been happy to have his vote when he was a "worker"?

J.T. CLEMENT, PO Box 83, Stanley.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Mr. Clement refers to a discussion programme chaired by the PN Editor, broadcast by FIBS shortly before the November 5th election.

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ALEX BETTS' ALLEGATIONS REFUTED

Dear Graham,

7.11.84

Mr. Frank Mitchell has requested that I refute on his behalf statements in the first paragraph of Alex Betts' letter in Penguin News No. 60 as wholly untrue.

- a. The committee was never a front for the FIC. Mr. Mitchell became involved personally at request of Mr. A.G. Barton.

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- b. Commercial matters were never discussed at meetings, and although he was first Hon. Secretary, most Parliamentarians were unaware of his FIC connections because they were irrelevant.
- c. The Company paid none of the expenses of the committee nor any of his travelling expenses related to committee work.

Yours sincerely, T.G. SPRUCE, Stanley.

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AN ISLANDER WRITES TO THE SOUTH ATLANTIC COUNCIL

In our issue number 58, we published a lengthy letter from the Secretary of the South Atlantic Council, a group of academics and politicians who search for a definitive solution to the Falklands dispute which would be acceptable to all three parties. Through the PN Dr. Chris Mitchell invited Islanders to write to the Council expressing their beliefs and hopes for the future.

Our reader, Tim Miller, submitted the following letter, and sent us a copy for publication. As it is a long treatise, we shall publish it in two issues.

31.10.84

Dear Mr. Mitchell,

At last my issue of Penguin News has been sent to me and I have read your useful letter asking for some Islander opinions on our future. Well, for what they are worth, here goes my contribution.

Question 1. How do Islanders see the situation in ten years time? What would they hope for in respect of their relations with Whitehall, new British governments and political leaders, and South American countries?

By 1994 we will be an Island territory with full internal self government and thus semi-independent within the Commonwealth, with Britain responsible for foreign affairs and defence - the latter, if practical, even a Commonwealth force. At present, as a traditional colony, we are indeed an anachronism in the 1980's, and the system is not working either.

We will be continuing to pay our way internally as we have done ever since the 1880's and will not become "grant-in-aid". If we did, our existence would be pointless anyway. A 150/200 mile exclusive economic zone will have been created and a fair part of its income would be going to Britain as our contribution towards its control and our wider defence. By then our population will have increased with immigration slowly increasing to at least 4,000 people and be starting to grow further rapidly. The increased economic benefit from the EEZ plus the business activity from the growing population should be financing a rolling development plan which may still be receiving British aid occasionally as do other Commonwealth territories.

We would not have a Civil Commissioner/Governor as at present, but would have a non-career-serving Lieutenant Governor who is appointed by the Queen. He would be presiding over a two council government which would have its own chosen leader as the Islands' Chief Minister. Other councillors would have ministerial-type control over the appropriate government departments and speak for and answer for those departments in Council. Our Chief Minister would be advised by a Foreign Office official who may be an ex-officio member of Council.

The British Government of the day would not necessarily have to regard our views as paramount, but would presumably respect them as it does any group of British citizens.

We would have such trade and travel relations with South America countries as are justified by commercial enterprise in the same way that we have traded with countries such as Chile and Uruguay for generations before 1982 and have continued to do so since. Any links, trade wise, with Argentina would depend on her attitude to us as expressed in question 3. One small thing: a visit by the relatives of the Argentine war dead would have occurred under appropriate

supervision by the Red Cross etc, and the sooner it does, the better if that is what the relatives wish to do. Those who express a wish to have the body returned to Argentina should be allowed to have it done.

Question 2. What are the essential things about the British way of life on the Islands that they wish to see preserved and guaranteed? What sorts of guarantees for preservation would make them feel most secure? What are the sort of guarantees that they feel they might realistically expect in the future?

Let's get one thing clear first. No guarantee about anything by an Argentine government would be worth more than the paper and ink used. Sooner or later some day, as sure as night succeeds day, the generals will again raise their Nazi heads. It's sad, but it's the way of life there, and there are already some signs of Alfonsín's fear of the military lashing back at him.

The essentials to me are all our British and local laws and legal system; the habit and methods of doing things and the freedom of corruption when dealing with Government departments, particularly in medical care and the courts (these two in particular are rife with corruption in Argentina. I have lived there a few years ago, so I know from experience. And the situation has not changed since.)

Our financial system is essential to me, the free flow of capital and goods in and out as business requires.

Our language and local culture as such are essential to me, and essential to me above all is my heritage by birthright over six generations to live in my country in the free democracy I prefer and am accustomed to. President Alfonsín is a mere third generation Argentine, but I respect his right to choose his nationality, law and culture none the less.

The only guarantee worthwhile is that of the Islanders' wishes through their elected government and British Parliament/governments respecting our rights as a people with self-determination and British nationality.

No international guarantee of any sort can do this. Can you name one place or case in the world where it has worked according to the wishes and benefit of the people concerned. The United Nations is a mere talking shop with little power. It consistently fails to stop aggression and arms build-ups as did the League of Nations before it.

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SOLDIERS WRITE: "WE THINK STANLEY HAS CHARACTER"

4.11.84

Dear Penwing News,

Us wen-eyes may like his bear but we don't agree with Phil Middleton about clearing up Stanley. We think it has character and we like it the way it is. It adds interest to our morning walk to work. We like to see how that Land Rover is coming along on Fitzroy Road East - should be ready for the panel beater any year now. It is an enriching experience to see how many different colours and shades of rust there are on Stanley's wriggly tin. We also like to say "morning Pete" as we pass the piles of peat on the footpath. Have you noticed how nice and green the grass is growing up between the slats of the crate containing the kids playground slide? If Stanley looked the same as everywhere else we wouldn't have much to write home about in our "blueys".

Yours sincerely, "SUM SOLJERS".

PS. If they do clean up Stanley, will they mend the windows at the Globe?

PPS. We hope they don't mend the roads too well as it will spoil our game of hopscotch entirely.

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SECRETIVE VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETINGS?

5.11.84

Dear Sir,

Democracy has been seen to plod its painful course in Stanley, and I hope that the people of Stanley are satisfied with their new councillor.

Talking of democracy, I believe the people of Fox Bay Village each have one vote at their council meetings. Fantastic, but why does the thought of outsiders attending these meetings cause hearts to beat faster. We even get a resume of Executive Council meetings on the radio these days. Would it really hurt to know what is decided at Village Council meetings? I am sure a lot of what is discussed is extremely boring, but it would be nice to know. After all, although Fox Bay Village is on West Falkland, it is not a separate entity, but part of the Falkland Islands as a whole.

Yours faithfully, "BIG BROTHER".

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BYE BYE SOUTH GEORGIA?

Political pundits casting an eye over the South Atlantic are predicting that the British Government will soon move to separate the administration of South Georgia from that of the Falklands.

A Foreign and Commonwealth Office source in Government House will not confirm or deny that South Georgia is soon to assume new status, but it was indicated that the truth will be known when a draft of the Falklands' new constitution is received from London soon. The FCO has always been quick to point out that South Georgia is a Falklands dependency only for reasons of convenience, and have implied that such an administrative arrangement could easily be changed. Indeed, Antarctic and the sub-Antarctic regions have been removed from the Falklands dependency fold in the past. The South Orkney Islands and Grahamland became part of the British Antarctic Territory through an act of Parliament over ten years ago after many years of administration from Stanley.

South Georgia has no natural population, but is home to a small army garrison and, seasonally, a number of British Antarctic Survey personnel. The Island is administered through the Civil Commissioner in Council, and the FI Government is represented, in theory at least, by a policeman, a magistrate, a postal clerk and a customs officer. The reality, however, is that no employee of FIG is permanently on South Georgia, and the official posts are embodied in the commanding officer of the small infantry detachment there.

It seems likely that if a change in status for Georgia is being discussed in London, then the officials are looking to the future, when close links between the two archipelagoes may be against British interests. The Foreign Office may be fatalistically acknowledging that one day an accommodation with Argentina must be found, and Georgia could be lost along with the Falklands. With the present Falklands dependency label tagged onto the sub-Antarctic island, it would be simple for an international body to consider the two groups as one, and, in accordance with Argentine claims, hand them over to that country or to a neutral administration. The dependency title could give credence to Argentine claims over South Georgia.

Alternatively, the rumoured move may have little to do with Argentina. If, as seems likely, Britain is to continue increasing its investments in Antarctic research with a view to eventual exploitation of minerals and fisheries, South Georgia may be preferable to the Falklands as a forward base. Georgia is closer to the Antarctic continent, has good harbours and no natural population demanding a difficult administration and a share from the profits of Antarctic industry. In such circumstances it would not be "convenient" to administer the islands from Stanley.

No revenue flows into Stanley's Treasury coffers from South Georgia, although

£60,000 is included in the Falklands estimates this year as reimbursement from the dependency for expenditure on administrative and philatelic work conducted in Stanley. "It's not profit", stresses Financial Secretary, Harold Rowlands.

However, if the Falklands continue to administer Georgia, the one-sided relationship could change. If a means is found to profit from the extensive fishing already under way there, if the exploitation of minerals which may be in the area becomes viable, and if the British Government is content to let the Falklands profit from the area, then Georgia could become an indispensable source of revenue for the Falklands. There are a lot of "ifs", but it seems fairly clear that the dependency could be a serious loss.

There is concern locally that the historical, political and economic links between the two island groups may be severed. The concern is made more acute by suspicion of Foreign Office machinations. "It needs very careful watching", said Phillip Middleton, the recent Legislative Council candidate who voiced fears for the future of South Georgia in a campaign speech. "I am concerned that control may be taken away from Stanley. I can see that for them it would be an easy option. It sounds ominous".

Harold Rowlands expressed similar fears. "I would hate to see any split between the Falklands and the dependencies unless there is a good reason. And if it is being discussed, I would like to know what that reason is".

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BIRTH

Our congratulations to Edwina and Richard Browning of Stanley who have a new addition to their family. Henry Stanbury was born on the 27th October.

MOUNT PLEASANT - THE FALKLANDS NEW SECOND CITY.

PART TWO OF OUR SPECIAL REPORT ON THE NEW AIRPORT SITE

Only forty-seven weeks after construction work began on phase one of the airport, Mount Pleasant now has its own post office, police force and fire brigade. It has a telephone exchange, a newspaper shop, a cinema and bars. This instant "flat-pack" town was imported and constructed in about as much time as it takes to build a handful of Brewster pre-fab homes in Stanley. Mount Pleasant's development becomes even more impressive when it is realised that the settlement is now as large as Stanley; a town which has taken around 120 years to grow to its present size.

Today Mount Pleasant is home for 1,700 men who live in the pre-fabricated comfort of centrally heated barracks, and this figure is expected to rise to a peak of 2,000 by next April. From the initial 105 workers who hastily threw together the pioneer camp at East Cove, the number of men working on the contract has steadily risen as more of the barracks have been erected, enabling more men to move in to create even more accommodation in the camp. When the contract is completed, the entertainments centre, the messes and barracks will be handed over to the forces to become a permanent military base for the garrison. Until then, the barracks at Mount Pleasant will constitute a civilian town which has taken over from Goose Green as the Islands' second city.

I use the word "barracks" because that is what the buildings will become next year when the troops move in, but the term is rather misleading. It conjures up images of steel lockers and beds, of stony cold floors and glaring naked lights. Instead the pine furniture, carpets and central heating in the single and twin bed rooms give the cosy impression of a university halls of residential accommodation blocks. It is well known that an army of contractors marches and digs on its stomach. In the interest of morale as much as nourishment, special attention is given to the food in the 1,400 seat dining hall. Kelvin

Catering, part of the Trust House Forte Group, have been given the contract to keep the workers fed with three meals a day, either from the self-service counter in the dining hall or from the meals on wheel service on the site. The same company ensures that rooms are clean and that sheets are changed.

All this special treatment combined with the activities available in the recreation centre seems to produce a Butlins-at-high-season atmosphere. But as everyone knows, the workers have not come for a holiday courtesy of Laing, Mowlem and ARC. Like jet-age prospectors, the men have come looking for "gold" in the dirt of the airport site. And they have found it. An ordinary labourer can expect to take home a tax-free £10,000 in his pay packet at the end of a year with a 15% bonus on top of that. Besides the "gold", the workers also spend a month's mid-term leave in the UK on full pay. And to make the deal almost totally irresistible, food and accommodation on site are free.

In return, LMA expects that every man will do his duty, and it seems that their duty they certainly do. A shift system keeps the site buzzing around the clock, regardless of the laws of nature. The site never really sleeps. As the April deadline looms large on the horizon, the men can expect an intensification of that rigorous schedule.

Just as LMA try to create the kind of environment that keeps the workers as happy as possible and hard working, so they also have no hesitation in removing misfits which could disrupt their well-oiled machine. Anyone causing trouble faces instant dismissal and a premature return home. "We take it very, very seriously", said Project Manager, Wyn Kendrick. "It can jeopardise relations with the Islanders and upsets the whole group". On the whole, fights, disturbances and sackings are few, considering the size of the township. "Police say that the violence is far less than in a similar place in the UK", Mr. Kendrick told me.

LMA always seem to be proud of comparisons with similar construction sites. They boast a 2½% accident rate compared the average 6½% on UK sites. The sickbay with its two doctors and six nurses is thankfully uncongested. Furthermore, the traditional "us and them" barrier between management and workforce hardly exists. Out of hours, personnel can eat, drink and be merry with who they choose rather than with those who are chosen for them. Which of the three bars an LMA employee enters depends solely on whether he or she is wearing muddy boots or not.

But the LMA executive gain most satisfaction from the real sense of job satisfaction on the site. That is a spirit which is hard to find in the UK.

"It's an exciting concept to build something as big as this in a place like this", said Wyn Kendrick. To carve an international airport out of virgin turf 8,000 miles from base must surely instil a sense of achievement. One of the labourers on the site summed up that feeling in simpler terms: "There's going to be a hell of a party next April!"

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SPORTS

The Stanley Golf Club held a successful stableford competition on the 4th November. The civilian and military contestants battled hard throughout an enjoyable tournament.

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The winner was C/T Bob Speed of the RAF, with 32 points. The runner-up was Warrant Officer Brian Grant, with 27 points, and in joint third place were Sir Rex Hunt and Gerry Beecher of the army. Both men gained 25 points.

Competitions are to be held at the Felton's Stream golf course every fortnight starting on Sunday the 18th November. Newcomers to golf in the Falklands can contact Sergeant Mike Morris at RAF Stanley, on telephone military 3396, for further details.

ANTARCTIC SLIDE SHOW A slide show is to be held in the refreshment room of the Town Hall at 8.00 pm on Wednesday the 21st. The show will be presented by Gerry Johnson of Stanley. Gerry recently returned to the Falklands after spending seven years with the British Antarctic Survey, bringing with him a fascinating collection of slides from the icy continent. They provide a good insight into life in the south.

The show is to be free and will be accompanied by a commentary. It seems likely that his photography will become well known in the Falklands, and perhaps overseas. The young Islander hopes to apply his talents to the Falklands scene, and have his work reproduced in magazines and brochures.

A NEW REGULAR COLUMN - MOTORCYCLING IN THE FALKLANDS. By Neil Rogers.

Although our attention is focused chiefly on motorcycling in the Falklands, it is worthwhile to begin this series of articles with a brief look at the state of motorcycling in the rest of the world, particularly in the UK. As we are not yet able to manufacture our own machines, the state of the overseas industry is bound to effect the Falklands biker.

The industry in Britain continues to suffer the effects of a massive fall-off in machines sales which has created a vast surplus of unsold machines and driven many dealers into the bankruptcy courts. Most dealers and much of the motorcycle press, blame this slump on recent government legislation that has imposed many irritating restrictions on the biker. The restrictions include a two-part test that is not only expensive, but is difficult for the rider to get through. The fact that failing the test means a lengthy wait before being able to take it again, has persuaded many potential bikers that four wheels might be a more sensible alternative.

Despite the new laws introduced recently in an effort to reduce the accident rate amongst bikers, the statistics remain at an appallingly high level. Much of the blame for these statistics, and for the legislation they have produced, must be laid at the feet of the manufacturers. They persistently pick out loopholes in each new law, design a motorcycle to fit, and drive the thing straight through it.

A motorcyclist in Britain, providing he has managed to get through the two part test, can go to any good bike shop and choose a machine that will probably have a top speed in excess of 140 miles per hour - and that machine would probably not be the best, biggest or the most expensive. The design of most every day sports machines is based directly on their race-track originals, and many riders cannot even understand the machines, let alone handle them.

These developments have not gone unnoticed by the governments of the world, who, in desperation at the spiralling accident figures have, in some cases, banned these fast road bikes altogether - Japan and Switzerland being two examples.

Future legislation can only get tougher, and with insurance companies raising their premiums in an effort to drive motorcycle owners away. All this plus the advancements in car design will produce an even bleaker future for the industry.

The outlook is, however, better for the enduro and trail riding scene, and that's good news for the Falklands. Next week we shall take a look at some of the developments in enduro and trail machines. We shall look into performance comparisons, costs and the latest accessories.

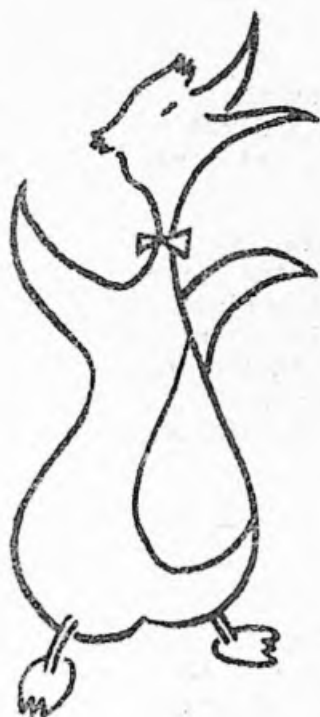
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UK Dry Cleaners Hope For Stanley Branch

A representative from the UK dry cleaning giants, Sketchley's, has begun a week-long tour in the Islands to prepare a feasibility study of several local investment options his company is considering. Mr Keith Twyman arrived on the air-bridge last Saturday and will be having discussions with civil and military representatives in Stanley and at Mount Pleasant.

As well as planning to introduce dry cleaning to the Falklands, Sketchley's are considering the possibility of opening laundry, shoe repairing and photographic processing businesses. As yet, all these projects are little more than concepts and have yet to reach the planning stages. By the end of this week, however, Mr Twyman should be able to give a clearer indication of his company's commitment to

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NAAFI Enquiry

The Forces Information Office have informed that an investigation is being carried out into stock irregularities in the NAAFI organisation in Stanley, by a locally based team of service investigators. A number of NAAFI staff are helping with enquiries.

Minefield Scare

The Explosive Ordnance Disposal Unit was recently called upon to inspect the minefield near Moody Brook after three cattle were found injured in the area, apparently as a result of mine detonations. The three badly hurt beef cattle were the property of Laurie Butler and were discovered by Adrian Newman on the 9th November outside the minefield perimeter fence. Two of the cattle were

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UK DRY CLEANERS HOPE FOR STANLEY BRANCH (continued from page 1)

the various schemes. Keith Twyman's visit is being jointly paid for by the Development Corporation Sketchley's, and it is possible that the same cost sharing system may be applied to any of the company's Falklands ventures. But again, Simon Armstrong of the Corporation told the PN that a clearer idea of the actual financing will emerge by the end of the week, by which time he will have been able to hold lengthy discussions with Mr. Twyman.

Mr. Armstrong seemed optimistic about the prospects for Sketchley's. "I've had meetings with them before in the UK, and they view it very seriously", he said. "While Mr. Twyman is here I hope to talk about all the options, and hope that by the new year we will know if they are going to proceed".

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MINEFIELD SCARE (continued from page 1)

found close to the fence itself, while a third was half a mile from the minefield. The vet thought that the unfortunate animals had been injured during the previous twenty-four hours. All three had lost hooves, and were destroyed by a marksman.

There were fears that some of the light-weight anti-personnel, which are thought to have injured the animals, could have been washed out of the minefield by the recent heavy rains, Sappers from the EOD team made an aerial survey from a helicopter in an attempt to detect where the mines had been triggered. It seems likely, however, that the cattle had strayed inside the minefield where they were injured, and had then managed to struggle back beyond the fence. The soldiers are now improving the fence so that animals will not be able to stray into the deadly areas again.

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GOVERNMENT PLANS MAJOR HOUSING SALE

As many as twenty government houses may be offered for sale to Islanders and immigrants before the end of this month. Executive Council is expected to study a Public Works Department list of twenty homes that building experts in the department believe are excessively expensive to maintain. If the Council approves the Department's recommendations at its meeting later this week, prospective home owners will soon be invited to submit bids for the properties.

Government Secretary, Bernard Pauncefort, was unable to tell us of all the houses which may change hands, but he confirmed that the list will include the Hudson Villas on Davis Street East. Many of these run-down terraced houses have been unoccupied for some months.

The latest sale follows a similar but much smaller reduction in the government housing pool earlier this year, and results from suggestions in the April 1984 Hall report on government housing. Jim Hall, the visiting housing advisor, had suggested that elderly maintenance intensive government property should be sold to ease the work load on the FWD and reduce government expenditure.

Prior to the last sale, Standing Finance Committee were concerned that property speculators might purchase the buildings. To ensure that the changes of ownership would help relieve the severe housing shortage among Islanders, the government insisted that new owners should agree not to lease the homes for two years and not to resell before five years have elapsed. The same proviso is expected to be attached to the forthcoming sales. "The houses should be sold to owner-occupiers", said Bernard Pauncefort.

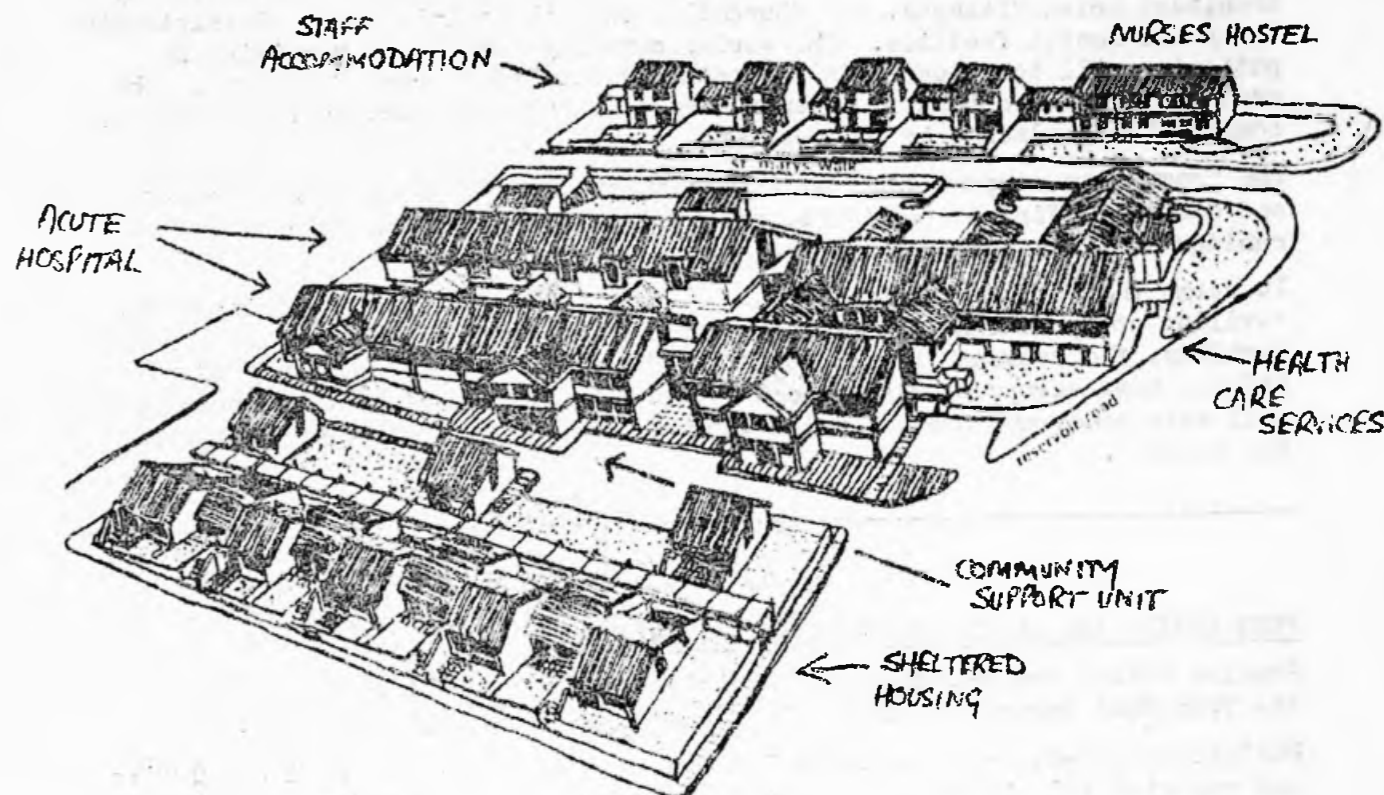
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REFURBISHING OF TUMBLEDO'N MOUNTAIN MEMORIAL

HQ British Forces FI have told us that because of concern about the state of the base mounting of the Cross of Remembrance on Tumbledown Mountain, Sappers of 11 Field Squadron removed the Cross on Tuesday last week for cleaning and refurbishing. A new base will be built and the cross replaced soon.

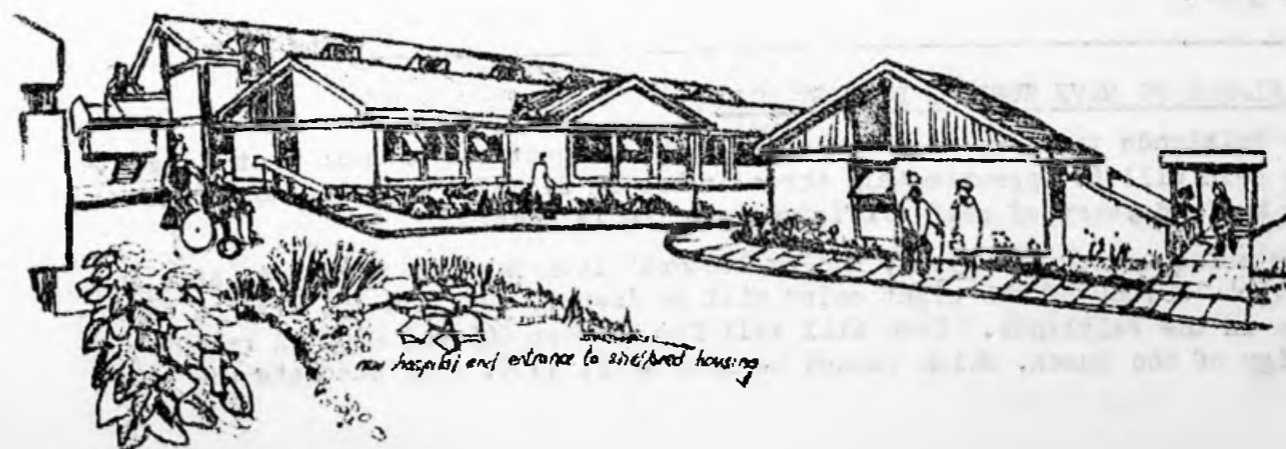
THE NEW HOSPITAL



Some seven months after the tragic day in April when Stanley lost eight of its citizens in a blaze that almost totally destroyed the civilian and military hospitals, tangible progress is being made in the development of a modern and well equipped medical centre. A design for the complex, which will restore all the facilities offered by the old hospitals while at the same time introducing important new services, has been submitted to the Falklands Government for consideration. Survey work on the site of the old hospital sites is expected to commence soon.

Apart from comprehensive medical facilities, the complex is to include the often called for elderly folks' sheltered housing block. It seems that at long last senior citizens are to be given the sort of accommodation which will enable them to live as independently as possible with every type of assistance near at hand.

The new medical complex is also to include houses for doctors and a nurses hostel.



STANLEY'S NEW HOSTEL (continued from page 3)

The project, which is expected to cost over £6.4 million, is scheduled for completion within one year of the contract being awarded to one of the several construction companies with experience in the Falklands.

The new hospital will incorporate the old Churchill Wing which survived the blaze with relatively little damage. According to the report submitted by architect Brian Hitchcox, the Churchill Wing will mainly house administrative, X-ray and dental facilities. The wards, normally capable of receiving 28 patients, will be situated in the entirely new "acute care facility". The architect stresses that in an emergency up to twenty extra patients could be comfortably sheltered in the complex.

The "community support unit" will be connected to the acute care facility and Churchill Wing by corridors, and will mainly provide services for residents of the nearby sheltered homes.

It seems that the new hospital could become a fine example of military and civilian co-operation. Recognising the logic behind the concept of a joint facility, the Overseas Development Administration and the Ministry of Defence have agreed to share the large bill. The new centralised hospital will save money and provide a level of medical care never before known in the Islands.

POLICE FILEPOST OFFICE AND LEGAL DEPARTMENT BREAK-IN

Stanley Police are searching for individuals who broke into two offices in the Town Hall during the night of Wednesday and Thursday last week.

Philatelic Bureau Manager, Lewis Clifton, spotted a man in the Legal Office and reported this to the Police Station. However the intruder was able to escape through a window before policemen could reach the scene. Nothing was disturbed in the office.

Post Office employees reporting to the Town Hall for work the following morning discovered that their premises had also been burgled. Mail had been tampered with, and at least one parcel had been opened. The intruder is believed to have entered and left the building through a window.

Chief Superintendent Bill Richards and his staff are investigating the crimes.

REMINDER ABOUT MOTORCYCLES AND THE LAW

The Police would like to remind motorcyclists of the road traffic regulations concerning the use of motorbikes in and near Stanley. The law states that any motorcycle ridden on Stanley's roads or within a four mile radius of the town, and any machine used along the Darwin Road, must be insured. Furthermore, the rider must hold a license to drive a motorcycle and is compelled to wear a crash helmet. Anywhere else in the camp, these rules do not apply.

DRINK-DRIVE OFFENCE

Mr. Terry Hawksworth of Stanley appeared before the Magistrate in Stanley on the 9th November, charged with driving whilst his driving ability was impaired through alcohol. He was fined £50 and disqualified from driving for one year.

FALKLANDS TO HAVE WORLD'S BIGGEST COIN

The Falklands treasury is soon to issue the largest silver coin in the world. The coin will be approximately three inches in diameter and will commemorate one hundred years of self sufficiency in the Islands.

With a face value of £25.00, the collectors' item is to be minted in sterling silver. 20,000 of the giant coins will be issued, but just 150 will be available in the Falklands. Each will sell for between £65 and £70. A recent effigy of the Queen, which cannot be used until 1985, will decorate one side

of the coin, and an illustration of the ss GREAT BRITAIN will appear on the obverse.

NEW STYLE ONE POUND NOTES TO BE RELEASED SOON.

The Treasury are continuing their programme of replacing the old-style large bank notes with newly designed smaller bills.

Small pound notes, similar to the recently issued fivers, are to be released within the next few weeks. The bills are printed in blue and are dated 1st October 1984. Government House and the Anglican Cathedral are illustrated on the notes.

Brown £20.00 notes are expected to be received from the UK early in 1985.

STANLEY FOLK CLUBHAVE SWEATER, WILL TRAVEL!

A thick shetland sweater attached to a guitar emerges out of the gloom and moves into the disc of bright light beamed through the smoke filled air. The Jersey's occupant can be seen adjusting the microphone. A quick tap with the finger, the speaker's crackle and then, "good evening". Another Folk Club session has begun.

Stanley Folk Club have been gathering like this every fortnight since March 1983 when the first, pioneering folkies brought their plectrums, guitars and vocal cords together to make music. The Folk Club was a big success from the first evening, and attracted shetland sweaters from military and civilian ranks alike. According to Ian Nunn, who describes himself as the Master of Ceremonies, road manager and general factotum, the folk evenings in the Town Hall represented just a convenient watering hole on the track between the Rose and the Globe for some people. "Nowadays we've got more of a faithful following who come along for the music", he said.

And some eighteen months on from the night when the first shetland sweater stuck one finger in an ear and sang, the faithful still follow and the following remains faithful, even though most troops have moved out of Stanley. The club is now in the healthy position of worrying that the audience it attracts is very close to the limit of 150, as stipulated in the new Town Hall fire regulations. Another indication of their success is their ability to pay their way. The club recently was able to purchase a new amplification system which did not leave much change out of £1,300. And the Stanley folkies have spread the taste for their music far beyond the boundaries of the capital. So far the club's regular singers have given several concerts at Kelly's Garden and Goose Green at the invitation of the servicemen there, and have performed before an appreciative audience of contractors at Mount Pleasant. With the arrival of the Royal Green Jackets, the club hopes it will once again be on the road for another coast to coast tour. It is rumoured that this time they will be taking with them their secret weapon, code named Albert Hatch.

"The immediate future does look quite optimistic", said Ian. But he is not so confident about the long term prospects for the organisation. Servicemen will probably be stationed at the Canache until 1987, but their numbers will decline steadily until then. It is rather gloomily forecast that the Folk Club's membership and audience will decline proportionally. And the situation is not helped by the fact that £35 from the takings have to be paid to the Public Works Department every time the Town Hall is hired. This is the cause of some resentment. "For thirty-five pounds", said Ian, "I think we can expect better facilities in the Town Hall." He pointed out that Stanley Folk are one of the few bodies which does pay for the use of the building, but that the water which drips through the leaking roof does not distinguish between paying and non-paying occupants.

The answer to any uncertainties about the future of folk music in the Islands seems to lie with the civil population. Ian Nunn believes that if the club had more support from Islanders, then there would be no doubt about the future of the club. He wants a greater local involvement so that the present success can be more than just a passing phase.

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He would like to remind persons involved in the Falklands folk music scene that the club's annual general meeting will take place at 8.00 p.m. on Friday 30th November in the Refreshment Room of the Town Hall.

RMB

THE PENGUIN POST BOX

Write to the Penguin News at PO Box 178, Port Stanley to have your views expressed in this column. Please be concise to avoid the need for editing. Anonymous letters are accepted, but that should not be interpreted as a licence for libellous attacks on individuals. Please remember that views expressed in this column are not necessarily shared by the PN staff.

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In our last issue we published the first part of a letter from our reader Tim Miller of Many Branch Farm. He had written to the South Atlantic Council, and kindly forwarded a copy to us. The second and final part of this letter follows.

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SAC's third question for Falkland Islanders: What would Islanders require Argentina to do to restore a reasonable relationship between the Islands and the South American mainland, both immediately and in the longer run?

She should allow the relatives of Argentine dead to visit here under Red Cross control and/or allow the repatriation of the dead as the families wish. To date Argentina has refused all British humanitarian offers on either option.

She should announce a formal end to hostilities. This would coincide with a simultaneous lifting by Britain of the FI protection zone down to, say, twelve miles and the opening of discussions between London and Buenos Aires to determine the median line for a Falklands economic zone - it should be emphasized that this would be a Falkland Islands zone, not a British zone to try and get around the "colonial" stigma.

In the longer run it does not really matter. One assumes she is unlikely to drop her sovereignty demands, but we have lived with that in the past. It's only in the last ten years that people have got excited about it on either side. Buenos Aires will have to face facts, in that it will take years not a few months for the bitter memories of 1982 to fade away for any real confidence and trust to be established. Unlike Alfonsín who can just pretend 1982 did not happen, I and others have only to look out of my kitchen window to see beaches and fields that are now death traps due to Argentina's blatant disregard of the Geneva Convention on mine field laying.

Can Argentina say just exactly what great benefit it would be to the ordinary Argentine person if the Islands became theirs? After all, democracy is supposed to be about people. Can Argentina please tell me what are the marvellous benefits to me if I and my homeland become Argentine? All I can see so far is a different language and culture, inferior legal system, widespread corruption, an unreliable democratic system in the long term, rampant inflation, a crippling national debt and worthless currency. But perhaps all this is wrong.

So they want to argue about history 152 years or more ago. Well, why not be more modern and consider events of only a mere 120 to 130 years ago when the colonists of Argentina (for that is what they were in every sense) waged a war of genocide against the true indigenous population of that land, the Indians, virtually exterminating them and committing many atrocities in the process. Even today do they regard the Indians as equal citizens? No sir, they are mostly in reservations and regarded as tourist attractions.

Reports have shown that the Falklands issue is not exactly uppermost in the daily thoughts of the average Argentine. In the longer run will tempers and memories not cool better if organisations such as the South Atlantic Council

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DARROCH CRAFTS

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simply shut up and leave things alone for a while. That would also apply to Tam Dalyell and others. Perhaps if salt was not being continually rubbed in the wounds of both sides, in time trust and confidence might be restored to the benefit of everyone who actually has to live in this area of the world.

Yours sincerely, TIM MILLER

"I'M DELIGHTED IT'S FIRE PREVENTION WEEK, BUT..."

15.11.84

Dear Graham,

I am delighted to hear it is fire prevention week. If by any chance a fire does break out, it would be nice to know that the fire engine can make it to the scene of the fire instead of being bogged in the station when it finally falls through the floor as it has been threatening to do for some time now. What ever happened to the fire training members were receiving up until recently? It will be nice to see all the new fire equipment arrive, but I do wonder how it will be maintained and housed since no plans seem to be underway at the moment. The only answer I have is typical FI government crisis management. Wait until it was needed last week.

Sincerely yours, G. MERCER, Stanley.

SCOUTING NEWS - A BUSY TIME IS PLANNED

contributed by Phil Middleton, GSL

It's been a busy week for the Scout troop. There were several events over the Remembrance Sunday weekend, and more is to come in the near future as our training programme gets into gear and fund raising starts in earnest.

The Poppy Day appeal was organised and efficiently run by the scouts themselves with each patrol leader or his assistant taking charge of a collecting tin and arranging the sale of poppies by his patrol. I understand that the Red Cross Society were pleased with our efforts and the money raised was in line with the average annual returns from Stanley.

The bitterly cold Sunday parade saw as many as seventy youngsters in uniform, proudly lining the steps and the lower slopes of the curved pathways to the Cross of Sacrifice. All members of the Girls Brigade, Cubs, Scouts and Venture Scouts enjoyed the opportunity to display their uniforms, even though most were frozen solid after forty-five minutes of keeping still.

Wednesday evening saw the culmination of a six week training programme for the Scouts fireman's badge. Sergeant George Edwards has been turning up regularly to show the boys and girls the various pieces of equipment, rescue knots, prove invaluable in years to come. A short test by the Fire Chief resulted in 100% pass rate for the 34 candidates. Badges will be ready for sewing on uniforms very shortly.

We would like to thank all the fire section at RAF Stanley for allowing us the opportunity to visit their section and crawl in, out and over the fire tenders, and for giving us all an outing to remember.

This weekend, if the weather is kind, will see two patrols of Scouts camping out in the region of Tumbledown Mountain. The Venture Scouts are planning to conquer the nearest ten peaks to Stanley next weekend.

Fund raising events have reached the advanced planning stage and we hope to run a variety of events in the gymnasium, including a 1950's dance as part of our December campaign to raise cash for the Task Force North expedition.

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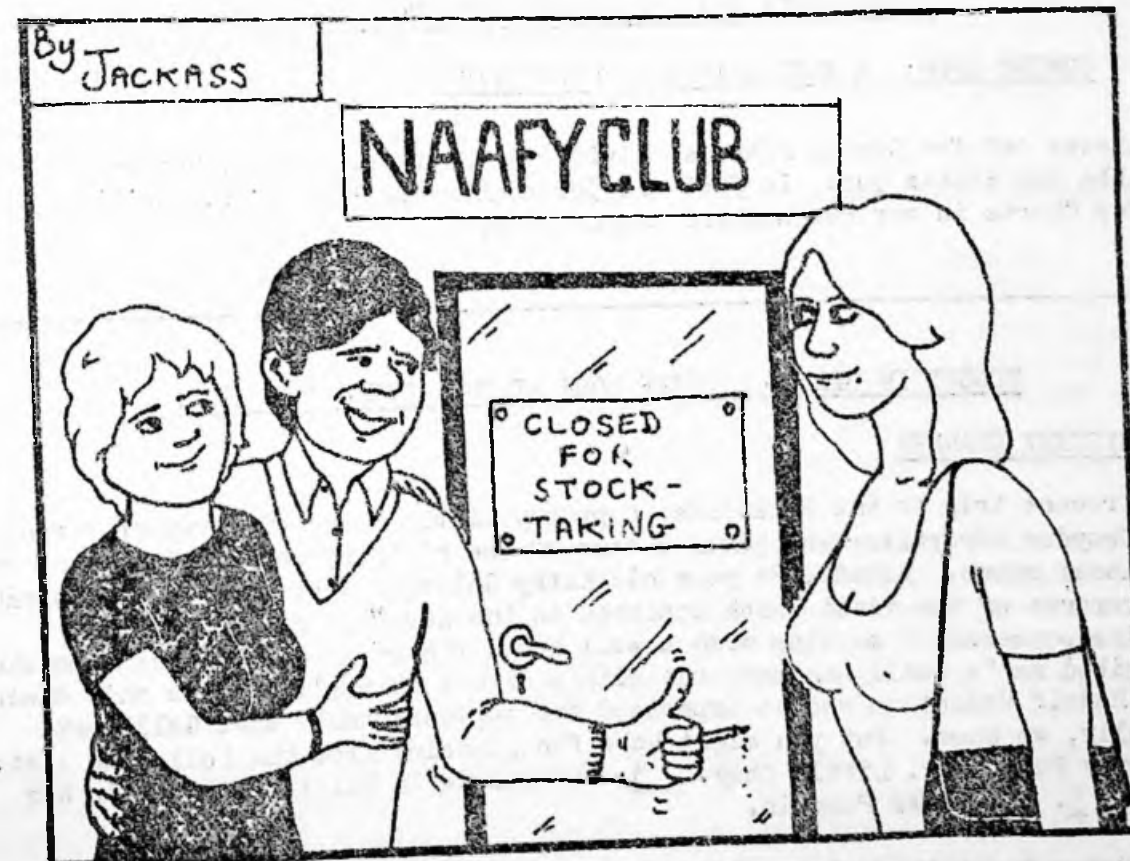
LITTLE CHAY

Dere Grame

Big Charley was rite. The new Gee Tee Ewe teeme arived last weak to studdy the Forklans Faktor, an shorenuff the boss-mankame strait up to see my dad. Dad told me orl he new about the dredful thing and the nise man took fotos of him to send to all the newspapers in that plase kalled Ingland were orl the OSAS people live. Most of the teeme hav brort wives an kids with them and thay are orl stain at the goose for acupple of years untill there houses are built so they can settel down for yorks. Big Charley sez if they katch the Forklans Faktor the houses shu be redky in no time becuz theyve orlredy got the aksess road bilt to the site and orl they have to do now is to sprinkel the rode with lots of loose stones like they have down by the weststore and then they can start bilding.

Yesterday thay lowered 1 of the brave men downe the big hole by my skool wot i told vew about last weak to see if the horred creature was still there. But altho he cud smell the thing he didnt see it as there seems to be a tunnel down there like a big jackarse hole and orl sorts of other things. In fackit he found a very old landrover downe there and sumthin els which looked like part of a rode. The bossman kome strate back to my dad and arsked him about it and thay both went rushin orf to old Grandad Ben McBernys place as he can remember everythink. And shorenuff Grandad told the bossman that he can remember a rode runnin orl the way thru towne frum the globe stor to the horsepittal kornor and he thinks it waz called Jon street or sumpin like that. He sed if they dig deep enuff downe the east end of

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towne praps thay cud find another wun which thay used to corl fitsroy rode wen he wuz a boy. Grandad has a wonderful memory. He sez he can member wen Stanley was orl nise and cleen and there wos no rusty old houses and broken down fences and old fish n chip vans laying around the rodes and evven knocked down lamp posts were taken away or put up agen. He sed it used to be fun livin in Stanley. Thay had dances n wist drives every week and the churches used to run big bazzars at Crissymas and midwinter. He also can member wenwe had big picnics to surf bay and Jipsy Cove and you cud go fishin and eggin orl round the place. He sed there wuz a place called the Peninsular just a cupplar miles away wunce where there were luvverly san-dunes and big cleene sandy beeches where the penwings played orl day. He showed the bossman a foto of this plase Jipsy Kove and he didnt beleeve it was taken in the Forklans. There was also a lite house on the point sum-where and yew cud find mushrooms orl round it. Wats mushrooms Grame?

The bossman wanted Grandad to tell him more bout wot he cud member from daze gorn bye. But Unkel Ben sed pore old Grandad was too dry to tork enny more, and praps if he kame agen tomorrer nite thay cud show him the Spit & Soredust were its easy to keep the mouth moist and memereys are not so dim.

Lotsa luvve frum LITTLE CHAY.

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We have been hampered a little by the poor weekend weather over the past month, but remain undaunted in our efforts to raise funds. Details of a guess the pop record competition are revealed in this PENGUIN NEWS, and later we will reveal plans for vehicle treasure hunts, soap box derby's, bicycle races and other fun events to be held during the Christmas sports week.

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TONGUE IN BEAK - A BRIEF LOOK AT THE ALTERNATIVE NEWSTHE MYSTERY CHARMER

On a recent trip to the Falklands, a pretty little thing of a reporter from the Croyden Advertiser was given a tour of the military and civilian side of the local scene. Blonde, 24 year old Kathy Gallagher sent back to the Islands her reports of the visit which appeared in the Advertiser. One of the stories concerned a meeting with a well known figure in the Islands whom she described as "a small handsome man with a direct manner". Who is this diminutive Rudolf Valentino who so impressed the impressionable Miss Gallagher? Actually, we know. But you might have fun guessing from the following list: 1. Terry Peck. 2. Little Chay. 3. General de la Billiere. 4. Sir Rex Hunt. 5. A Jackass Penguin.

The answer is at the bottom of page 11. Sorry, no prizes.

THE THINGS THEY SAY!

It seems that a young reporter from the PN was recently a guest of the Sergeants Mess on Coastel 2, partaking in the time-honoured "falling over water ceremony. The conversation drifted onto the topic of cleanliness on the Coastels, and I .. opps! ... I mean the young reporter asked in all innocence, "well, who has the cleaning contract for this place then?". The answer was snapped back: "Private". "Private what?" "Private Bloggs down the corridor".

The same innocent reporter still had the ugly image of a dozen hysterical sergeants imprinted on his mind when two of them called around at his house a few days later. They were impressed by the local house and especially by the peat-burning Rayburn stove, the likes of which they had never seen before. Away from the safety of the Coastels and in the new and strange environment, a filly quote was bound to come forth. And it did. One of the sergeants was admiring the process of obtaining such a blaze from what looked like dried mud, and wanting to know more of the dark secrets of Rayburnism, he asked, "But what do you do at night? How do you switch it off?" Touche!

WINDING UP THE UGANDA

As everyone knows, ten days at sea on the ss UGANDA is fun. In fact with all the food, rest and service, it's almost decadent. But, well, it can be just the slightest bit boring - in the nicest possible way, of course. Aware of this, the good humoured resident military staff have introduced regular "wind-ups", or leg-pulls to those unfamiliar with military parlance. Some of the wind-ups have bordered on genius. Take, for example, the occasion recently when a notice appeared inviting passengers seeking amusement to rendezvous at a certain hour by one of the life boats for a sight seeing tour around a nearby desert island. The sizeable queue of camera-toting tourists were eventually told that the nearest land was Brazil, some 1,000 miles away, and that they had been well and truly wound up.

Then there was the occasion when passengers were invited to post mail that would be snatched from a wire framework erected between the masts by an RAF Hercules trailing a grappling hook from the cargo door. Again the sheepish crowd that popped letters in the bag and gathered to see the spectacular pick-up were horribly humiliated. On another voyage the word was put around that a mail rendezvous had been planned with one of Her Majesty's submarines.

A party of south-wound WRACs are said to have been especially well wound up. They fell hook, line and harpoon for the invitation to share in the delights of midnight whale watching from the bridge. Had the leviathans been informed they would, no doubt, have obliged by wearing flourescent water wings.

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GENERAL MILLS TALKS TO THE PN ABOUT THE NOAH'S ARK SCHEME ONE YEAR ON

Falklands Appeal Fund coordinator, General Alan Mills, left the Falklands last Tuesday after completing a four week tour of the Islands, assessing the progress of project Noah's Ark. His visit marked the first anniversary of the project's conception. The project was the brain child of the then local vet, Steve Whitley who wanted to replace livestock which had been lost during the war and introduce new breeds to the Islands.

The money for the project was provided by the Falklands Appeal Fund, a charity which was set up in June 1982 with the specific aim of helping Falklanders repair the damage caused by the fighting. £250,000 was donated to the fund from the £5 million put aside by the Jersey Government for the development of the Islands. Other funds were raised by special stamp and coin issues, and these, combined with many private donations raised a total of £660,000.

General Mills told the PENGUIN NEWS that the Appeal Fund gave £203,000 to finance the Noah's Ark project, the lion's share of which was used to charter a ship to bring the 220 animals from the UK. The livestock included sheep, ponies, dogs, beef cattle, an Arab stallion and mare, and even cats and budgies. Many of the animals were donated to the Islands by such organisations as the

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Rare Breeds Survival Trust and the Royal Smithfield Society. Others were purchased by farmers in the Islands at UK prices. The transport expenses were met by the Appeal Fund which has now been reimbursed with £25,000 from farmers who specifically ordered animals.

"It's going very well indeed", said General Mills, who visited eleven of the farms which have now become home to the animals off the Ark. He was able to report that the majority of the newcomers had adjusted perfectly to the seasonal differences of the southern hemisphere. "The ewes have lambed and the sheep are ready for shearing", he told us. "The ponies are losing their winter coats and the horses are in marvellous condition". Only the beef cattle seem to have found difficulty adjusting to their new environment. They have had to be fed on fodder through the winter months. The General feels, however, that now they have survived the winter, the cattle will find life in the south somewhat easier. The General also told us that one of the tomcats brought down a year ago has been busy mating with a "choice selection of 'moggies' in Chartres, and the choice is growing all the time."

During the tour of the Islands, which involved fifteen FIGAS flights, General Mills was able to see the results of other purchases made by the Appeal Fund on behalf of Islanders. The social clubs in eight settlements have benefited from the supply of video and gaming equipment as well as other equipment. In Stanley, the Education Department and the Hospital have also received equipment paid for by the Fund. Now it is hoped that the balance of the Fund, totalling some £400,000, will be used to build a swimming pool in Stanley.

Overall, General Mills is pleased with the equipment bought by the Appeal. I'm satisfied it is being used properly", he told us. "I can go back and report that it is being well looked after and used." The General was also pleased by his visit on a personal level. "I thought I knew what the Islands are like, but I needed a visit to become aware of both the problems here and of the extreme friendliness of the Islanders. I'm very grateful to all of them".

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RMB

IN THE GARDEN - by "Blue finger"

I don't know why I bother writing these notes and advising other people what to do, as I haven't got my own act together yet. In fact last week I found myself so far behind by waiting for the weather to change, that in sheer desperation, I mixed up several packets of vegetable seeds - carrots, parsnip, turnips, onions and peas - and scattered them over a large area and then jumped the lot into the cold and sodden ground. If they ever appear, I should be well fixed for an Irish Stew.

The TABLE SWEDE is easily grown in the Falklands and provides a very welcome addition to the winter menu. Traditionally, mid-November is the best time for sowing Swedes, and for those who don't like the back-aching work of thinning-out, it will save a lot of problems if you sow by pressing the three middle fingers into the firmed ground and place the usual five or six seeds into each of the first two impressions and only one seed in the third. In this way you can expect to get one strong plant coming away on its own, and it is then easy to pull out all the surplus seedlings. Of course, if the single seed fails to germinate, you can still sort out one from the bunch.

I managed to get two rows of CARROTS in during the monsoon, but still have another row to plant. It is getting late, but I'm sure a row or two put in now will still catch up and produce a useful crop in March.

Newcomers to the Falklands find it hard to believe that STRAWBERRIES do well here. In fact they are quite an easy fruit to propagate. It is too late now to plant new runners, but if you already have a plot coming on from last season, you will notice that flowers are already forming. At this time the ground is very heavy and firm on top, so it will help them if you take a fork and lightly disturb the upper crust so that the plants can breath.

The POTATOES you set out in the light a few weeks ago will now be ready. Plant now.

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SANTA SCRAPS REINDEER

NEWS FLASH FOR CHILDREN! "Santa Claus is coming to town", as the song goes, but this year he will not be pulled by his trusty red-nosed reindeer. We have heard that he is going to trade in his faithful four legged friends for one of the forces' Volvo tracked BV vehicles. It seems that Rudolf's little hooves can no longer grip the peat of Lafonia, and so that children in that area of the camp will not be left presentless this Christmas, Santa is going to swap reindeer power for the hundreds of horse-power of a Volvo.

Santa's first stop on arriving in the Islands will be Stanley to pick up his motorized 'sleigh' on 23rd December. He will then drive up to BIFT Head Quarters where his Volvo will be packed full of goodies and with a dozen pixies, cleverly disguised as soldiers. Rumour has it that Santa's little

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SKETCHLEY'S; "We're Keen to get Going"

Keith Twyman of Sketchley's dry cleaning company, left the Islands over the weekend after completing a week-long feasibility study of Stanley with a view to opening up a dry cleaning and laundry service. His study also considered the possibilities of establishing a shoe repair business and a photographic developing service.

During his stay in the Islands, he had meetings with a number of representatives from both civil and military populations. Mr Twyman explained to us that the military presence is essential for any cleaning operation to pay for itself in the Islands. "Normally, a population of this size wouldn't be able to support the business," he said. But he added that he has been having preparatory talks with the Forces with the aim of securing military cleaning contracts which would make the company's operation viable.

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helpers have been beaver away for months at HQ British Forces FI with their hammers, making the toys which will eventually find their way into the stockings of children in camp over Christmas - provided, of course, Santa can manage the tight squeeze down the Rayburn flue. For five days the happy band of men will be visiting settlements around Lafonia before returning to Stanley.

Due to the change in transport arrangements, we have been asked to point out that there is now no need to leave out the carrot for Rudolf along with the piece of cake for Father Christmas. However the odd gallon of diesel would be appreciated. He and his helpers had a meeting last Saturday, and we expect more details to be passed to the PN soon.

RMB

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Mr Twyman said that he was optimistic about the prospects for the business, and that he had been encouraged by his visit. Indeed, he told us that he will recommend to his board that they consider making an even larger investment in the business than first envisaged. "We're planning to use local labour as much as possible", said Mr Twyman. He also said that the cleaning operation would be very much a community operation. Although most trade would eventually come from Mount Pleasant, the cleaning service would remain in Stanley so that it can be used to the maximum by local people.

Keith Twyman hopes that Islanders will not only use the business, but also help in its development. "We need the support of the Islanders", he said. "I think we will get that support". He went on to indicate that Sketchleys' investment could help in the development of other local enterprises. As an example, he pointed out that tourism would be aided by the presence of a photographic developing business. We asked whether there is any reason for cynics to suppose that this interest is anything more than an elaborate exercise in public relations. "No, it's too expensive to be a PR exercise", said the executive. "This is a viable business venture".

Both Mr Twyman and Simon Armstrong of the Development Corporation said they are keen to get the venture beyond planning stages. Their next meeting will be in the UK early in 1985. By the end of January, they should have worked out a more detailed plan for financing and timing of the development.

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The two news items which follow reached us late in our production schedule. In view of their importance, they would otherwise have been reported prominently on the front page.

DRAFT NEW CONSTITUTION ARRIVES AT LAST

The long awaited draft of the Falklands new constitution was received at Government House last Thursday, the 22nd November, just too late for it to be discussed in last week's session of Executive Council.

The Civil Commissioner talked about the heavy-weight document with the PN Editor last Friday, pointing out some of its more important features. With our deadline rapidly approaching, we did not have time to prepare an in-depth analysis, and so publish here a summary of the main points as explained by Sir Rex Hunt.

Assuming that the draft is accepted and introduced, the following will be some of the fundamental features of the Falklands new constitution.

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A very significant element of the constitution will be a bill of rights which will guarantee freedom of expression, movement, conscience and other values considered essential in a free society.

The two council system of government will continue, although not in its present form. Ex-officio members of each council will be reduced, and the Civil Commissioner, who will retain that title, will not be able to nominate members of Executive Council, the policy making arm of the government. Legco will consist of eight councillors representing just two constituencies; Stanley and the Camp. Two non-voting Legco members will be the Financial Secretary (at present Harold Rowlands) and the Chief Executive (at present David Taylor). The Civil Commissioner will retain a casting vote.

Three Legislative Councillors will sit on Executive Council after elections within Legco. They will serve a one year term on Exco before being re-elected or replaced by colleagues. The Civil Commissioner will also have a casting vote on Executive Council, and the Chief Executive and Financial Secretary may participate in the meetings without voting rights. Exco must always consist of at least one councillor from the camp and one from Stanley.

The office of Military Commissioner will be abolished. The senior military officer will be known as the Commander British Forces, and will enjoy non-voting participation in both councils. The Commander will continue to advise the Civil Commissioner and the FI Government on defence and security matters.

Despite recommendations to the contrary by the select committee of councillors who conducted their own study of constitutional changes and innovations needed for the Falklands, the document produced by legal experts for the Foreign and Commonwealth Office specifies that no government employee can stand for election to public office. However an important clause states that Legislative Council has the right to adopt an ordinance qualifying certain categories of government servant for election.

The preceding paragraphs are no more than a brief and fairly superficial interpretation of some more important sections of an extremely lengthy document. We hope to examine the proposed constitution in greater detail in other issues of the PN.

Readers can study the document in its entirety. A copy has been placed in the Stanley Library, and another has been passed to the Penguin News with the request that we invite readers to borrow it from our office. If you would like to read the document which could deeply affect your future, please call at the PN office in the Union building on Ross Road.

Sir Rex Hunt is keen that Islanders study and discuss the proposals. "We want everybody to know what the new constitution means", he said. "Everyone can have the opportunity of looking at it and commenting. We want this to be as open a debate as possible." The Civil Commissioner pointed out that local radio can help people to understand the draft. It seems likely that a discussion and "phone in" programme on the FI Broadcasting Station will be organised soon.

Executive and Legislative Councillors will discuss the proposals in Stanley during the week beginning 18th December.

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HOW TO TURN YOUR £500 INVESTMENT IN A FITZROY PLOT INTO £165,000

A businessman in Britain is planning to make a cool £165,000 from his £1,000 investment in a plot of FI Company land near Fitzroy.

Calling the Falklands reported last Friday that the property speculator, a man known only as Mr. Bailey, has advertised 50 by 10 foot plots of land on the Fitzroy Ridge for sale at £36.50. The land sounds cheap, but if all the tiny plots are sold Mr. Bailey could walk away from the deal some £165,000 the richer.

Harvey Marshall, a senior executive with the estate agents who are hand-

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ling the sales, told a BBC reporter that clients have already come forward, eager to part with their cash. Some, he said, are buying the 0.001 acre patches as gifts for the person "who has everything", while one advertising agency has expressed a wish to build a model house on one, and use photographs of the structure in a publicity exercise.

The legal conveyance documents will specify that the miniature plots cannot be fenced, and that sheep and other live stock from adjacent properties can continue to graze there.

During the rush to purchase Fitzroy 50 acre plots some two months ago, our reporter asked FI Company executive David Britton whether the company wished to avoid the sort of speculation that is happening now, and if it was company policy to exclude such speculators from the deals. "The Company and the Islands' representatives in London have gone to great lengths to ensure that the buyers are genuinely interested in settling in the Islands", he said.

The FI Government could soon make such frivolous land sales difficult. The Civil Commissioner said in a recent radio interview that Executive Council is examining the possibility of raising the present £12.00 legal charge for conveyance of real estate to a figure more consistent with world rates.

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A PEERAGE FOR SIR REX?

9.11.84

Dear Sir,

It is not generally known that anyone can sponsor anyone else to become a peer so that person can take a seat in the House of Lords. Of course more notice is taken of the sponsor if he is a councillor or someone of importance. Would it not be a good idea for someone to sponsor Sir Rex Hunt? Not only would it reward him for fine work done, but it would give the Falkland Islands a knowledgeable voice in Westminster to speak for the Islanders in the House of Lords.

It would also be very nice if Her Majesty the Queen were to be asked to open the new airport.

Yours sincerely, V.K. THOMPSON, 30 St Johns Road, Caversham, Reading, Berks, RG4 0AL, England.

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INFORMATION REQUIRED ABOUT THE SCHOONER "SPEEDWELL"

11.11.84

Dear Sir,

I am taking this opportunity of writing to Penguin News to enquire about any information your readers may have regarding the hulk of the schooner SPEEDWELL which was originally from Porthmadoc in North Wales, a small harbour town not far from my own home town. I would be most interested to receive any details on the whereabouts of the hulk. Does anyone know where the hulk can be found? Is it possibly still resting in a cove somewhere along the coast?

I am particularly interested in this subject because of the connections of this vessel with North Wales and the nautical heritage surrounding the area. Also, my interest in the Falkland Islands has been aroused due to my husband's employment at the Mount Pleasant construction site during the past four months, which, you may agree, gives me all the more reason to find out much more about the connections of your beautiful islands and our beautiful Wales.

If, by any chance, readers do have such information, would they please forward it to my husband to avoid airmail charges: Mr. Brian Thomas Williams, 358, Room B3117, PO Box 21, L.M.A. - J.V., Mount Pleasant Airfield.

Yours sincerely, D. WILLIAMS.

HELPFUL CRITICISM It's always helpful when our readers write to us with their thoughts about the PN. Sometimes, of course, our correspondents express their complaints, but that too is helpful.

Recently Rosemary Wilkinson of Dunnose Head Farm wrote to us. Could we have some farming articles now and again, asked Mrs. Wilkinson. We agree that farming features are desirable, but we would prefer these to be regular rather than "now-and-again" features. We consulted Sheep Owners' Association General Secretary, Jim Clement, who suggested that such a column should take the form

of contributions from campers. So, can we request the help of our farming readers? If you have any tips, news of any sort (no matter how trivial you think it may be), advice or opinions, please let us have them. We will include such contributions in a farming column which could be of real use to people who live outside Stanley. We will rely on you for this.

Mrs. Wilkinson also asks for "lots more traders" advertisements to help campers choose their shopping". Businessmen will, no doubt, be interested to note that Penguin News publicity can be so helpful. We always welcome advertisements, and our rates can be found elsewhere in this issue.

There is a note for our most reliable columnist in the letter from Dunnose Head. "We enjoy Little Chay", said Mrs. Wilkinson. "So don't bale him out, please!" That, I can assure you, is the last thing we would do.

Can the PN have more feed-back from readers here and overseas?

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TRAINING CAMP NEXT MONTH FOR F.I.D.F. RECRUITS. GREEN JACKETS TO HELP.

The Falkland Islands Defence Force have announced that its recruits are to undergo an intensive training course from Monday 10th to Friday 14th of December. For the first part of the course, the recruits will be occupied during the daytime and early evening with weapons handling, range practice, fieldcraft and radio procedure. They will return home each night, but will take to the hills with regular members of the FIDF for an exercise during the last few days and nights.

According to Captain Brian Summers, the battle camp is intended to consolidate and put into practice the knowledge which the recruits have gained over the past few months. However he stresses that the success of the course depends on the cooperation of employers who will be asked to provide the part time soldiers with time off work. Captain Summers explained that the FIDF needs at least ten people on the course to make it worthwhile. "I feel it is important that employers release people because it will enable the maximum number to pass out as trained soldiers," he told us.

The majority of the recruits in the present cadre are women. We asked Brian Summers if he believes the week could be too arduous for the girls in khaki. "No, I don't think they will find it too tough," he replied. "We hope they'll find it enjoyable. Certainly the Green Jackets are going to try and make it that way."

Over all, Captain Summers is hoping that his staff and the Green Jacket trainers will be able to cram all that remains of the training syllabus into the week, so that by the end of

it the Defence Force will be able to add another dozen or so members to their list of trained soldiers.

PEAT MACHINE INTRODUCED BY FIC

A new machine capable of excavating peat at the rate of one cubic yard per minute (some ten times faster than a man with a spade) is being tested by the FI Company at Goose Green. The results so far seem encouraging, and if the tractor-powered device is successful, laborious manual peat cutting could become a thing of the past. "It's impressive at first sight", said Jim Clements, Secretary of the Sheep Owners' Association. "But nobody is boosting it too much until the peat has had its first go in the fire place".

The machine produces what Jim Clements describes as a "continuous macerated sausage", in six parallel lines, moving along the surface of the peat bog at about three miles per hour. Apart from extracting the peat quickly and with a minimum of labour, the new machine does not disturb the vegetation on the surface of the ground. The diagonal incisions close naturally as the machine moves on. The surface is lowered by about three inches, but it is left as grazing land from which peat can be harvested again one year later.

The "sausages" of peat break up naturally, leaving small sods that can be handled easily. To speed up the peat's progress from the bog to the stove even further,

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the FIC have also introduced a mechanical harvester. This will lift the dried peat sods from the ground and load them into a truck or trailer. The harvester will be tested soon.

Readers requiring more information about the peat excavating machine and the harvester should contact the manufacturers,

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POLICE FILE

CHILDREN LECTURED FOR SHOP LIFTING

Fifteen children are to be given an official warning following their implication last week in shoplifting incidents in the FIC West Store. The youngsters were identified by Stanley police following the positive identification of pilferer by West Store staff.

Chief Superintendent Bill Richards told the PN that the stolen items had been of low value and that there was no indication that the shoplifters had been operating on an organised basis. He stressed that some of the children to be warned had only been identified as receivers of the stolen goods. Parents are being notified, and will be invited to accompany their children when the stern official warnings are given.

Bill Richards pointed out that the offenders may not be treated with such leniency if they return to stealing from shops. "As a general rule, I would only caution a child once", he said, adding that in future cases the FIC may also want to take a harder line. "I would assume that if one of these children is caught again, the FIC may well wish to place the matter before the court."

STANLEY MAN IN COURT FOR BREAKING GLASS

A man from Stanley appeared in the Magistrate's Court last Tuesday, accused of destroying a pane of glass belonging to the Falkland Islands Government. The court heard that 22 year old Robert Stewart of James Street, an employee of the Public Works Department, had been drinking in the Rose Hotel with a friend on the night of the incident, Friday 16th November.

Senior Magistrate, Mr. John Barrington-Jones, was told that the two men left the Rose and were making their way to the Globe Bar at about 9.00 pm when the accused jumped up and tapped a small window of the Senior School. His fist went through the pane, and the two men continued to the Globe. The incident was observed by local residents, and Robert Stewart was subsequently charged.

Mr. Stewart pleaded guilty to the offence. "I didn't intend to break the window", he said. "I was just larking about". In passing sentence, Mr. Barrington-Jones said that property must be protected by the law. "It could have been a private house and would have frightened people out of their wits", he said. "Don't do it again, please". Mr. Stewart was fined £20.00.

POLICE CONTINUE INVESTIGATIONS INTO TOWN HALL BREAK-INS

Police are still making enquiries into the break-ins at the Town Hall two weeks ago. Some documents which were thought to be missing from the Legal Office after the burglary have now been found in the office. Still unaccounted for in the Post Office, are a set of artists' original paintings for a future stamp issue and a penguin egg.

MOTORBIKE STOLEN AND DAMAGED

A yellow 250 cc Suzuki motorcycle was stolen from Brandon Road on Friday 16th November, apparently by one or more joy-riders. It was found at noon the next day near Callaghan Road. The wing mirrors were missing and the handlebars damaged. The bike also had twisted front forks and a bent front mud-guard.

NEXT OF KIN APPEAL:**ON COURSE FOR £3,000**

Norman Clark, co-organiser of the Falklands Families Appeal Fund called at our office last week to give us the latest news about the Fund. The sponsored slimming has now finished, and the pounds sterling have been rolling in thanks to the imperial pounds which came off the slimmers. The collection of sponsorship money is still going on, but the sum raised by this enterprise is expected to exceed £200. The sponsorship money already collected, combined with £135 contributed by Hill Cove last Wednesday, put the total amount in the fund up to £2979.79. Norman Clark was hoping that the target of £3,000 would be achieved over the weekend.

Over the weekend SAC McFadyan and Cpl. Short carried out a sponsored walk to Mount Kent and back on behalf of the appeal, and further fund raising events are planned for the Christmas period. On 28th December Norman Clark and his helpers are hoping to organise a mile-long line of coins along the sea wall on Ross Road. "It's been worked out", said Norman, "that a mile of pennies would be worth £796." The figure raised could be even more than that, as the organisers are hoping that civilians and servicemen will be digging deeply into their pockets, and pulling out more silver than copper. To make that silver and copper line flow more freely, Norman told us that he will be bringing with him a "fistfull of tenners" which will be given to those people lucky enough to place their coins on secret money-making points along the route.

The Appeal organisers plan to join forces with the Scouts' Task Force North Appeal after Christmas to hold further fund-raising events.

Money raised by the Falklands Families Fund will eventually help pay for a planned visit to the Falklands by relatives of servicemen who lost their lives here.

BFBS TO LEAVE FIBS - BUT NOT WITHOUT AN IMPORTANT PARTING GIFT

The British Forces Broadcasting Service in Stanley is to separate from the local FI Broadcasting Station early in 1985. BFBS have been sharing the small FIBS studios on John Street since shortly after the war, but now they plan to move, first to Lookout Camp or the Canache, and then to Mount Pleasant

Airport.

Richard Jones of BFBS told us that the move is necessary because of a serious shortage of space in the FIBS building. "We have a Portakabin at the back", said Mr. Jones, "but we're sharing the library and the studio, and it's all quite cramped". BFBS plan to ship a portable ready-to-use studio from the UK. Located at the Canache or Lookout Camp, it would be linked to the existing FIBS transmitters by landline so that the quality and format of broadcasting in the Islands would remain virtually unchanged. Richard Jones explained that if the plan goes ahead, the new studio should be ready by April. Being portable, the new BFBS facilities will almost certainly be moved to Mount Pleasant within two years.

Sir Rex Hunt told the PN last Friday that BFBS have generously donated most of the equipment they have installed in the John Street building since the war to FIBS. Some tape recorders and a few other items of equipment will be taken when the military broadcasters move out, but the local organisation will retain the sophisticated mixing desk and most essential equipment. "We are most grateful", said Sir Rex. The Civil Commissioner also expressed his confidence that the relationship between the two stations will continue to be mutually profitable. "Each will benefit from the other's facilities", he said.

LARGE SCALE MILITARY EXERCISE SOON

All British Forces stationed in the Falklands are to be involved in a large scale exercise from midday on the 27th November until Friday 30th November. During this period there will be increased air and ground activity, including low flying and simulated attacks by ground forces. In testing the quick reactions of the three services, the build-up and deployment of British Forces and the protection of the approaches to the Islands will be exercised. Servicemen will practice operational techniques against a scenario of increasing tension leading to an outbreak of hostilities. The Falkland Islands Defence Force will be taking part, and the civilian warning sirens will be sounded on occasions.

The Military Commissioner, Major General Peter de la Billiere, has expressed the hope that this exercise will result in the minimum interference in the daily routines of civilian residents.

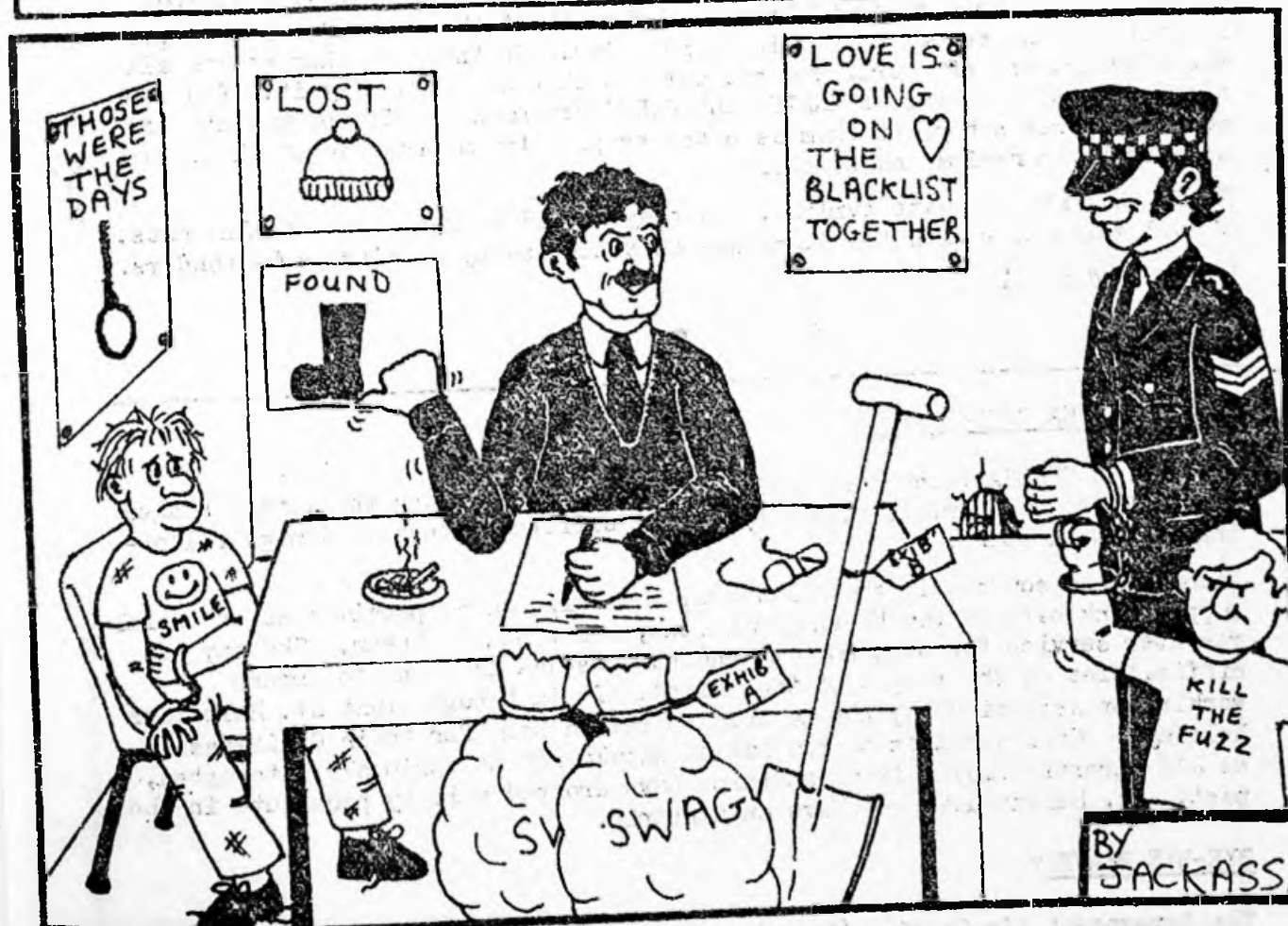
LITTLE CHAY

Dear Gram,

Like us how i sed larst weak, the Forklans Facketer man come to sea wot more he cud gett outta old grandad about daze gorn bye. We had just finnishesh lissenin to the London End and Ant Kelpie was just gettin up to swich onf Tommie Rants wen he arrived in a booterful big range rover and orf we all drove in stile to the Spit and Soredust. Unkel Ben sed it wood be better for pore olde grandads throte if we stuck to short ones as hej not yet yewst to to much drink. So the nice man got us a kan of ellefant beere and six glasses and then pulled out wun of them nue Canceled recording machines.

Grandad just luvs torkin about old times and it wassent long befor he cud remember wen we had 3 buchers, 2 bakers, 2 milkmen, 2 barbaras, 2 sossive shops, 3 pop fackteries, 2 sinnermars, 2 travell ajunts, 2 boot menders, 3 house builders, a petrill stashun, a garrage, 2 badmentun klubs, 3 rifle klubs, a squashed club, a workin mens club, a jim-navs-ium, a grate big museum, a publik lavettery house, a dayly nuespaper, a jeweller, a tailer, 6 post boxes, a postman, a guverner and no inkum tax. But he cud dent finnish cus Ant Kelpie came in as vewshall with her "Ah-but-tho's", like ah-ut-tho we didnt have things like a foxbay village, a kelvin goinaway, a towne planner, a stuguelin brewrv, a pottin shed, a BFBS, a staff of five in the leavel office and 20 old runnin around the Secret-ariat. Unkel Ben sed the winchill fackter

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"AT LEAST THIS ONE'S ORIGINAL. SAYS HIS ACUTE KLEPTOMANIA DERIVES FROM HIS FEELINGS OF ALIENATION AND INSECURITY, AND IS ACRY FOR HELP IN THE WILDERNESS OF POST-CONFLICT CHANGE!"

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was also sumpin nue. Suddenly the nice man membered he had a partie to go too and dashed out. But sumbody had nicked his Range Rover. Ennyway, he sed he'd walk and get anuther wun out on the hair brige.

Lots of luv, LITTLE CHAY.

TONGUE IN BEAK - A LOOK AT THE ALTERNATIVE NEWSTHE PHANTOM KITCHEN RAIDER

We have heard that the temporary field kitchen belonging to the army at Dairy Paddock was broken into last week; the third such burglary in as many weeks. The raiders have only taken a few utensils on each occasion, but have been more than a little untidy. In fact the cook is completely fed up with the mess his visitors leave. He has now replaced the lock yet again, and is awaiting the next raid with a resigned attitude. To who ever it may concern, he requests, "next time could you at least shut the door when you have finished".

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IN THE GARDEN

By "Greenfinger"

We can be fairly hopeful now that the bad weather is behind us, and most people will have their gardens planted with a few earlier seeds coming on nicely. With pleasant weather, longer evenings and results starting to show for work earlier in the season, it is a rather nice time to be in the garden.

At this time it is not a bad idea to put in a couple of extra rows of WHITE TURNIPS so that you will have more to follow on from the first sowing. The white turnip is one of the earliest vegetables we can grow outside in the Falklands, and is often the only fresh vegetable we have before mid-January. Served with a white sauce or a parsley sauce, this vegetable is delicious. It can be even more tasty if harvested when about the size of a Rockhopper Penguin egg and served boiled in their skins. In this way they retain all the flavour, and of course you can eat the skin as well. Try it. You can also sow a second crop of RADISH and CRESS around now. If you haven't too much room, why not plant them as catch crops between other vegetables, such as carrots, parsnips and onions.

Weeds will now be quite evident, and they should be kept back at all costs. A good going over with the dutch hoe on a nice sunny morning works wonders. Happy Gardening!

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RMS ST HELENA CATCHES FIRE

The RMS St HELENA which served with the task force during the latter stages of the Falklands War, is believed to have suffered extensive damage following a fire on board.

According to sources in the Falklands, the ship, which provides an essential supply link between the UK and St Helena, was towed to Dakar. She may not re-enter service for some months, and her absence is bound to impose difficulties on the people of the island. It is thought that St. Helenians working on Ascension may not be able to return home for their Christmas holidays. Mail supplies to the island should not be seriously interrupted, as RAF aircraft flying from Ascension have dropped mail by parachute in the past. St. Helena does not have an airstrip.

BYE-BYE BEAVER?

The Government Air Service (FIGAS) may soon part with its last De Havilland

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Beaver, the rugged little aircraft upon which Falklands internal communications have been largely based for some twenty-five years.

FIGAS now operate two Islander twin engine aircraft and one Beaver, but the latter is only used as a stand-by on increasingly few occasions. While still a reliable work horse, the Beaver is limited by cross winds that do not affect the much more modern Islander. Furthermore, the smaller Beaver is limited to operations on East Falkland by civil aviation regulations which do not permit single engine aircraft to cross large stretches of open water, such as Falkland Sound.

Beavers have traditionally operated on floats in the Falklands, but the FIGAS machine was fitted with wheels recently. Spares for the floats have now been ordered, and engineers are expected to commence repair work on them soon. Operational floats as well as wheels would probably make the Beaver a much more saleable item.

The Beaver's sale would probably raise less than £100,000 for FIGAS, funds which would go some way to paying for a third Islander. Although Beavers have not been manufactured since the mid-sixties, the 'planes are far from obsolete, and many are still being used in Canada, the USA and in other regions where rough bush flying is required.

Executive Council is expected to decide the future of the FIGAS Beaver soon.

FALKLANDS MOTORCYCLE ASSOCIATION - NEWS OF A RACE

The Falkland Islands Motorcyclists Association has been established now for some eight months. Early progress was a little shaky, with problems cropping up almost daily, but these problems have now been smoothed out, and the way ahead should be even smoother.

Parts and machine accessories are arriving regularly, and carry the hoped for discounts. Members can actually save up to 60 percent over retail prices. The range of accessories is staggering - everything from clothing to special tools and parts for elderly British bikes. And all of the items come from the largest suppliers in the UK.

Membership subscription is still ten pounds per year, and the Association is open to both civilian and military riders.

The FIMA hopes to hold a cross-country race in early 1986. The race will begin and end at Stanley, with the route between the starting and finishing lines passing through Fitzroy, Goose Green, KC and Port Louis. Of course this depends on permission being granted by the owners of the land. Prizes will be big and attractive, and sponsorship for the event has already been offered to the FIMA.

With the latest generation of enduro machines becoming ever more powerful and handleable over rough ground, the event should turn out some fast times.

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NEIL ROGERS

COST OF MOUNT PLEASANT RISES DRAMATICALLY

Calling the Falklands last Friday informed that the Property Services Agency had released a report earlier in the week making it clear that the Mt Pleasant Airport with its associated buildings and nearby dock facility will cost at least £384 million, and possibly more. £250 million remains the estimated cost of the airport itself, but further costs for the military complex have now come to light - including an estimated 22 million for PSA's design and supervision.

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Fighter Crashes in Harbour

A Harrier fighter crashed in Stanley Harbour at around 4.10 pm last Thursday. The pilot was able to eject safely a split second before the aircraft hit the water between the FPAS floating dock and Whalebone Cove. An MOD spokesman was unable to release the pilot's name, but said that he had sustained some injuries, and had been taken to the British Military Hospital for treatment. The RAF officer was said to be in good spirits.

It is believed that the aircraft had been participating in the tri-service exercise then in progress, and it may have been one of two fighters which carried out a mock attack on RAF Stanley very shortly before the accident.

Bob Moreland, a worker at Hillside Camp, saw the incident and related his experience to the PN. "The Harrier did a lot of shaking from side to side", he said.

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Four Months for Mt. Pleasant Worker

A worker from the Mt Pleasant Airport site appeared in court last Thursday charged with assaulting three persons during the evening of the previous Sunday. 32 year old Robert Finlayson, a laundryman with Kelvin Catering at the site, pleaded guilty to the first charge of assaulting John McFadyen, causing actual bodily harm. But Mr Finlayson pleaded not guilty to the two other charges, namely the assaults causing actual bodily harm to May McLaughlan and Peter O'Donnell.

The court heard that on the night of the alleged assaults, the accused was drinking at one of the bars at Mount Pleasant. In giving evidence, May McLaughlan, a general assistant with Kelvin Catering, said Mr Finlayson came over to the group of friends she was with and tried to join them. "He was trying to pick a fight with people", she told Senior Magistrate John Barrington Jones. The accused was told that if he did not behave he would have to leave the bar. There then followed a commotion during which the accused picked up a chair and started swinging it around, and a table was overturned, spilling drinks over Mrs McLaughlan. She said she was upset by the incident and Mr Peter O'Donnell was asked to escort her back to her room. By this time, Robert Finlayson had been taken to his room by the bar manager, after the accused had assaulted John McFadyen.

Mrs McLaughlan said that she and Mr O'Donnell had stopped on the way out of

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THE GENESIS OF AN INDUSTRY - COASTAL PIONEER ARRIVES IN THE FALKLANDS

The trawler COASTAL PIONEER dropped anchor in Falklands waters on the 25th November after a fifty-six day journey from the United Kingdom which could only be described as gruelling. "It was", said one of the experienced seamen aboard, "the worst journey I have ever made in a ship." The brief periods of calm seas and sunny skies experienced during the marathon voyage can be counted on the fingers of one hand.

The arrival of the little ship marks an important step forward in the Falklands drive towards new industry and opportunity. Fortoser, the vessel's owners, in cooperation with the Development Corporation and the FI Government, are to commence a two and a half year programme of inshore fisheries research which may well result in an industry of great importance, and opportunities for Islanders which a company executive describes as "limitless".

Based at Fox Bay East, COASTAL PIONEER will spend its first six months in the Islands sampling and examining inshore shell-fish resources, while desk-bound officials of the company will study market potential in Europe and North America. John Williams, Fortoser's senior representative in the Falklands, is already optimistic that a wealthy market exists in the northern hemisphere for shell fish, and the many thousands of miles between the fishing grounds and the exclusive restaurants where the delicacies are consumed, may be no problem. Confidently, he points to the Mount Pleasant Airport project, which is rapidly becoming a panacea for Falklands economic and defence ills. "The value of shellfish on the markets of Europe and the United States", he explains, "is sufficient to be able to stand the travel over such distances." The parallel between shellfish already being successfully exported to the northern hemisphere by Chilean companies is obvious. Cargo space on north-bound jumbo jets from Mount Pleasant should, Mr. Williams believes, be plentiful, and he eagerly anticipates the day when the cargo bays of Tristars will be filled with the chilled products of his company.

John Williams also emphasises the opportunities that a shell fish industry could offer to Islanders. Opportunities are limitless if they would like to get involved", he said. His company's operation is already being helped by two Islanders. The trawler is to be captained during its research work by Delano Jennings, while marine biologist, John Barton, will assist with on-board studies. Fortoser would like to hear from school leavers who are interested in working with the company and accepting the opportunity to train as fishermen in the Falklands and Britain. "The opportunities are enormous for young people", he said.

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FIRST CRUISE SHIP OF THE SUMMER DUE TODAY

The cruise ship MS LINDBLAD EXPLORER is scheduled to visit Stanley today. The LINDBLAD, with some eighty passengers, will anchor in Stanley early this morning and leave at around 8 o'clock this evening. She will then head west, calling at the wildlife centers of West Point and New Island. At least two more visits are planned for this summer by Society Expeditions, who charter the vessel. She will call at the Islands on the 1st January, and again on the 10th February.

CROWN AGENTS & DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION VISITORS

Mr. Chris Metcalf of the South Atlantic Department of the Overseas Dev-

elopment Administration is presently on a familiarisation tour of the Falklands. He is meeting heads of local government departments with which ODA is involved, and is also visiting key development projects such as Mount Pleasant and Fox Bay East. Mr. Metcalf is involved with the administration of the £31 million of development aid which has been provided to the Islands. "It is a good idea that he gets out here and sees what the place is all about", said Government Secretary, Bernard Pauncefort.

Travelling with Mr. Metcalf is Magnus Todd, an engineering advisor to the ODA. He is inspecting Public Works projects and the new airport site. The two men leave the Falklands next Friday.

LITTLE CHAY

DERE UNKEL WRECKS

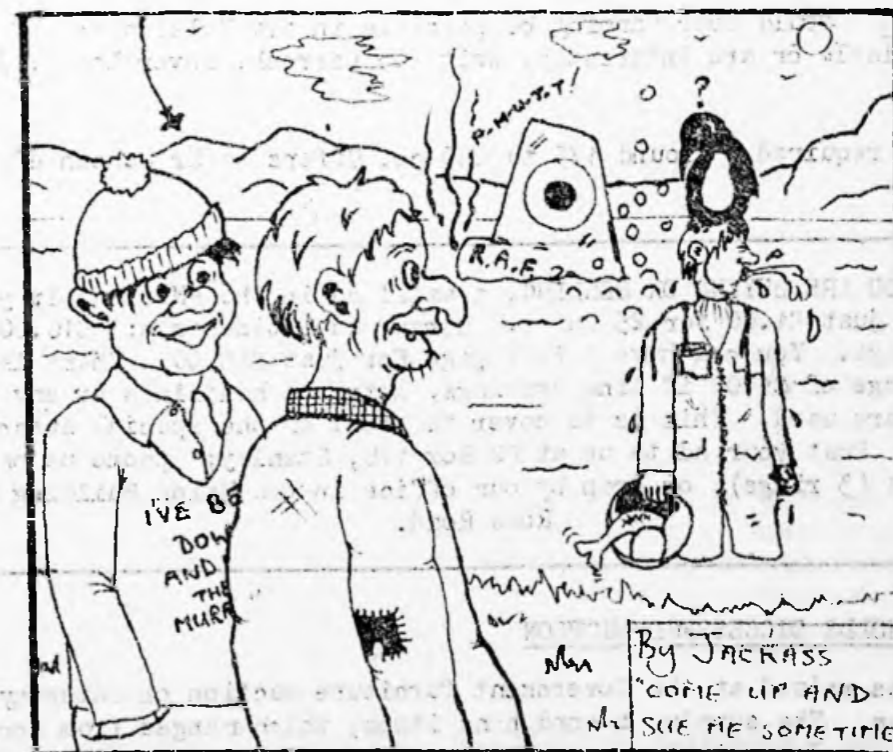
Our little chum can't afford a stamp, so as usual, we have agreed to pass his letter on.

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Dear Unkel Wrecks,

We wos orl lissenin to Gramme torkin on the box larst week to the Sheriff about the nue kons-stit-tewshun and my mum sez i shud rite to yew about it cus we ar orl so confuzed. Unkel Ben sez that if theres not to be enny dis-krim-inashun o f race then we will orl be free to chooze were we work and we can orl get the same pay for the same job and we can work for Mount Pleasant and LMA and fairclots and will get the same big munny and side kicks like free grub, free acodashun, free clothes and no inkum tax. And we can orl get osas jobs and free digs with free fule and lotsa free trips to Inland. And if dad get his osas or too job i can go to Inland for skool and cum back hear 2 or 3 times a year for my holly-daze. Thatell be nise for me, wont it. My dad sez hes goin to get me to write to the Kelper Kid and Dubs and tell them orl about our nue wellfair state n the big munny he will be abel to pick up without goin back to work for the Bar KC Ranch, or ridin his pants orf at hellefunt canyon for not much more than a kookhouse bunk and free mutton.

Ant Kelpie sed we shud orl drink to that so we (kontinued on page 4)



SO THAT'S WHAT THEY MEAN BY LOW FLYING, CHAY!!

LITTLE CHAY - continued from page 3

asked Big Charley to kum up to the partie. But wen we told him wot it wuz orl about he sed we were nuts if we beleaved that, cus nuthin cud change as long as we are a kolony, as kolonies orlwaze have to have natives sos there kan be sekkon klass sitizens like us and bigshots like him. He sez dis-krim-inashun and kons-stit-tewshun are big words and kan be twisted in orl sorts of ways. Wots dis-krim-inashun Unkel Wrecks?

Enny way, old Grandad Ben McBenny sez theres wun good thing gotta cum outter it, and that is people wont have to dye enny more so long as the konst-stit-tewshun now prtecks our rite to life.

We orl send you our luv and hope the Lord will make you a lord sum day.

LITTEL CHAY.

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GOVERNMENT HOLDS SUCCESSFUL AUCTION

£2,378.60 was raised at the Government furniture auction on Saturday the 24th November. The surplus second hand items, which ranged from scraps of carpet to a complete sitting room suite, were sold because of government's lack of storage space. A large crowd gathered at the auction, which was held in the gymnasium, and many people went home with bargains. Prices ranged from a few pounds to £170 for individual items. A further auction will probably be held early in 1985.

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THE FI COMPANY REPLIES TO CHARGES OF EXPLOITATION IN SHARE FARMING

Dear Editor,

All of us in the Falkland Islands Company have been most distressed by the recent articles in the British and International press, as reported in PN 64, which arose from unfounded and unwarranted criticism in the Sunday Times, when Lord Shackleton described himself as being angered by the terms of our Sharefarming agreements in the Falkland Islands.

It is we who should be angered that he made such comments before first ascertaining the facts. He should have thought of the consequences of such distorted material being picked up by the Argentine press and used against the Islands, as indeed has happened.

Sharefarming is an ideal opportunity for those farmers who wish to have a direct interest in the land to reap the benefit of their own efforts and experience but without involving themselves in any capital outlay, without paying any rent or encumbering themselves with repayments of loans or mortgages. It does not pretend to be a substitute for land ownership, although it may well be a good means of leading to that end. It presents a great opportunity to gain experience at a minimal risk and to acquire capital.

It takes little imagination to work out that Lord Shackleton was badly misled by Colin Smith, who most people know has a paranoic hatred of FIC since we parted company after the collapse of David Smith & Co. in early 1981. It seems a great pity that Lord Shackleton did not think to talk to me before rushing into print. I could have told him that whatever information he had been given concerning whatever Robin Goodwin might have said, it had clearly been taken out of context and blown out of proportion. I could have told him that it was hardly likely that in the circumstances Robin would have prompted his own family to take over the sharefarm on exactly the same terms when his own agreement expires next March. It was only four weeks before the article appeared in the Sunday Times that I had met with Robin, his father and brother in Stanley and worked out the details of the handover in a particularly amicable atmosphere. None of that sounds like an "act of slavery", an epithet that can be seen to be absurd.

Lord Shackleton also forgets that I met him at his invitation in his office at Rio Tinto Zinc on two occasions at the beginning of 1982 and fully discussed the terms of our sharefarming agreement. He expressed considerable enthusiasm for the idea at that time and I find it difficult to understand his change of mind.

Let it be clearly stated that all five sharefarmers entered the agreements willingly, without any pressure and with a great deal of enthusiasm. They were properly informed of the terms and we were able to make detailed forecasts of the sharefarm accounts and to forecast their own share of the profit. Messages have since reached me from the four farmers who started in April this year; one was quite unprintable in its condemnation of the press coverage and the essence of their opinions was "why cannot Shackleton and Smith mind their own business."

We have been told that they are not "sharefarming agreements" at all. They are certainly not leases as described by Lord Shackleton, and this criticism is simply nit-picking. When we drafted the pilot scheme with Robin, the only model available was the sharemilking scheme in New Zealand. In

1981 we had no solicitor, no practising accountant and not even a commercial bank in the Islands. We had to tailor the document to suit this unique situation and made a genuine attempt to make the paperwork as straight forward as possible. And it has stood the test of time. In the case of the four most recent agreements, I certainly suggested to each that they might be well advised to obtain the newly appointed Attorney General's opinion before signing.

FIC have always taken a constructive view towards the Islands. Let it be remembered that we were the first to make land available for sub-division at Green Patch, the first to make small holdings available to encourage immigrants who have something to offer, to go to the Falklands, and we have now pioneered sharefarming. We have taken progressive steps in the field of deep sea fishing and our investments in buildings, pasture development, fencing, agricultural machinery and bloodstock are second to none. Few would argue that we are good employers, so perhaps it is time for some of our critics to say "well done" for a change and stop putting unfounded obstacles in our way.

When I returned from New Zealand, where I had been for two weeks recruiting shepherds, I went along to Bush House and gave an interview on Calling the Falklands, answering the detailed criticism in the Sunday Times article. The next day the programme controller asked if I would be prepared to be interviewed with Colin Smith instead of putting over the recording. To that I agreed, but was bitterly disappointed a few days later when told that Smith had backed out. However, they suggested that it might be even better if I were to meet Lord Shackleton on the programme. Again I agreed, but learned a week later that "he was too heavily engaged". I am left with the feeling that there is something very subversive about the episode.

Perhaps the saddest thing is that Robin Goodwin is probably much embarrassed by the whole thing. He has and is still doing a superb job on Swan, Great and the other small Islands, and we wish him further success with his San Carlos section, as we also do his father and brother when they take over the sharefarms next April.

Yours sincerely, D.A. BRITTON, Managing Director,
Falkland Islands Company Limited.

"THIS FANCY 3" COIN ..."

26.11.84

Dear Graham,

I wish to comment on this fancy three inch coin that is due to be minted. With roughly 1,800 permanent residents presently living in the Islands, I think that it is unrealistic that only 150 of these coins are being made available in the Islands.

Is this because Government feels your average Chay cannot be trusted with such large amounts of money or something? Or maybe there are only 150 people in the Islands who could afford to shell out the cash for them. After all, we're only talking about £70.00 per coin, which put into perspective is only seven cases of Elephant beer, or 175 tots or ten cartons of B & H.

I believe that a far greater quantity of these coins should be made available in the Islands so that every local person has the opportunity to purchase one. As the coins are, after all, being minted to commemorate the self-sufficiency of their Islands, and even if every Islander bought one, that's not exactly a big chunk out of 20,000 coins.

Yours sincerely, HAMISH McPRESS & George M.

AN ACT OF SLAVERY?

28.11.84

Dear Sir,

I note with interest that you expect to publish a reply to your article in the PN number 64 concerning the attacks made against the FIC which were voiced in the Sunday Times on 28th October.

Generally, the Company accepts without reply its position of "whipping boy", as sensible people appreciating the anti-outbursts for what they are.

Some people for reasons best known to themselves appear to carry a vindictive vendetta against the FIC which is neither good for the company, its employees nor the colony. Unfortunately this latest unsolicited attack has had serious and far reaching repercussions, enabling Argentine politicians to make considerable political capital at a time when Falkland Councillors were doing their utmost on Islanders' behalf in New York.

The accusation of slavery is what I call media sensationalism, based not even on half truths.

After the FIC started the farms sub-division era at Green Patch, quite rightly some aspiring farmers voiced the opinion that, although properly qualified, competent and wanting to be in on the act, they did not in the first instance want to be burdened with perhaps an 80 or 100 per cent mortgage with high interest repayments on an outright purchase of land which may be over valued. With this in mind, the Company carefully worked out agreements enabling those interested to have a stake in the business, exchanging their labour for an agreed percentage of the farms profitability.

Perhaps the term "sharefarmer" is misleading to those who compare the Islands agreements with those in other parts of the world. "Shareworking" may be a more uncompromising term. The terms of the agreements may well be incomprehensible to those who are not well acquainted with local conditions.

The whole object of the sharefarm agreements has been, and is, to give aspiring farmers a "leg in" to agriculture, to bolster their confidence, experience, expertise and financial status with a view to eventual ownership of their section.

The first three year trial agreement has almost run its course. The farmer admits to me that he has done very well out of it, and is now to become a farm owner, recommending his father and younger brother to carry on in his place.

Yours faithfully, B. HARDCASTLE, FIC General Manager, Darwin Harbour.

POLICE FILE

MUSEUM HELICOPTER VANDALISED

The ex Argentine Bell "Huey" helicopter, which is eventually to take pride of place in the Falklands war museum, has been seriously damaged by vandals who broke into the building sheltering the aircraft and other large souvenirs of the Argentine occupation. Mark Harrison, who with his colleagues from Bristow has been helping with the preservation and restoration of the helicopter, reported on Wednesday, last week, that the windscreen had been smashed and several important components stolen. Stanley police are investigating the matter.

The helicopter, which was re-furnished shortly after the war by engineers aboard HMS ILLUSTRIOUS, is painted in FIGAS colours, and was originally intended to be used by the air service. Eventually it was decided that a structural weakness and high operating costs would make it unsuitable for use by civilians, and it was placed in storage with other ex Argentine equipment. The Government are still searching for a suitable building in which to exhibit the large items and the many small arms and items of personal equipment which have been collected. Most are being cared for by military units.

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The Police have questioned someone in connection with a break-in at the Town Hall two weeks ago. On the night of the raid, one of the intruders was spotted in the legal office by a passer by, and it was this eye-witness who later identified the man questioned by the police. The intruder admitted being in the legal department, but said he had been trying to find his way to a party on the upper floor of the building. No charges have been brought against the intruder, and police are not releasing the man's name. He is known to be a UK citizen, and will be leaving the Islands very soon. Police are still investigating a theft in the Post Office section of the Town Hall, which occurred on the same night.

REPLACEMENT POLICE OFFICERS EXPECTED SOON

Four Police Officers from forces in the UK are expected to arrive in Stanley on the 5th December. The Stanley Force has been understaffed for some weeks, since the departure of the last unit of officers on secondment from the UK. The new arrivals will bring the force of UK constables and one sergeant up to the required strength of five. They will work with three locally recruited constables and Chief Superintendent Bill Richards.

The Government expect to continue short-term recruitment of UK officers for the foreseeable future. Government Secretary, Bernard Pauncefort, told the PN last week that periods of staff shortage should be avoided in the future. He plans for some individuals in future UK detachments of police officers to remain somewhat beyond the usual period. The overlapping time between the departure of one group of officers and the arrival of another, should make for more continuity in the force.

NEWS NEWS NEWS NEWS NEWS NEWS NEWS NEWS NEWS NEWS NEWSL.M.A. PROJECT DIRECTOR CONFIRMS
AIRPORT PROJECT STILL ON SCHEDULE

Laing-Mowlem-Amy Roadstone Construction still expect to complete the first phase of the new airport at Mount Pleasant by late April 1985. In an interview with the PN last week, Project Director, Bill Bloomfield, said, "at the present moment we are heading for that date, and unless we have exceptionally bad weather, then I see no reason why we should not meet that date. We are very confident."

Mr. Bloomfield anticipates that two or three aircraft per week will land and take off from the strip following the April inaugural flight.

Mr. Bloomfield expects the work force at Mount Pleasant to increase over the next few months to around 2,000 from the present population of between 1,700 and 1,800. By the end of the first quarter of 1985, the population at Mount Pleasant may be as high as 2,500.

A basic road between Stanley and Mount Pleasant should be in use by April the 15th, and Bill Bloomfield is equally confident that this essential aspect of the project will also be completed on schedule. "The worst

sections of that road have now been stripped of peat", he said. "Drainage is taking place after the severe winter, and a capping layer will be placed on that so that vehicles can run through." The road will eventually be surfaced with bitumen.

SCOUTS COMMENCE FUND RAISING DRIVE
FOR TASK FORCE NORTH

A dance with a 1950's theme held in the Stanley Gymnasium last Saturday, marked the beginning of an all-out fund raising drive by Scouts, who hope to raise enough money to finance a visit to Britain by a group of the youngsters. The dance, which Scout leader, Phillip Middleton, described as an opportunity for people to dust off their '57 Chevrolets and don drape jackets and crepe soled blue suede shoes; raised around £200.00 for the Task Force North Fund.

The Scouts plan more thematic dances for the summer months.

NEW VET FOR GOVERNMENT

Dennis Lampard, the newly appointed government Veterinary Officer is due to arrive in Stanley on Christmas Eve. He will assume all of the government duties of ARC vet Neil Pullen, who will then devote his time to research work.

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IN THE GARDEN with "GREENFINGER"

Those of you who found a dry spot in the October weather and planted a few rows of POTATOES should now find them moving quickly. A good thing to do at this time is to scatter some Growmore between the rows and hoe it in. If the soil is dry, then it is not a bad idea to water the ground, as this will help to activate the fertiliser, and will quickly give the plants the food they need. A few days later, hoe up the plot, just leaving the leaf tops showing. In this way you could just save the plot from disaster, for this is the time of the year when you can expect the gardeners very own Falklands Factor - the early morning frost. If you are unfortunate enough to be caught out by this particular demon, then you can still plant the plot again - that is if you can find sufficient seed spuds to do it with!

One vegetable I haven't yet mentioned in these notes is the GOLDEN BALL TURNIP. This is no stranger to the established residents, but if you are a family fighting the problems of a new country, you may need to be introduced to them. If you sow them now, they will follow on nicely from the early White Turnip, and will be just right for harvesting in February. They are best eaten when about the size of a cricket ball.

If you can find any nitrate or soda, then sprinkle a little around the base of CABBAGE and CAULIFLOWER plants. This will produce magic results, but note that it should be done when the ground is wet. Care should be taken not to let the mixture touch the plants. Fortnightly dressings are recommended.

Happy gardening!

BIRTHS and MARRIAGESBIRTHS

To Michelle and John Jones on the 10th November 1984, a son, Evan Glyn.
 To Elaine and Chris McCallum on the 23rd November 1984, a daughter, Tanya.
 To Bronwyn and Andy Douse in Shrewsbury, England on 23rd November, a daughter.
 The family is expected to return to Stanley early in 1985.

MARRIAGE

Alison King and Paul Howe were married on the 17th November in Christ Church Cathedral, Stanley. (see our report on page 11).

Sue Biggins, who worked in the Falklands recently as secretary to Sir Rex Hunt, married her soldier fiancé, Paul Mitchell, recently in England.

Falkland Islander Cora Johns (nee McGill) is to marry in Filey, Yorkshire on the 18th December. Unfortunately we do not know the name of Cora's fiancé.

A WEDDING IN STANLEY

Everybody loves a pretty wedding, and the many people who gathered at Christ Church Cathedral in Stanley to witness the marriage of Alison King and Paul Howe were not disappointed.

The sun shone and so did the bride, as she and Paul, who comes from Stowe-on-the-Wold, left the Cathedral beneath a cloud of confetti. In a crinoline style dress with a full length veil, and accompanied by her bridesmaid sisters, Anna and Barbara, Alison was resplendent.

150 people gathered at the Upland Goose a few hours later for a reception hosted by Alison's parents, Mr. & Mrs. Desmond King, where best man, Walter Felton, read messages of congratulations from overseas. The guests were also able to enjoy a cake which had been made and decorated by the bridesmaids.

The weather continued to favour the newly married couple during the honeymoon at Salvador and Carcass Island.

The Penguin News wishes its friends, Alison and Paul, every happiness.

Are friends of yours to be married soon? Why not send the PN a wedding report? We would be pleased to publish it.

FIGHTERS ALERTED AT R.A.F. STANLEY

The Public Information Office informed the Penguin News last week that Air Force units at Stanley were alerted on the 16th November when radar stations picked up suspicious aircraft movements within the Total Exclusion Zone. Precautionary measures were taken, but units were later allowed to stand down.

ISLANDS-WIDE EXERCISE LAST WEEK

Units of the three services were involved in a large scale three day exercise last week. The manoeuvres, which were intended to test the quick reaction of the Islands' defences, commenced officially at midday on Tuesday the 27th and continued into Friday.

The increased level of activity was evident to civilians, but caused few disturbances. The town's air raid sirens were sounded, and the sound of gunfire from mock battles could be heard on occasions during the hours of darkness.

A number of FI Defence Force members who were able to obtain leave from their employers participated in the exercise.

NEW ZEALAND SHEPHERDS ARRIVE FOR F.I.C. FARMS

Ten shepherds recruited by FI Company Director, David Britton, arrived in Stanley aboard the KEREN last week. The company hopes that the new employees shortage of qualified men in the Islands. Six of the men will ease the based at Goose Green, with the remaining four taking up employment on other FIC farms. The FIC told the PN that the New Zealanders are better suited to work in the Falklands than shepherds from the UK who are accustomed to the operation of much smaller farms. The New Zealanders are expected to remain with the company for at least two years.

THE CHRISTMAS SPORTS - A LIVELY PROGRAMME IS FORECAST

Norman Clark, Secretary of the Stanley Sports Association, has informed the PN that arrangements for the Christmas activities are well advanced, and a clear programme of events is now emerging.

Some of the horse races on the programme have been re-arranged at the request of jockeys, but the meeting still promises a full and varied schedule. Mr. Clark was pleased to tell us that the Royal Green Jackets will be entertaining race-goers with their regimental band, and that an effort is being made to introduce more attractions for children. In particular, he wants to obtain a trampoline for the youngsters' entertainment.

Apart from the races, the traditional crowd-pullers during the festive season have always been the dances in the Town Hall. This year however a dark cloud of doubt hangs over the two nights of dancing. The Sports Association is not sure what effect the fire regulations recently imposed on the Town Hall will

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have on the functions. "We are very concerned about the dances", said Mr. Clark. "It's one of the most popular annual events". At present, fire regulations stipulate that no more than 150 persons can be admitted to the hall, but that regulation has been relaxed recently, and it seems possible that the rules may again be waived for the Christmas festivities.

Norman Clark is hoping to organise cross-country rallies for four wheel drive vehicles and motorbikes independently of the Sports Association. However, due to the lengthy preparations required for such events, the rallies are not expected to take place until well after Christmas.

RMB

Farewell to Bob Mathers from Ken, Stan and Jim.

Thanks for the good times on Sunday

FIGHTER CRASHES IN HARBOUR (continued from page 1)

"I thought at first that he had fired a rocket or flare towards the airport, but it turned out to be him ejecting. Then the plane wobbled a few times and dipped straight into the water at high speed."

The Ministry of Defence are convening a board of enquiry to determine the cause of the accident. Five fighter planes have been lost in the Falklands since the war.

FOUR MONTHS FOR MT. PLEASANT WORKER (continued from page 1)

the recreation area to buy a cold drink. She alleged that the defendant then came into the area and struck her in the face.

Peter O'Donnell, a labourer from MPA, stated that he had been taking a drink from the vending machine himself, when he turned and saw May McLaughlan with her hands to her face. Assuming that the defendant had struck the woman, he went forward to restrain Mr. Finlayson. In the struggle that followed, both men fell to the floor, and Mr. O'Donnell dislocated a finger.

In his defence, Mr. Finlayson claimed that in the earlier encounter with John McFadyen, he had been kicked in the head when other men had jumped on top of him. As a result, he claimed, his memory of later events was patchy. He explained that he believed he had lost some money in the bar, and after leaving the first time, ran back. On the way, Mrs. McLaughlan had, he said, stepped into his way, and he had run into her accidentally. "I was a bit concussed, I think, and I would like to apologise to everyone concerned", he said.

The Court was told that Robert Finlayson had three previous convictions, one of which had resulted in a jail sentence of five years.

The defendant was found guilty on the first two charges of assault, but the charge that Mr. Finlayson had assaulted Peter O'Donnell was dismissed. When asked if he wished to say anything before sentence was passed, Mr. Finlayson said, "I've got a wife and a baby daughter. My wife's ill; that's why I handed in my resignation, and I just hope to get home on the first boat."

Senior Magistrate, John Barrington-Jones, said, "these are serious offences, and as such must be deterred. I must express my surprise that your employers should bring in such people as you, who are so undesirable." He said it is the employers' responsibility to ensure that people brought into the Islands are not entering illegally because of previous jail sentences in excess of six months. Mr. Finlayson was sentenced to three months in jail on each charge. Two months of each sentence are to run concurrently, so the defendant will serve four months in prison.

Robert Finlayson will return to the UK under police escort to serve his sentence there.

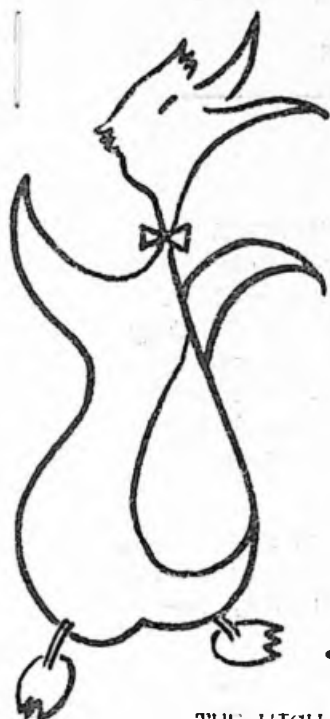
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70 Years on - Falklands Remember

Saturday 8th of December was the 70th Anniversary of the Battle of the Falkland Islands, when Islanders and servicemen alike, remembered those who died in the sea battle of 1914.

Just before 10 am, a short service was held in the Cathedral during which an Altar Cloth was presented by the Commanding Officer of HMS Southampton and ex-crew members of HMS Sheffield. The cloth was donated by the mother of one of the sailors from HMS Sheffield, killed when the ship was sunk during the war. There then followed the customary Memorial Service, attended by Sir Rex and Lady Hunt, Captain T R Lee, the Commanding Officer of HMS Southampton and members of Council, along with members of the public.

At 11 am, a short ceremony was held at the Battle Memorial. Detachments of the Royal Navy and the FIDF were present along with the Girls' Brigade and the Scout Group. After the Prayers of Remembrance, wreaths were laid by the Civil Commissioner and Captain Lee. A 17-gun salute was then fired from Victory Green and a fly-past was carried out by a helicopter from HMS Southampton.

After the ceremony at the Battle Memorial there was a march past. Sir Rex Hunt took the salute from a dais in front of Government House.

After the morning's act of Remembrance, the Defence Force held a party to celebrate what was an historic British Naval victory. Because of the required fire precautions in the Town Hall, the traditional FIDF dance was held in the Unit's drill hall which allowed some 400 people to dance the night away as opposed to the 150 allowed in the Town Hall. Also, entrance to the dance was by ticket only, and each member of the Force was given eight tickets to distribute among friends. Besides members and their guests, retired FIDF soldiers and their wives were also invited.

Music was provided by disc jockey, Phil Middleton, refreshments by the Woodbine Cafe and there was also a bar in the Hall. The party went on into the small hours and provided a traditional end to a day full of meaning for Falkland Islanders and Naval personnel alike.

THE HIGH FLYING DIPLOMAT

Sir Rex Hunt appears to be vying with Prince Charles for the title of Action Man. He is certainly living up to his reputation as one of the most adventurous British diplomat to set foot in the Falklands. Ten days ago, the Civil Commissioner stepped into the navigator's seat of a Phantom jet fighter to go on a breath-taking, sound barrier-breaking tour of the Falklands. Sir Rex, who first asked the RAF for a joy ride some two years ago, told the PN, "we went all over the Islands. It was great fun, and I just wished I had a stick in the back to fly it myself." At one stage, the fighter flew through the sound barrier, but the Commissioner had travelled at a greater speed before. The aircraft-loving diplomat had once rocketed across the Atlantic in Concorde at 2.2 times the speed of sound.

Never one to miss a flight in an aircraft, Sir Rex jumped at the opportunity a few days later to

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GOOD NEWS FOR ALL GARDENERS!

The Horticultural Society is alive and kicking. At the meeting held on Wednesday the 28th November, chaired by Jen Williams (of Potting Shed fame), it was decided that over 130 classes would be open for entries.

Schedules will be available as soon as is humanly possible, but to keep enthusiastic gardeners in the picture (or rather, in the garden), the classes will, as usual, be divided into the following sections: pot plants, cut flowers, flower arrangements, collections, vegetables, fruit and home produce.

The committee is at this very moment coercing more prizes and trophies out of anybody they think is good for one. So folks, this year's Horticultural Show, with your help and support, will be the biggest and best yet. Don't forget, it's on the second of March in the Gymnasium, Stanley. The ARC fertilizers will be there again to be eagerly fought over!

Contributed by SHS.

THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE BATTLE IN 1914

Seventy years ago, Admiral Sturdee ordered HMS INFLEXIBLE, INVINCIBLE and the other vessels in his powerful battle squadron to pursue and sink the warships of Admiral Von Spee. Early on the morning of the 8th December, 1914, the men o'war steamed out of Port William. As the people of Stanley watched and listened from the Lookout Rocks, near the site of the present day army camp, the enemy raiders were almost totally destroyed. Von Spee's victory over the squadron of Admiral Cradock at Coronel some weeks before had been avenged, and the South Atlantic and Pacific oceans were again safe for British and allied shipping.

But the battle could have gone the other way. Had Churchill ordered a less powerful squadron to rendezvous at Stanley, the Germans may have acted with impunity, sinking the British ships, and capturing the strategically important islands.

Mr. Sydney Miller recently passed us the following excerpt from the memoirs of Admiral of the Fleet, Lord Fisher. The Admiral clearly believed that the battle was of the greatest importance. The consequences of a German victory would have been dire.

"On that night", wrote Lord Fisher, "von Spee, like another Casabianca with his son on board, had gone to the bottom, and all his ships save one were sunk. The veil is still upon the faces of our people, and they do not realise the salvation that came to them.

1. We should have had no munitions - our nitrate came from Chile.
2. We should have lost the Pacific - the Falkland Islands would have been another Heligoland and a submarine base.
3. Von Spee had German reservists, picked up on the Pacific coast, on board, to man the fortifications to be erected on the Falkland Islands.
4. He would have proceeded to the Cape of Good Hope and massacred our Squadron there as he had massacred Cradock and his Squadron.
5. General Botha and his vast fleet of transports proceeding to the conquest of German South-West Africa, would have been destroyed.
6. Von Spee, distributing his Squadron on every Ocean, would have exterminated British trade."

THE HIGH-FLYING DIPLOMAT (continued from page 1)

travel as a passenger aboard an RAF Nimrod aircraft on a 2,400 mile round trip to the South Sandwich Islands and South Georgia. The seven hour flight was not only a joy ride for the Civil Commissioner and Major General de la Billiere, who also went along for the ride. The Nimrod, which had been in the Falklands to participate in the tri-service exercise which was then underway, flew through the South Sandwich archipelago looking for signs of illegal habitation. Nothing suspicious was observed. With evident satisfaction, Sir Rex Hunt was able to inform the PN that "there was no Argentine flag flying at Southern Thule".

LITTLE CHAY

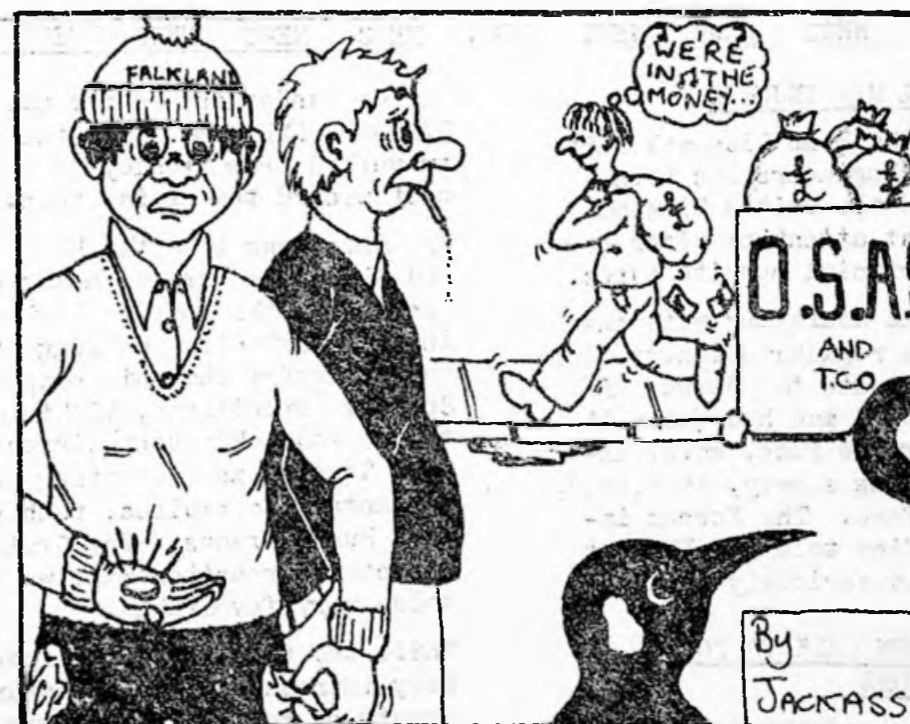
Dere Gram,

We and mum had a big day out on Sunday wen the Binbad Splorer came. We went down to the jetty and saw them orl landing with there luvverly red sutes and little peeces of paer. They orl ran orf in orl direkshuns. Unkel Ben sed the littel bits of paper were klews for a tressure hunt and that it wuz a big competishun to find the publi loos and the informashun office. Some of them asked mum were these places are but she didn't have a clew. Wun couple found the informashun office, but nobuddy was there to give them a prize.

Unkel Ben and ant Kelpie herd that sum peepel were goin aboard for dinner so thay went orl to see if ti wuz true. There were a lotta government men and women there and the nice man gave them lots of drinks for free and then they were taken into a bootiful big room for grub. They had sumpin called pork and apple source and a luvverly big prickly thing with a little tussak box on top. It tasted like those square things you get in tins at crissmas. Unkel Ben asked the captain if he woud take ant Kelpie with him on a cruise like they alwaze do with government offishals. But he sed it wussent the custom to take women without there husbands. Poor old unkel Ben did so went to get ant Kelpie away on a long see voyaj so that she wud no what the reel world is orl about cum the Big Bale Out.

The turists that staid ashore for grub were mad as rockhoppers, cus orl the fish n chip shops were full, and thay had to go orl the way down to the big super market on the rubbersheep and make do with kaes of fruit and gejetabbles. Thay enjoyed the meel but sed the service was poor.

Lotsa luv, LITTEL CHAY xxx.



YOU KNOW CHAY, THEY KEEP TALKING ABOUT THE MILLIONS THEY'RE SPENDING ON THESE ISLANDS, BUT I'VE NOT SEEN ANY OF IT!!

AUTHORITIES WARN OF DANGERS INVOLVED IN CONSUMING FOOD DISCARDED BY FORCES

The head of the Environmental Health Committee has warned of the dangers of consuming food dumped by the forces in the Islands. Dr. Bruce Marsden's warning to the public follows the news that a number of people have been eating vegetables discarded by the Forces at the Moody Brook dump. The food had apparently been found by persons searching for discarded but useful hardware.

The vegetables, many of which were still packaged and appeared wholesome, had, in fact, been accidentally frozen and were considered unfit for human consumption by military experts. "It's a considerable risk to health", Dr. Marsden told the PN. "I blame the military for not disposing of it properly", he said.

He told us that to avoid the temptation posed by apparently good food lying on the dump, the vegetables should have been incinerated. (Dr. Marsden said that an incinerator could also be used to efficiently dispose of offal from the slaughter house near Stanley instead of letting it decompose in a tank for up to twenty-eight days before having it dumped at sea.) The Doctor told us that to date he had no reports of illness which could be attributed to the dumped vegetables. But he stressed that people who eat the food run a severe risk of contracting food poisoning.

A ministry of Defence spokesman said last Thursday that the vegetables discarded by the forces should certainly not be eaten. "We would not dump edible food", he said. "The vegetables were left in an area which is clearly understood to be a dumping ground. Basically, no-one should rummage through a dump, as it is potentially dangerous." According to the MOD, the dump at Moody Brook presents the only practical means of disposal. The spokesman told us that dumping at sea could cause a pollution problem, and that burial could disturb peat beds. "Eventually", he said, "the vegetables would have become rotten and would have bedded down in the dump". The MOD also point out that it is the responsibility of the Public Works Department to ensure that material discarded at the dump is flattened by a bulldozer.

We were unable to obtain any comment from the appropriate officials in the Public Works Department before the PN went to press last week.

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BOMB DISPOSAL MAN INJURED

A member of the Bomb Disposal Unit of the Royal Engineers has been flown back to the United Kingdom for specialist attention after receiving superficial cordite burns.

The sapper was assisting with one of the unit's regular demonstrations used to illustrate the danger of explosives. The man had just lit the inert cordite fuse, when, instead of burning slowly, it flared, burning his face. The Forces information Office told the PN that the man is not seriously hurt.

DEVELOPMENT MEN TALK TO TOUR OPERATORS

Simon Armstrong of the Development Corporation and Chief Executive, David Taylor, spent almost two days early last week discussing the future of tourism in the Falklands with Society Expeditions Cruise Director

Werner Zender aboard the m.s. LINDBLAD EXPLORER. The two men travelled from Stanley to the west aboard the cruise ship.

Mr. Armstrong told the PN that he had discussed various means of increasing the tourist business in the Falklands. He suggested to Mr. Zender that his company, Society Expeditions, might be able to use Mount Pleasant Airport and Port Stanley as a starting point for Antarctic cruises, rather than Punta Arenas. The Cruise Director's reaction was, we were told, very favourable.

While the tourists seemed generally impressed with the natural beauty of the Islands, there were some complaints about the lack of services in Stanley and about the attention they had received in shops.

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"TERRY - PLEASE SPEAK UP"

27.11.84

Dear Editor,

I read with dismay David Taylor's attempt to muzzle Terry Peck, by claiming that any criticism of Government's policy, no matter how justified in the economic and social interests of Islanders, was "unhelpful" to the "Falkland Islands", being "encouraging to those people" whose "contention is that the Islands are unviable" and "should be given away with all speed".

No one can doubt that Terry Peck's heart is firmly in the right place and his record on being staunchly "pro-Falkland ISLANDER" stands head and shoulders above any temporary civil servant appointed by the FCO.

It is about time Mr. Taylor and his colleagues listened to Islanders for a change and started putting Government House in order. Islanders will only achieve a better and long-term future with honest, representative and efficient government working in the interests of Islanders. For that reason, Terry - please speak-up!

Yours sincerely, COLIN SMITH, Abbey Mill Farm, Abbey Road, Knaresborough, North Yorkshire.

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"PLEASE PRINT THIS AND GIVE SOMEONE A LAUGH"

21.11.84

Dear Editor,

I am fortunate in having friends who are kind enough to give me a sub. to your paper as a Christmas present. And I thoroughly enjoy reading it. But may I please put in a plea for you to revert to printing the Penguin News on double pages, stapling the spine, as was the custom with the original Falkland Times. This not only looks more attractive, but it is a more sensible shape, and it is easier to turn over the pages. Your present system of stapling is erratic to say the least. I am sure that others among your local readers, and also overseas recipients, must feel as I do.

I was much amused at Terry Peck's comments (issue 58) on newly laid roads in Stanley being promptly dug up again to lay service pipes etc. He is right of course, but what he apparently doesn't know is that the procedure has now become a national pastime in the UK! It has happened, to my knowledge, at least four times even in my own home town, and in my own street when North Sea Gas was laid on, the gas board found the adjacent water mains were rotten with age, and duly reported the fact. No action was taken, and the road was filled in and re-surfaced. Within two weeks, said water main collapsed, flooding everything in sight, and we started all over again from square one.

Do please print this and give someone a laugh. It's true!

Yours sincerely, Mrs D. ROLLASON, Waverly House, Nevill Road, Crowborough, Sussex.

EDITOR'S NOTE: How nice it is to have feed-back from our readers overseas. Thanks, Mrs. Rollason. We are only too well aware that the appearance of the Penguin News leaves a lot to be desired. We would love to be able to produce photographs, striking headlines on each page and print on larger paper that we could fold and staple neatly in the middle. But, starved of

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resources and funds as we are, aesthetic values have to take second place. Even with a task as apparently simple as stapling, it is difficult not to be a little "erratic" late on a Sunday evening when hundreds of regular readers are metaphorically breathing down our necks. We simply have to put most of our effort into the paper's content. But we do have ambition, and one day we hope you will receive a much more appealing and easy to handle Penguin News. Thanks for writing to us.

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SIR REX HUNT DELIVERS A BROADSIDE, THE C.C. TALKS OF FRIENDS IN UK:
PUBLIC RELATIONS PROBLEMS: PRESENT & FUTURE BRITISH GOVERNMENTS: THE
COURAGE REQUIRED TO COME CLEAN WITH ISLANDERS, AND THE BELGRANO ISSUE.

Government House has provided the PN with a copy of a remarkably candid letter from Sir Rex Hunt to Peter King of "Calling the Falklands". He covers a multitude of emotive issues, reflecting, no doubt, the opinions of many Islanders. But we wonder if there are any dissenters among our readership. Please let us have your views about Sir Rex's statements.

1.12.84

Dear Peter,

I think it is time I spoke up for the Falkland Islands Government. In "Calling the Falklands" last night, Eric Ogden and Peter Millam told us how they had put the Falkland Islanders' case at a meeting of churchmen from Britain and Argentina. I am sure that I speak for all Falkland Islanders in applauding their efforts on our behalf and expressing the hope that they will long continue to keep up the good work; but, at the same time, I do not accept Eric's implied criticism that they are doing the Falkland Islands Government's job for them.

Eric compared himself with John the Baptist and said that he was a lone voice crying in the wilderness. This is not so. Everyone of us here in the Falkland Islands Government spreads the gospel to all our visitors. We do not have a 100% success rate, but I am sure that many of our 4,000 or more visitors who go back every four months to the United Kingdom do so as excellent ambassadors for the Falkland Islands. Our short term visitors, such as the recent all-party Parliamentary delegation, go back and most of them speak up strongly on our behalf. We do our job here. We cannot do it in the United Kingdom..

As Eric pointed out, our official representative in London is a Civil Servant with a busy, executive job to do. He cannot spend all his time on public relations, important though this aspect of his work may be. Our Councillors are part time politicians with normal jobs to do and families to look after. They already make tremendous sacrifices in going to the United Nations twice a year and representing us at the annual Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference. They put our case most effectively at these forums; but it does absorb a huge chunk of their valuable time and they cannot be expected to chase around the United Kingdom countering Argentine propaganda, whether from the mouths of churchmen or anyone else.

Nor do we have retired Councillors, farmers or Civil Servants with time on their hands and money in their pockets to help us. The only alternative is to employ a professional Public Relations firm, which we do. But, to put our message across as Eric would like, we should need to be an oil-rich state like Brunei or a country like Argentina which seems to have no trouble in spending money it does not have in spreading its pernicious propaganda around the world. To employ a Public Relations firm to do the job properly would cost us more than our total budget for the year.

Fortunately, in the present British Government, we have the best supporters of the Falkland Islanders that we could possibly have. Ministers miss no opportunity to reiterate their commitment to uphold the right of Falkland Islanders to determine their own future. And this is the crux. They have steadfastly maintained since the end of the conflict that the

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sovereignty of the Islands belongs to Great Britain and that there can be no doubt about that. Even my much maligned colleagues in the Foreign and Commonwealth Office showed their loyalty to Her Majesty's Government's expressed policies at Berne earlier this year, when the Argentines tried to include sovereignty in the agenda and they refused to discuss it.

Falkland Islanders have no doubt that the present British Government will uphold their right to stay British for as long as they want to stay British. If a future British Government decides that it can no longer afford to keep the Falkland Islands, then it must have the honesty and courage to say so, and tell the British public that all the sacrifices made in the last three years have been in vain. It would then be up to Parliament to decide what to do with the 99.9% of Falkland Islanders who would wish to leave here rather than stay under a Government not of their choosing. I for one would be ashamed of and disassociate myself from any British Government that made such a decision.

But, for as long as the present Government is in power, Falkland Islanders can be assured of their wholehearted support. I should hope too that, whatever government is in power, we can continue to depend upon the true friends of the Falklands, like Eric Ogden and Peter Millam, and that they will continue to feel so strongly about our cause that they will readily give of their time and effort to support us. I include you, Peter, and your colleagues in Bush House in this and I hope that you will also miss no opportunity to present the Falkland Islanders' case, which as we all know is solidly founded upon basic rights that all true Britishers hold dear.

Finally, I should like to say that Falkland Islanders are sick and tired of hearing about the Belgrano. As far as they are concerned, it is as dead as the dodo. They are not interested in the domestic political scene in Britain, or in the unedifying spectacle of politicians trying to make cheap political capital out of the Belgrano issue. I suggest that "Calling the Falklands" should consign it permanently to where it belongs - the depths of the South Atlantic.

With best wishes,

Yours ever, SIR REX HUNT, Civil Commissioner, Government House, Stanley.

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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESKTHE PN APOLOGISES

We apologise to our readers for a cartoon published last week which many probably considered in bad taste. Although we reported the crash of the Harrier aircraft in a "straight" news item on our front page, to be so flippant about a serious accident in another section of the paper was, we accept, quite wrong.

The Harrier crashed virtually as we were going to press, and at that stage it seemed that the pilot would return quickly to his flying duties. We understand now, however, that his injuries are more serious. In our rush to meet a deadline, we did not give the matter enough thought. We nevertheless appreciated that a man had narrowly escaped death and an expensive aircraft had been lost while ensuring the security of our islands.

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THOSE WEALTHY VISITORS There is nothing yet to indicate that the development officials are not simply pipe dreaming about the future of tourism in the Falklands - at least the sort of tourism they desire. It is predicted with some confidence that wealthy American and Europeans will travel thousands of miles to enjoy our beautiful islands, parting with big bucks in the process. There is little evidence to support the assumption. In the days of cheap and easy air

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communications with South America, when tourist parties could make a simple diversion from comprehensive tours of the continent, only a trickle of the wealthy visitors turned up, and the revenue generated by that particular type of tourist was negligible. That was in spite of energetic efforts by unofficial organisations in the Islands. Ironically the worth-while tourists were South Americans, who came unashamedly to spend. But that type of tourism was, and apparently still is, considered rather tacky and nasty by officialdom.

It seems rather far-fetched to suggest that the recent visit of a cruise ship is a harbinger of great things. It is doubtful if the visitors last Monday parted with much of their wealth. That sounds mercenary, but money is what an industry is all about, and tourism is an industry.

But this writer retains an open mind and would like to be proven wrong. Convince him, please, that in our isolation we can attract sufficient big spenders to make the expenditure on tourism infrastructure presently being considered worthwhile. It just may be better to wait until the right kind of tourist appears on the horizon, and in the meantime spend our aid in more productive ways.

POLICE FILEMPA WORKMAN RETURNED TO UK UNDER POLICE ESCORT

Robert Finlayson, until recently an employee of Kelvin Catering at Mount Pleasant, returned to the UK last week to serve a three month jail sentence which he received after assaulting two fellow workers at the site. He was escorted by two police officers who, conveniently, were scheduled to return to their forces in the UK at the same time, after they had completed their tours of duty with the Stanley Police Force. Mr. Finlayson, who is 32 years old, is expected to serve his sentence in Barlinnie Prison in his native Glasgow.

LMA MAN CONVICTED OF CRIMINAL DAMAGE & ASSAULT

Mervyn Alexander Parkhill, a labourer employed by the LMA building consortium at Mount Pleasant, appeared in the Magistrate's Court in Stanley last Wednesday facing three charges of causing criminal damage and one charge of assault. He was found guilty of the four offences.

Chief Superintendent Bill Richards told the PN that Mr. Parkhill had forced his way into a man's room at Mount Pleasant, and then inflicted damage on the accommodation and some of the occupant's property. The Chief Superintendent added that Mr. Parkhill had "quite seriously assaulted the man". He was arrested and locked in a cell at the construction site, but behaved in a violent manner for some time after that. He damaged the cell and set fire to bedding.

The convicted man was remanded in custody until the 7th December, while the court awaited social enquiry reports. At his second appearance before Stanley's Senior Magistrate, Mr. Parkhill was sentenced to fourteen days imprisonment.

POLICE RELEASE FIREARMS STATISTICS

Police in Stanley have given the PN the latest figures for the number of licensed firearms in the Falklands. According to Police records, there are 690 guns held by 337 licensed owners. The weapons include 205 shot-guns, 388 rifles of .22 calibre, 33 rifles of a heavier calibre, 42 hand-guns and 22 air weapons.

ISLANDER ENTERPRISE - A LOCAL MAN RUNS A SUCCESSFUL BUSINESS, REFURBISHING EX - ARMY VEHICLES

"Why don't they show more business enterprise and take advantage of the opportunities being offered them", chant the critics of Falklanders with predictable frequency. Our man, Rob McBride, thought he would look for this enterprise to prove that it exists. It wasn't long before he came across Gus Reid, mechanic extraordinaire. Read his story on page 10.

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ISLANDER ENTERPRISE - A LOCAL MAN RUNS A SUCCESSFUL BUSINESS REFURBISHING EX - MILITARY VEHICLES

If you were to go along to one of the regular auctions of wrecked military vehicles, the chances are that among the sad-looking, rusting Rovers, the gear boxes and big ends, you would run into local mechanic, Gus Reid. Gus is a regular visitor to the auctions, and there are many Land-Rovers coming up to that stage of life when the lot number is daubed on their bodies, who are grateful to see Gus. Because, to be bought by this young Falkland Islander means being spared the indignity of being broken down for spare parts, and brings instead the chance of reincarnation as a gleaming civilian owned roadster.

Gus Reid has been buying and rebuilding the Forces' cast-offs for a year and now up to a dozen of his revitalized Rovers are bumping happily around Stanley's roads as proof that there is life after the army. Gus told us that the reincarnation of a Land-Rover usually takes about a month. The process is laborious and meticulous. It is quite normal for he and his assistant, Brian Porter, to strip down a vehicle to the chassis and start reconstruction from scratch. "We get our spares from the FIC Spares Section", Gus told us, but he pointed out that quite often his requests for body parts are met with the dreaded "it's on the boat" response which is inevitable when the pieces have to be imported over 8,000 miles. But with plenty of wrecks and customers, he cannot let a shortage of panels and wings get in his way. The parts he cannot replace have to be beaten out and repainted.

Generally, the vehicles he takes back to his workshop on Kent Road are relatively new. Standing in his yard, awaiting its turn for rejuvenation, stands a young but rough-looking Rover with only 14,000 miles on the clock. It is estimated to be no more than four years old and yet was discarded by the forces after its rear end was smashed in an accident. Many accessories have been removed from the vehicle, but it has a sound chassis and engine. Gus admits that the majority of the vehicles that he and Brian rebuild arrive in a far worse state but are still basically sound machines. "And they're normally not more than five years old", he said.

Comparing the wreck in his yard with the completed product standing proudly in his workshop, it was clear that many hours of labour and many new parts go into each vehicle. So how much does it cost for one of these good quality second-hand Rovers? "With labour and parts," Gus replied, "and a reasonable profit margin to make it worthwhile, between fifteen and seventeen hundred pounds." For the consumer, that is a favourable price range. At present he can sell as many Rovers as he and his colleague can roll out of the garage.

"We can produce about one a month", he told us, pointing out that the next two are already reserved. They have been ordered by teachers who had been toying with the idea of importing new vehicles from the UK. It is not surprising that they changed their minds. After all, why should anyone pay freight charges of around £800 for a new Land-Rover which could cost around £8,000 when a nearly new model can be obtained at a rock bottom price with shipping expenses paid by the Ministry of Defence?

The idea has certainly clinched a lucrative corner of the vehicle market, and apparently demonstrates the other Falklands factor - the ability to adapt to change and profit from it. Unfortunately there is a slight shadow of doubt about the continued profitability of Gus Reid's business, but the doubt has nothing to do with his initiative and capacity for hard work. Gus fears that when Laing Mowlem and ARC have completed their work at Mount Pleasant, the Islands could be swamped with cheap second-hand 110 Rovers. "I can't see them taking them all back to UK", said Gus. But that is all some time off, and in the meantime there is more than enough work. He will enjoy it while it lasts.

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STANLEY CHILDREN RAISE MONEY FOR FAMINE RELIEF IN ETHIOPIA. Five children from Stanley's Junior School took part in a marathon sponsored walk on the 2nd December to raise money to feed starving people in Ethiopia. The children, all aged eleven, walked about thirty-four miles from Stanley to Bluff Cove and back. The money donated by sponsors is expected to run into hundreds of pounds. The walkers were: Keren Steen, Steven Davis, Jimmy Curtis, Serena Sinclair and Christopher Jaffray.

PENGUIN SMALL ADS

Send Christmas greetings the easy way this year. £1.00 can buy you space for up to twenty-five words in a boxed piece on this page. Post details to us, or drop in and see us at our office in the Union Building on Ross Rd.

FRED CLARK will not be sending out Christmas cards this year, but would like to take this opportunity to wish all friends and clients a merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

SINGLE LADY, 30, would like to have a military penfriend. Someone of same age group please. Miss J. Norford, 63 Erriff Drive, South Ockendon, Essex, England, RM15 5AY.

DEVELOPMENT MEN TALK TO TOUR OPERATORS (continued from page 4)

Most Stanley traders, for their part, indicated that the wealthy visitors had shown little interest in their wares. Said Jimmy Alazia of the Speedwell Store, "they never buy too much anyway, let's face it, they have everything. I would say it was fairly dull." Mrs. King of the Upland Goose Gift Shop, which specialises in souvenirs, said: "it wasn't anything to write home about. They came in, but didn't really buy much. I think they can buy everything on board." David Castle, Manager of the FIC West Store, had a similar story. "I don't think they ever buy very much", he said. "But for souvenirs, yes, it was worthwhile."

Des Peck of the Philomel Store, alone among the traders we were able to interview, was enthusiastic about the visit. "It was absolutely beyond words", he said. "It was a fantastic day, and they particularly went mad on penguin hot water bottles."

ISLANDER TO RETURN AS F.I.G.A.S. PILOT

Falkland Islander, Ian McPhee, is expected to return to the Islands aboard the Keren on Christmas Eve. Mr. McPhee, who left for the United Kingdom in 1977, has been employed as a pilot by the FI Government Air Service.

The new FIGAS man gained a private pilot's license at his own expense, and went on to become an instructor at a flying club near Southampton. The Falklands Government agreed to pay for his special training on Islander aircraft when they heard of his desire to return home.

Mr. McPhee's recruitment brings the number of FIGAS pilots to four, only one of whom is not a Falkland Islander.

HOUSING COMMITTEE ALLOCATES FIRST CALLAGHAN RD. BREWSTER HOMES

The Housing Committee, a body which advises Executive Council, met recently, and allocated the first seven houses built by James Brewster Associates on Callaghan Road. The new tenants will not, however, be able to move into the homes until the end of December. Electricity supplies were being connected last week, but Public Works Department plumbers will not complete their work on the water supply to the area for some time. Twelve houses on the new estate await allocation.

The Committee's secretary, Rex Browning, told the PN that the demand on government houses has now been reduced considerably. He estimates that as few as six local families are still awaiting accommodation. Attention is now being turned towards the particular housing problems of single people. The problem has already been discussed, and at their next meeting, committee members will formulate a recommended policy on single housing for presentation to Executive Council. The Committee may suggest that family size homes be divided making them more suitable for single people, or that the government build new smaller homes to satisfy the demand.

The Upland Goose

Gift Shop

NEW AT THE UP AND GOOSE

GIFT SHOP

CUDDLY TOY KITS All you have to do is sew them up! Finished toys range from 6" to 20". They cost from £1.50 to £4.18.

£1.50 - 6" Baby Hedgehog, Mole, Baby Owl and Penguin.

8" Squirrel, Baby Bunny (in blue, pink or fawn)

£2.49 - 9" Hedgehog, 11" Rabbit, Piglet and Kitten (black or white)
14" Seal Pup (grey, white or beige)

£2.79 - 10" Owl, 11" Puppy, 11" Fox Cub, 12" Elephant, 14" Tiger Cub, Lion Cub and Teddy Bear.

£4.18 - 20" Rag Doll (complete with shoes).

Falkland Islands souvenirs.

4 1/2" hand painted china dishes/ashtrays depicting local birds and scenes. £2.25 each. Kelp Geese, Turkey Vulture, Short Eared Owl, Night Heron, Steamer Duck, Upland Goose, King Cormorant, King Penguin, Black Browed Albatross, Port Stanley and Whalebone Arch.

4 1/2" black and white china Whalebone Arch dishes, only £1.60 each.

Falkland Islands Crest Silver Plated Charms, £2.00.

Enamel Penguin Lapel Badges, £1.50.

China Mugs with Falkland Islands Crest, £2.50.

Pair of China Salt and Pepper Shakers depicting scene of Port Stanley, £3.34

Black and white china miniature cream jugs depicting Whalebone Arch and the Upland Goose Hotel, £1.50 each.

China Falkland Islands Bell with crest, £3.15.

Falkland Islands ashtrays, £1.20. Falkland Islands Clocks, £24.10.

Falkland Islands silk Banners (9 1/2" x 7"), £3.85.

Ties in polyester twill: Falkland Islands crest in blue, green or burgundy 2.95

Upland Goose in blue or burgundy, £2.95

Task Force in blue, £3.10.

Headsquares: blue with FI Crest, £4.40. Task Force, £4.80.

9 1/2" China Falkland Islands plate, £3.00.

Plate hangers: 4-5 1/2", 40p. 8 1/2"-12", 50p. Plate stands: small, 40p.; large, 50p.

F.I. Calendars, £2.00. F.I. pens in dark blue, light blue and red, 70p.

F.I. Table Mats, £1.00 each.

Set of F.I. Table Mats depicting different local scenes, £5.50 per set.

Silver plated F.I. Crested Spoons, £2.00.

Notepaper and Notelets drawn by local artist, 50p and 75p. (with envelopes)

Enamel and leather F.I. crested key rings, £1.15.

Blue and white expenlable Jockey Caps, £2.20.

Coasters depicting F.I. scenes in green or brown, £3.00 for a set of six.

T-towels - Penguins and Horses, £2.87.

Prints by Mr I.J. Strange: Magellan Penguin, £13.00. Peregrine Falcon, £13.

Leopard Seal, £6.00. Penguin Posters, £2.00.



Cotton Tea Cosies: Tabby Cat, £3.41. Owl, £3.41.

Cotton Pot Holders: Kitten, Lobster, Scallop & Crab, £1.41

Adult Snoopy & Pink Panther PVC Aprons, £3.17. each.

Children's Snoopy & Pink Panther PVC Aprons, £2.40.

HEUGA CARPET TILES, three types in a good selection of colours, expected soon.

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SENIOR FOREIGN OFFICE MAN TOURS FALKLANDS

Mr David Thomas, Assistant Under Secretary at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, is expected to return to the UK tomorrow after one week in the Falklands on what a Government House official described as a 'familiarisation trip'.

Mr Thomas is in charge of the Americas

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The Commons Foreign Affairs Committee Report

TOUGH TALKING FROM MP's : "The present situation can only offer an uncertain future for the Islands in the long term....Some kind of accommodation with Argentina

is not only inevitable, in view of the cost of the present policy to the United Kingdom, but also desirable if the Falklands are to have any prospect of long-term economic prosperity and political stability."

Some two years after public hearings and enquiries began, the House of Commons Foreign Affairs Committee's report on the Falklands and the dispute with Argentina, has been published. Copies arrived in Stanley via diplomatic channels on the 12th December, the day of the paper's publication in London.

Including the verbatim reporting of interviews conducted recently with people whose opinions have a bearing on the dispute, the report runs to some seventy pages. But the essence of the report is distilled into a few brief paragraphs in the chapter entitled Main Conclusions and Recommendations.

The twelve Members of Parliament representing the main British political parties agreed unanimously that there can be no future for the Falklands under British rule if an accommodation is not reached with Argentina.

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AND MUCH MORE !

SENIOR FOREIGN OFFICE MAN TOURS FAULKLANDS (continued from page 1)

and as such administers the Falklands Desk. More important communications between Government House and London are directed to Mr. Thomas.

The Assistant Under Secretary travelled widely while in the Islands. Last Thursday he visited Mount Pleasant in the company of Sir Rex Hunt. Some six hours were spent at the site before the VIP party returned to Stanley and a round of meetings with heads of government departments. On Friday, Mr. Thomas commenced a camp tour which took him to Goose Green, Fox Bay East, Little Chartres, Hill Cove, Kelly's Garden, San Carlos and Salvador.

A special meeting of joint councils is scheduled for tomorrow morning, and the visiting FCO official is expected to address the assembled Islands' representatives. David Thomas is expected to leave from RAF Stanley on the first stage of his journey home late tomorrow.

Mr. Thomas was born in 1933, and was educated at Eton and New College Oxford. He joined the Foreign Office in 1957, and began a distinguished diplomatic career, serving at the embassy in Moscow at the height of the Cold War. Mr. Thomas most recent diplomatic post was from 1981 to 1983, when he was Ambassador to Havana.

The Penguin News hopes to meet Mr. Thomas shortly before his departure tomorrow, and we expect to broadcast an interview with him on Wednesday's edition of the FIBS Newsmagazine.

FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE REPORT (continued from page 1)

"There is undoubted need for politicians and the public, particularly in the United Kingdom and the Falklands", say the MPs in the crucial paragraph of the final chapter, "to recognise that the present situation, although understandable in the short term, can only offer an uncertain future for the Islands in the long term, and that some kind of accommodation with Argentina is not only inevitable, in view of the cost of the present policy to the United Kingdom, but also desirable if the Falklands are to have any prospect of long-term economic prosperity and political stability". The report goes on to point out that agreement with Argentina is the only solution. "A solution to the Falklands' immediate neighbours is essential to the Islanders themselves: neither independence nor incorporation in the United Kingdom could conceivably achieve that objective."

There are, however, paragraphs in the report which afford some comfort to Islanders who fear that agreement with Argentina must be reached at virtually any cost. The MPs do not seriously consider, for example, that leaseback is a serious option any more, "in view of the understandable mistrust of Argentina amongst the Falklands population and uncertainties about the stability of the new democratic regime in Argentina and hence of the credence which a United Kingdom Government could give any undertakings entered into by it". The Committee recognises that a leaseback agreement would give "recognition of Argentine rights which could not subsequently be withdrawn", but the possibility of a political climate developing which would make discussions along such lines is not totally ruled out.

Respect is shown for the intensely pro-British feelings within the Islands, and it is clear that the Committee does not consider that a solution convenient for Britain can be found quickly. Sir Anthony Kershaw, the Committee's Chairman, said on the BBC's "Calling the Falklands" that he envisages a solution being found within generations rather than years.

The British Government is called upon to make positive moves towards reducing tension and establishing a mood conducive to the re-establishment of talks. The MPs accept that because a formal commitment for peace has not been received, and diplomatic relations re-established, Britain's refusal to talk about the future of the Falklands is prudent. But it recommends that useful concessions are now made by both sides. Her Majesty's Government should now announce that it intends to lift the protection zone around the Islands as soon as a formal declaration of peace is received from Buenos Aires. HMG should, furthermore, promise that no further fortification of the Islands will take place, and that force levels will be progressively reduced. But Argentina should understand that a renewed attitude of hostility would render the British undertaking void.

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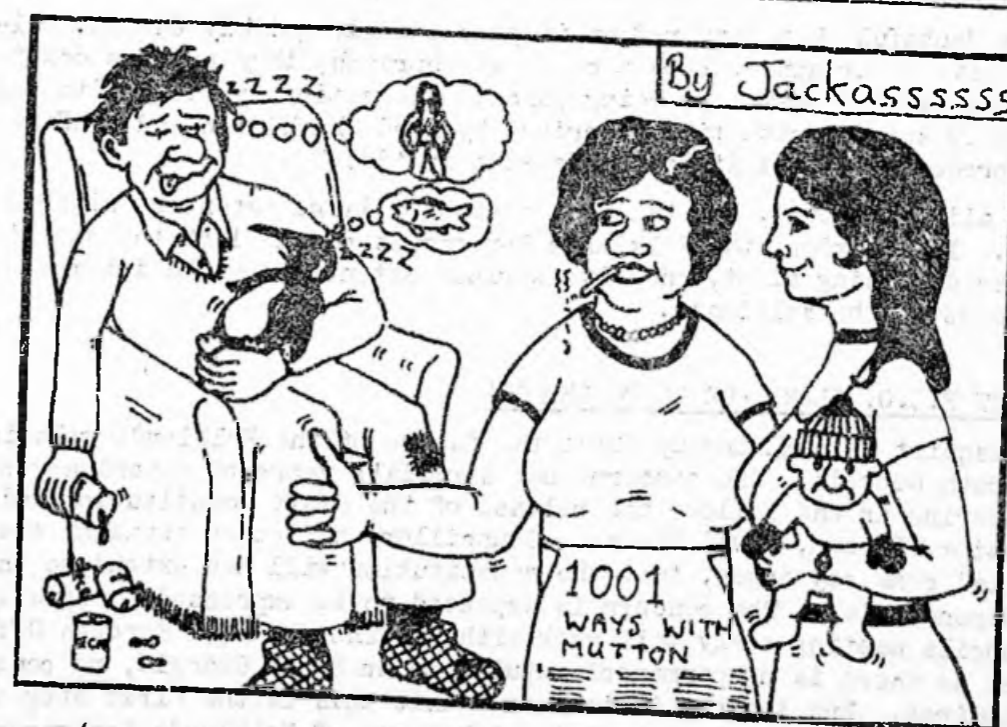
Dere Grayne.

Unkel Bens not verry wel today. He went to a big benney party in the drill orl to secelebrate the battel we won wen we sank orl the jerry battelships. He was just leavin the dance wen sumwun jumped on him and filled him in. He had only sed that thay shuddent hav sunk them as thay diddent kon-stit-tute a threat, and in any case they was orl steamin away from the forklands as quick as thay cud just like the osas in aperil 1962. The dokter sed heel get better but wont be abel to use his mouth for sum time. The polise are lookin for the woman wot hit him and thay told ant Kelpie to day that sumwun was helping them with there enquireies. Pore old unkel Ben. He was so fond of his mouth, and now he cant even say 'wen eye'.

My mum is delited. The hairbridge brort her another letter from Bubs in inland. She sed that the kelper kid has bean up to parlament and seen the nue kon-stit-too-shun for hissself and has decided to cum back and work for LMA untill orl the big munneys gorn. Then hees goin share farmin. His shears are still out hear on the mantelpiece.

Has been up to Bradford wear he wuz told that shear farming is just wum
big rip off and the kontracks are crooked. The nice man he spoke to nue
orl about it as hed wunce owned a farm out hear hisself and even went
out to see it wunce or twice. But it wussent makin enuff munney so he
sold it orf just to help out the ilanders. But another nice man in
Lundon sed the man in Bradford dussent no wat hees torkin about. Dad
sed hed go and see big Charlie about it and sea wot he thort and Big
Charlie sed the 1st thing the Kid shoold do is to cum out on a famil-yer
-eye-sation tour and then get goaverrment to fli him orl around the
farms and pen-wing rookeries first and then go back and work out a pilot
scheme. He sed its only righ that he shud cum out 1st and get the
feel of the plase. But if he dussent come soon, there wont be enny
munney left to fly him round. Fraps it wud be better if he wurked for
LMA for a few months and then hort hisself a spread near Duglas Stashun,
as oil paze better than wool. Enneyway, Bubs is cummin back for shore
cus shees orlreddy hort herself a lot of nse klose from Marks expensives.

Lotsa love, LITTEL CHAY xxx



I DON'T SEE WHAT ALL THE FUSS IS ABOUT. I'VE HAD A PEAT CUTTING MACHINE FOR YEARS. MIND YOU, IT SOMETIMES TAKES A COUPLE OF KICKS TO GET IT GOING!

In essence, the Foreign Affairs Committee, seems to believe that Britain's refusal to talk with the Argentines about the future of the Falklands during the years since the war has been justified. But now the expense of maintaining the Islands' security means that a serious effort must be made to relax tensions and establish the political climate in which negotiations may be held. Without being specific, the Committee says that the British Government must then heed the requests of the United Nations, and achieve an agreement with Argentina. For the good of everyone concerned, the MPs say an accommodation with Argentina must be reached.

As the PN went to press last week, it was difficult to discern any common reaction within the Falklands. Few people had been able to read the report, as copies were only received at Government House on Wednesday evening and distributed the following day to Councillors. Few of the people we approached were willing to comment at such an early stage. Councillor John Cheek had, however, been able to read most of the report, and he indicated to the PN that it had held few surprises for him. He suggested that it did not appear to be any new threat to his vision of a future free of Argentine control. "I think it reflects British opinion that Britain should be prepared to keep its word to Falkland Islanders, but at the same time the present arrangement cannot be expected to continue, particularly regarding the expense." "But", continued John Cheek, "this committee, as with others who have addressed the problem, has not come up with a solution." One section of the report does rather worry him, however. The report states that the declaration of a 200 mile fisheries zone around the Falklands cannot be justified in view of the considerable political and practical problems. Councillors have always met with discouraging replies when petitioning the British Government for this increased and potentially profitable control over the sea. John Cheek feels that the British Government may now come up with a categorical refusal to create such a zone, having received all the encouragement necessary from the Foreign Affairs Committee. "It is disappointing to me that they use the argument that such an agreement would upset the Argentines", he said.

Strangely, the Foreign Affairs Committee did not limit its studies to Foreign affairs. Recommendations were also made concerning development, the need for agrarian reform and the newly created Development Corporation. About the latter the Committee was particularly scathing. "It is difficult to imagine any enterprise being proceeded with at a more funereal pace; this sluggishness has undoubtedly given rise to understandable and justified, resentment in the Falkland Islands." The criticism has been energetically refuted by people in the Falklands, who accept that the Corporation's establishment was delayed, but believe that the organisation is now making up for lost time. Even the Chairman of the Committee accepted that his criticism may have been somewhat unfair.

The MP's are doubtful that land reform is proceeding quickly enough. Although they give their approval to a cautious approach, they express doubt that even this limited action is being pursued energetically enough "to tackle the undoubtedly serious situation described by Lord Shackleton and confirmed during our predecessors' visit to the Islands in 1983."

Development aid and energy, say the MPs, must to a large extent be directed at agriculture. In addition, the Falklands Government should look to establishing a locally based fishing fleet, and give serious attention to the internal transport needs of the Falklands.

CONCERN ABOUT F.C.O. PLANS FOR SOUTH GEORGIA

A mood of disquiet is building up about the future of the Falklands relationship with South Georgia. The concern that Georgia's years of dependency status may be nearing an end follows the release of the draft constitution and the visit of senior FCO man, David Thomas. Councillors and other citizens are disturbed, and some say angry, that the constitution will not extend to the Falklands Dependencies. The concern is expected to be expressed forcefully at a joint Councils meeting early this week with Mr. Thomas. The Foreign Office suggests that as there is no permanent population on South Georgia, no constitution is required. But locally it is feared that this is the first step towards the administration of Georgia being taken out of Falklands Government hands. It has even been suggested that Councillors will throw out the constitution entirely unless continued FI Dependency status is assured. Few are willing to comment at this stage, but Councillor Bill Goss had this to say to the PN: "We have to go into it and properly analyse it in Council, but on the face of it I am not happy about the decision to separate the administration of South Georgia from the Falklands."

THE PENGUIN POST BOX, PO Box 178, Port Stanley, F.I.

This is your column. Write to the Editor with your views about anything relevant to the Falklands. Letters need not be signed, but this should not be interpreted as a licence for libel. Please be concise to avoid the need for editing.

FOX BAY VILLAGE COUNCIL THERE IS NO SECRECY

5.12.84

Dear Sir,

As spokesman for the Fox Bay Village, I was interested to read the letter by "Big Brother".

I am not aware that the thought of outsiders attending the meetings caused hearts to beat faster. In fact there have been more than a few meetings held with outsiders present.

Anybody who wishes to know what is decided at Village Council meetings is quite at liberty to see a copy of the minutes, which are circulated to every household in the village. But you must understand that the Council is run by busy people who have full-time jobs to attend to.

"Big Brother" is correct in pointing out that Fox Bay is part of the Falklands as a whole, but he seems to forget that the Falklands are a democracy where one can use one's own name without fear. Does the use of his name make his heart beat faster?

Yours sincerely, RICHARD COCKWELL, Spokesman for Fox Bay Village Council

THOSE SOUVENIR PLOTS NEAR FITZROY - FIC COMMENTS

5.12.84

Dear Sir,

A brief comment on the article in PN 66 concerning the sale of souvenir plots. Certainly it was never our aim or wish that a plot would be sold in this way, and having taken a great deal of trouble to find out as much as possible about intending purchasers in this country, we are very surprised at the outcome in this instance.

Our intent then as now was to make land available for would-be immigrants who had certain skills to offer, and of course also to Islanders who wanted to extend their land holding. Whenever UK applicants indicated that they hoped to go to the Islands, we made a point of meeting them, usually with their families and sometimes in their homes to do everything possible to give them the maximum insight into the prospects and practicalities of going to the Falklands.

The purchaser in this case did tell us that he had no immediate intention to emigrate but he was interested as a patriotic British person in agricultural investment. We had no reason to doubt him, either at the time or during the exchange of a considerable number of subsequent letters.

From the press release issued by the agent we have noted that the purchaser will receive "a registerable conveyance" and from further enquiries it seems that each buyer will be left to make his own arrangements to register the transaction. The bright spot I suppose is that if the possible maximum number of 4545 plots were to be registered at the suggested £12.00 each, FIG would stand to gain something over £50,000. What a pity it will be the buyer not the seller who might have to pay this.

Yours sincerely, DAVID BRITTON, Managing Director, The Falkland Islands Co.
94a Whitechapel High Street, London E1 7RH.

CHRISTMAS WISHES FOR READERS AT MOUNT PLEASANT

26.11.84

Dear Penguin News,

Just a line from an overseas reader to say how much my son and I enjoy your paper, in particular your unbiased features and letters from readers, all of which are very interesting to us in the UK with loved ones living on your Islands. Incidentally, my son, who is 12, loves Little Chay!

My husband and brother-in-law both are working with LMA at Mount Pleasant Airfield, and send the Penguin News to us. Please could you wish Mickey and Jacky Cudbertson a very happy Christmas and everything good for 1985 from Pat, Kevin, Mum, Sheila and all the family at home.

Very best wishes to Penguin News.

Yours sincerely, PATRICIA CUDBERTSON, 17 Brankin Rd., Darlington, Co. Durham.

EDITOR'S NOTE: It's not often that we have such a nice letter. Our best wishes to you, Mrs. Cudbertson.

"BIG BROTHER" WRITES AGAIN

4.12.84

Dear Sir,

Why is there still antipathy towards people from the UK in the Islands? After all, it is thanks to UK servicemen that we are free and have the government of our choice. Ex-pats make up quite a proportion of the resident Islands population, and if we all went home I'm fairly sure that the British Government wouldn't be too bothered with a few hundred Islanders left. Some Kelpers seem to think that they are a "chosen people". Falkland Islanders aren't automatically better at things just because they were born here.

Yours faithfully, BIG BROTHER, Camp.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Do Falklanders generally exhibit antipathy towards Englishmen? We do not think so, but let's hear from some local readers.

FIC SHARE-FARMING AGREEMENTS - "I STAND BY MY STATEMENT THAT THEY ARE AN ACT OF SLAVERY"

5.12.84

Dear Editor,

Mr. Brooke Hardcastle has claimed in a letter to Lord Shackleton and the Civil Commissioner that the FIC's "share-farms" give the sharefarmer a "considerable degree of autonomy" and that these "sharefarms" give Islanders "a direct interest and a will to succeed not only for their own considerable betterment but also for that of the Colony as a whole".

I earnestly request that you publish this precis of FIC's "Sharefarm Agreement", allowing your readers to clearly understand why I personally stand by my statement that they are an "act of slavery":-

1. The Company shall give directions concerning ALL farming matters (including maintenance of the Company's House, property and management of livestock) and the sharefarmer shall diligently implement the Company's orders. This clause is fundamental to the agreement.
2. The Company shall have unrestricted access for any purpose whatsoever and to discharge this obligation the sharefarmer will provide a boat at his own expense and pay all fuel and operating costs.
3. The sharefarmer will maintain at his own cost the COMPANY'S HOUSE and all expenses of any nature will be paid for by the sharefarmer.
4. The sharefarmer shall provide at his own expense all personal provisions, household provisions, household furnishing and fuel.

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5. The sharefarmer acknowledges that the freehold interest in the land and property remain solely vested in the Company.
 6. The decision of the Company on the sale or purchase of livestock and butchery mutton shall be final.
 7. The Sharefarmer shall not carry on any business, in any capacity, without prior written approval of the Company.
 8. The sharefarmer will insure at his own expense himself and third parties against sickness, accident and any liabilities under FI Government Workmans Compensation Ordinances.
 9. The sharefarmer will provide short-wave radio telephone at his own expense.
 10. The sharefarmer will pay all travel costs and transport costs including motor vehicles.
 11. The Sharefarmer will provide sufficient working capital to cover the whole first year's costs of provisions, fuel and other expenses.
 12. Expenditure on capital equipment shall be at the sole discretion of the Company.
 13. The Company will keep all the books of accounts.
 14. The Company will have sole discretion in shipping and marketing, and will decide on prices of wool, skins and hides.
 15. Any sub-contract labour employed will be at the expense of the sharefarmer.
 16. The sharefarmer may not offer his own labour for reward within the Islands if this is prejudicial to the effective farming of the Company's property, and shall not in any event exceed one month at any one time without consent in writing from the Company.
 17. IF THE SHAREFARMER IS ILL, INCLUDING ILLNESS OF A SEMI-PERMANENT TYPE, the Company may terminate the agreement forthwith.
 18. The sharefarmer will share in any profit or loss (according to the Company's accounts) after the deduction of trading expenses, depreciation, freight and insurance.
 19. Capital equipment is to be applied for through the Company's London Office.
 20. Materials required by the sharefarmer shall be ordered through the General Manager of the Company.
- Yours sincerely, COLIN SMITH, Abbey Mill Farm, Abbey Rd., Knaresborough, N. Yorks.

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SIMON POWELL TO RETURN TO UK

After much speculation, we can now report that entrepreneur Simon Powell is to sell up most of his business interests in Stanley and move back to the United Kingdom. Mr. Powell, who arrived in the Falklands over a year ago, set up his mutton-burger take-away business amid a blaze of publicity in the British press. But he has always stated that he and his wife would not stay in the Islands indefinitely. "The plan is for us to return to the UK in April 1985", he told the Penguin News.

Simon Powell said he intends to keep ownership of the bakery, which was established with help from the Development Corporation. He pointed to the fact that it will be managed by Falkland Islander, Sandra Hirtle. The mutton-burger business is, however, to be sold as a going concern. "Baking in the morning and keeping the take-away open until 11.00 pm was getting too much for us". But he added, "it's a successful and going thing. There's still a market for it after the pubs close." Mr. Powell says that the Kelvin Take-Away can be sold fully equipped, but adds that if a suitable buyer does

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not come forward, the building and equipment will be sold separately.

Mr. Powell told the Penguin News that he will not have made a fortune out of his Falklands enterprises. "When I leave, we will have about broken even". Perhaps by way of a consolation prize, he will have gained a good deal of experience, and cheerfully admits that he will leave the Islands "having enjoyed ourselves for one and a half years, and having set up something which is useful for the locals in Stanley." "It was clear after the first month that we weren't going to make oodles of money", he continued. "But it's a unique experience, and differs totally from all reports about the locals being inhospitable and that sort of thing".

Simon and Sarah Powell are unsure about their plans for the future. Simon does know, however, that with his bakery still operational, he will retain links with the Islands. He may return around the middle of next year to keep in close contact with his remaining business. In the meantime, he is waiting with interest to see if anyone will take up the challenge of running a fast food business in Stanley, as he did in 1983.

The Kelvin Take-Away is being advertised for sale simultaneously in the United Kingdom and in the Falklands.

RMB

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THE FALKLAND MILL - PROGRESS STILL HAMPERED BY MISSING PARTS

Richard and Grizelda Cockwell's woollen mill enterprise continues to encounter problems. In a recent press release, the Falkland Mill reported that missing components which were sent in error to Pakistan have still not turned up. Grizelda Cockwell said that "such news as we have regarding the missing equipment that we have been able to gather is rather sparse and discouraging".

But work on the mill's facilities continues, and the Cockwells have set a tentative target date of mid-February. By then they hope that the vital components will have turned up, and that work on scouring tanks, steam pressing equipment and other vital aspects of the factory will be complete. A serious problem yet to be overcome is that of electricity. Power has not yet been installed, but it is hoped that the necessary work will have been completed prior to the arrival of the missing parts.

The team of advisors from the Scottish College of Textiles have now returned to the UK, but an advisor, Mr. Phil Schofield, is expected to accompany a technician from the machinery suppliers on a visit to Fox Bay soon.

PARISH HALL CINEMA MAY RE-OPEN SOON

There is good news for cinema fans, who have had a frustrating time since Stanley's two cinemas ceased operation during the war. Mr. Joe Booth, who ran both the Town Hall Cinema and the shows in the Parish Hall, has been unable to operate his business since the invasion, but he told the Penguin News last week that he intends to resume his shows after Christmas.

For the foreseeable future, the Parish Hall, adjacent to Christ Church Cathedral, will be the only venue for Mr. Booth's movies. He expects to screen films there at 6.00 and 8.15 pm on either Tuesdays or Wednesdays each week. Some work remains to be carried out on the hall, which suffered extensive damage during and after the war, but refurbishing of the electrical system is now nearing completion, and other repairs are less extensive.

Joe Booth believes that there is a demand for a cinema in spite of the video revolution. He accepts, however, that he will have to carefully assess the viability of the business when his shows re-commence. "We shall have to see how it goes", he said.

Children seem especially keen to attend the Parish Hall shows again. Mr. Booth is frequently approached by youngsters who ask him when the doors of the cinema will again be open. "They are looking forward to the films as much as I am", he said.

TENDERS ARE INVITED FOR THE
KELVIN TAKEAWAY

The Takeaway, which is to be sold, is at present a viable business with room for expansion.

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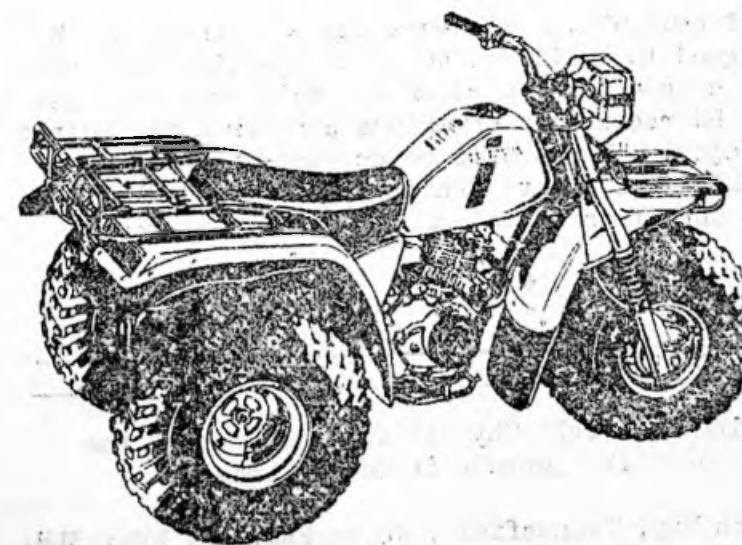
SIMON POWELL (Civil 273)

Notice is hereby given that Orlando Almonacid of Stanley, Falkland Islands is applying to the Civil Commissioner for naturalisation, and that any person who knows any reason why naturalisation should not be granted should send a written and signed statement of the facts to the Government Secretary at the Secretariat, Stanley.

FRED CLARK will not be sending out Christmas cards this year, but would like to take this opportunity to wish all friends & clients a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

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TONGUE IN BEAK - A look at the alternative news

STRANGE GOINGS ON IN STANLEY CAFE

We have heard at the Tongue in Beak Bureau of Investigation (TIBBI to our friends) that a supernatural force is at work in the Woodbine Cafe. For months now, the phenomenon has accounted for the mysterious disappearance of assorted cutlery, salt and pepper pots and vinegar shakers. In fact, virtually anything not nailed to the floor has gone.

But now we hear that the phantom has spread from the cafe into the Hawksworth's house itself - into the bathroom, to be precise. Quite coincidentally, the private bathroom is sometimes used by customers who are caught short, as the Cafe itself has no toilet facilities. The supernatural phenomenon must have followed one of the customers into the bathroom because later it was found that a pair of knickers belonging to Pauline Hawksworth had disappeared from the washing machine.

Here at TIBBI, we are offering a reward for the recovery of the aforesaid frillies. The knickers are quite distinctive as they have "Wednesday" printed across them. We must, therefore, instill a sense of urgency into potential bounty hunters as it's already Monday, and only 48 hours are left to recover the knickers and avert a dilemma of serious proportions in the Hawksworth household on Wednesday morning. To encourage the pursuit of this article of clothing, our big-hearted Editor in Chief has offered as a reward a pair of real macho Y-fronts.

THE DOGS OF WAR

They're always good for a giggle or two, aren't they! Of course military exercises have their serious sides, but if one or two people don't make asses of themselves, then they are not worth having.

Apparently the star of the most recent exercise was a dog. The trouble with the dogs of war that help to defend RAF Stanley is that they have the greatest difficulty in telling the difference between an exercise and the real thing. And they don't fire blanks; teeth and claws are always pretty sharp. So it was that a sneaky-beaky raid by crack soldiers of the Special Boat Squadron were foiled in their attempt to raid the base. Having slipped by vigilant human guards, the black-clad soldiers ran slap-bang into the waiting Alsations. Rumour has it (and rumours are all you ever hear of the SBS) a hasty retreat was effected by the raiders. According to the story passed to us, there might have been some nasty tooth marks on limbs if it hadn't been for the thick rubber wet suits. So you see, the pooches are not only clever at jumping through hoops. They're a pretty good deterrent too.

AN END TO THE UGANDA WIND-UPS

We are sad to report that the famous UGANDA wind-ups may be a thing of the past. Outrageous stories designed to humiliate and amuse gullible passengers on the long voyage have become a trade mark of the ship over the past few months. But last week the PN received a Christmas card from the ship's resident Regimental Sergeant Major. "There will be no wind-ups over Christmas," said RSM Dave Wright, "as I have finally left the UGANDA". Dave sends his best wishes for Christmas to all of his friends in the Falklands.

CONTACTS

Do you like writing and receiving letters? Why not write to one of the following people, all of whom would like penpals in the Islands.

MISS CHERYL NEWELL, 8 Silvertown Way, Weanesfield, Wolverhampton, WV11 3LH, 22 years old and would like to correspond with a serviceman. Lives at home with parents, but recently moved away from old friends, and so is rather lonely.

(more penpals on
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CONTACTS Penpals wanted in the Falklands (continued from page 10)

MR THOMAS BOWEN, 553 - 10th Street, Wood River, Illinois 62095, USA. Mr. Bowen has retired from the US Army, and would like to correspond with an Islander. He enjoys music, sports and collecting stamps.

MISS KERRIE BARNES, 109 Cass St., Kaiapoi, North Canterbury, New Zealand. A 17 year old postal worker, who would like to hear from young soldiers.

MRS. WINIFRED LOUBSER, 22 Raapenburg Rd., Mowbray Cape, South Africa. Wrote for many years to an Islander who has now passed away. Would like to resume penfriendship with a woman from the Islands.

MISS APRIL CANELLIS, 18 Davies Close, Weston, 2326, NSW, Australia. 18 years old. She would like to write to male penpals up to the age of 26. All replies will be answered.

We have a large file full of the names of people who would like contacts in the Falklands, either in the military or the civil communities. Please drop by our office if you would like to look through it.

IN THE GARDEN
by "Greenfinger"

As I sit here preparing these notes, the second deluge is with us, and I wonder if I would not be better employed rounding up the animals and drawing up plans for another ark!

However, even this type of weather has an advantage to gardeners, and yesterday I borrowed a wet suit and hoed around the CABBAGE and CAULIFLOWER patch before applying a careful dressing of nitrate around the base of each plant. I also spent an hour ruffling and ground between rows of CARROTS, TURNIPS, ONIONS etc, and scattered a dressing of growmore. There is nothing like wet weather to get the best action from Growmore and nitrate.

Many gardeners in Stanley find it difficult to grow LETTUCE much beyond the tall limp stage, and I am no exception. It does help if you carry out a ruthless thinning programme so that you finish with nice healthy plants sitting at nine inch intervals along the rows. In these wet conditions you can easily transplant the thinnings, but they will almost certainly show no signs of further growth for a few weeks. But eventually they will recommence their long, slow progress towards the salad bowl.

Christmas is almost with us, but don't be tempted to dig all your NEW POTATOES and WHITE TURNIPS at once. They will get even bigger if you leave some for later.

Happy gardening!

The PN would like to produce a regular cookery column, passing on to new arrivals and veterans alike useful recipes. They could be recipes typical of the Falklands, that can be easily prepared with the slightly limited ingredients available here. We thought we would call the column "Camp Cooking". Could you start the ball rolling by sending us a recipe or two?

PEOPLE

A number of young Falkland Islanders have returned home on recent voyages of the Stanley - Ascension shuttle ships. Jenny Roberts is taking a break from her nursing career in London to enjoy her first holiday at home in almost ten years. After a similar period of exile, Robert Rowlands also returns for a time with his American wife Grace. Sheila Evans returned on the last Uganda voyage to visit her parents on West Point Island. Sandra Clifton and Janet Ashworth also came home after spending some time in the UK.

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GOVERNMENT APPOINTMENTS Mr. Marvin Clarke has been appointed to the newly created post of Superintendent of Fire Services. This is a full-time job, and will involve training in the Falklands and in the United Kingdom.

Government Secretary Bernard Pauncefort left the Falklands recently to commence a period of leave in the UK. During his absence, Deputy Government Secretary Rex Browning will assume Mr. Pauncefort's responsibilities. Mr. Peter King's duties have also been increased. Apart from his regular job as Clerk of Councils, Mr. King will for the next few months be Acting Deputy Government Secretary.

NEW NURSES FOR STANLEY HOSPITAL Nurses Christine Bennet and Christine Batchelor arrived in Stanley recently to commence a six month secondment to Stanley's civilian hospital.

Despite the difference in size between their London teaching hospital and the Stanley unit, the girls have adjusted well. It seems that nursing is nursing wherever it is practised, and the two Christines told the PN last week that they had found it easy to fit into the routine of shifts at the Brewster medical centre.

Only when they leave the world of dressings and bed-pans do they really notice the differences between Britain and the Falklands. Although lacking the excitement of London, the nurses have noticed that Stanley has a friendliness which is something of a rare commodity in the Big Smoke. "We were made to feel welcome right from the start", said Chris Batchelor. "People do want to help you settle in." Christine Bennet, though, has had to adapt in a rather major way. "I was a vegetarian until I arrived here", she told us, "I don't know how to cook meat, but I'm learning fast".

A WEDDING IN STANLEY. YOUNGHUSBAND - ROGERSON

Sharon and Kenny Rogerson were married on Saturday the 8th December at the Registry Office in Stanley. Sharon, who until Saturday was Miss Sharon Younghusband, arrived in the Islands only a few weeks ago on the Uganda. She had travelled south to visit her mother, Iona, and uncle, Jimmy Alazia. But on Uganda she also met Sergeant Kenny Rogerson of the Royal Corps of Transport, who at the time was spending three months with the ship's permanent staff. It seems they took an instant liking to one another, and by the time they reached Stanley, they were engaged. So Sharon cut short her holiday in the Falklands and she is now returning to the UK with her husband. Kenny is to finish his tour on arrival at Ascension Island, and the couple will fly on to Britain. They plan to set up home in married quarters near Cirencester.

P.S.A. CHIEF EXECUTIVE VISITS Mr. Gordon Manzie, Chief Executive of the Property Services Agency, toured construction sites around the Falklands for one week earlier this month.

Before leaving by airbridge, Mr. Manzie was able to tell the PN of his optimism about the Mount Pleasant Airport project and his admiration for the parties concerned with the project. He is confident that the late April target date for completion of the main runway will be met, and he attributes the project's success largely to the spirit of cooperation which exists between the various construction companies at MPA and the Property Services Agency. He believes that the airport workers are receiving too little credit and publicity for the progress that has been made. "The progress is something to be proud of", said the Chief Executive.

Mr. Manzie reported that the number of men involved at Mount Pleasant will increase dramatically over the next few months, and he anticipates a peak of around 2,000 by next April.

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LITTLE CHAY WISHES ALL HIS FRIENDS A HAPPY CHRISTMAS

COUNCILLORS AND CONSTITUENTS PROTEST ABOUT SOUTH GEORGIA ISSUE. A LIVELY MEETING WITH VISITING F.C.O. MAN, AND POSTERS APPEAR IN TOWN.

As we were preparing this issue last week, it was evident that Falkland Islanders were becoming increasingly concerned and angry about Foreign Office intentions to remove the administration of the Falklands Dependencies from Port Stanley. The ratification of the proposed constitution by Legislative Council was threatened, and visiting FCO man, David Thomas, was moved to suggest that if rejected, a new document may not be prepared before the elections late next year.

Serious fears that South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands may lose their Falklands Dependency status were aroused when copies of the proposed new constitution were received some three weeks ago, and the matter was brought to the boil with the week-long visit of FCO Deputy Under Secretary, David Thomas.

The offending section of the document makes invalid a statute of 1908, which established the Governor in Council as the administering authority for the Dependencies. If introduced, the new constitution will permit direct administration of the southern islands from London.

The issue has, it seems, revived suspicion of the Foreign Office. At what is said to have been a fiery meeting of councillors with Mr. Thomas, the Falklands representatives are believed to have made their dissatisfaction very clear. The issue even resulted in graffiti appearing in prominent places around Stanley during the night of Monday and Tuesday. One slogan read, "Divorce South Georgia betrays Kelpers", while another poster on the doors of the Town Hall denounced the constitution as a whole, and proclaimed, "think again". At the entrance to Government House, where Mr. Thomas was likely to read it, appeared a placard bearing the accusation, "double dealing on Falklands - F.C.O. out".

It seems that most critics of the FCO move fear the political consequences of the traditional links being broken. "If a future British Government wanted to come to some agreement with Argentina over the Falklands", said Councillor John Cheek, "it would then exclude South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands. Possibly they could get rid of the Falklands while retaining those dependencies". He pointed out that dependencies issue does seriously jeopardise the acceptance of the constitution. "I am worried that if we accept this constitution, we are at the same time saying 'yes, we agree to South Georgia being cut off. So there is going to be some hard thinking and hard talking'". John Cheek confirmed that he was reflecting the fears of his constituents. "I've had a number of people phone me up who are obviously worried about it. The more phone calls I get, the more I am convinced that people are very worried here".

Jim Clement of the Sheep Owners' Association expressed his belief that Islanders must loudly voice their dissatisfaction. "I think that if the protest from here is strong enough, we could have a strong chance of doing something", he said.

David Thomas, who heads the Americas and Dependent Territories department of the FCO, left last Wednesday, but a PN reporter was able to discuss the South Georgia controversy with him shortly before his departure. Mr. Thomas said that the decision to sever the political link between South Georgia, the South Sandwiches and the Falklands derives from a meeting presided over by the Prime Minister in the autumn of 1982. "The idea was that separate constitutions should be drawn up reflecting the actual conditions and needs of, on the one hand the Falklands, and on the other hand the Dependencies", said Mr. Thomas. He said he was well aware of the strong feelings about the matter in the Falklands. "It is seen in some way as either leaving the options open or sending a signal to Argentina that, at some future time, a British Government might be prepared to do a deal with Argentina over the Falklands. I can say absolutely sincerely and without any doubt that this was never in the mind of the British Government when they decided two years ago that there should be separate constitutions."

The Deputy Under Secretary said he will be reporting the strength of feeling to his superiors in London. The constitution can, in theory at least, be imposed without the approval of local councillors, but Mr. Thomas said that ministers are certain to take into consideration the views of the Islanders.

LITTLE CHAY

Dere Graham

Tommo is Crissymus Day and i'm goin to get me a hole sack of toys and sweetes and frute and milk an cream an fresh veg an pork an beefe an turkie an orl those things like vot they hav in ingland. I luv Crissymus!

But my mum sez that Crissymus is not just for eatin an drinkin. Its reely a time wen we orl think of uther peepel and be reel nice to them so i'm goin to say a grate big hello to orl the nice osas and wen-eye peepel we hav livin with us, and say how much i reeley like them wen i'm not ritin those bitchy littel letters to the penwing nuss. My dad sez its only cus i'm jellus and reeley it is the eistus to blame. Orl the osas peepel an no worse than enney of us. An in enney case were wood we be with out them. Thay teach us kids, patch up our sick peepel and do a hole lot more good than we understand about. An Unkel Ben sez that even the we may not be vot good the Gee Tom Ewe do for us, the peepel themselves are reeley kind an helpfull. So i'm goin to wish evvery wun of them the happyest Crissymus that've ever had an hope thay stay with us for yonks.

Pore old ant Kelpie orlways gets a littel upset at Crissymus cus she sez we orlways think of the upper-krust, but vot about orl those littel peepel hoo do so much for us an never get enny thanks. Were wood we be without the peetkutters, offis workers, taxmen, ashmen, shepherds & bunkhousemen, storekeepers, shoplifters, house wives, jettymen, handyemen, plumbers, electricians, postal workers, figasmen, firemen, roadworkers, drivers, nurses, cowboys, telephones & radio peepel, churchmen, social workers, counsellors, housing komitees, pollice, crooks, domestic workers, meckanicks, botemen, blacklisters, yowth workers, shearers, pubmen, dee-jays, biznesamen, lay-aboutts, shear farmers and ackshun oners. To orl the menny moor val-yew-abbel peepel vot we cudent do without, me and my mum and dad send our thanks and blessings for wet yew are doin. Howe nice it wood be if wee cud orl join nas an help wun-another instead of gossiping an goin around kriter-sizing everythink. I do wish I cud be kind an nice to evvery wun.

Me an orl of us wood like to greet orl the armed forces, konstruckshun workers, kelvan katering, naffie, hairbrige, murchant sailers, BAS down on the ice and everywun else skattered round the islands and seas. We wish you orl the happyest day ever and hope that yore fameleys in that place kalled ingland will not miss yew tooo much. We also arsk that God will bless the rotten old Forkland Faktor and make him a niser person to no in 1985.

Lotsa luv, LITTEL CHAY xxx



IMPORTANT WAGE RISE G.E.U. STANLEY MEMBERS

The General Employees Union secured what is believed to be one of the biggest ever wage rises for their members at a meeting with management last Wednesday. The increase, which will take effect from the 1st January, will take the wage of an ordinary labourer up from £1.52 per hour to £1.72½, a percentage rise of 13.49%. The rise, which is almost 6% above the current rate of inflation, will apply to all hourly wages below that of a labourer. As for Union members who at present earn more than £1.52 per hour, they can now expect a flat rate increase of 20½ pence per hour. That will take the hourly wage of a tradesman from £1.77 to £1.97½ in the new year.

Union Chairman, Mr. Terry Betts, said he was "very happy" with the outcome of his negotiations with management. "We were looking at £80 a week for the labourer", he told us, "but we realised that the Islands' economy would not support such an increase". He went on to say that he thought the employers had gone as far as they could, and added, "I think for this year we've done very well."

Last Wednesday's meeting with management negotiators was the last of six rounds of talks which began in October. "Initially we were miles apart", said Terry Betts, "as at that time management were only prepared to offer a 4% wage rise. But he added that the atmosphere in the meetings was generally good. "If we couldn't have reached an agreement before the end of the year, we would have gone to arbitration. I think that has helped speed up negotiations", he said.

Besides the major improvements in wages, Mr. Betts and his union delegation have also gained an improvement in holiday entitlement. From the beginning of January, all employees will receive twelve hours of holiday time per month. Previously, workers with less than three years service received only ten hours each month.

The increase in pay and holiday time will only apply to workers in Stanley, as camp employees have yet to commence their meetings with management. "I don't think the same kind of wage rise should apply to workers in camp", said Mr. Betts. "We want to get back to parity with our counterparts in the camp".

YOUNGSTERS SET FOR THE ADVENTURE OF A LIFETIMELOCAL COMMITTEE PREPARES FOR OPERATION RALEIGH

Preparations are underway in Stanley for the reception next September of a group of youthful adventurers from the international enterprise Operation Raleigh. A committee has been formed to plan projects that can be undertaken by the 120 young people who will arrive on the ocean-going trawler RALEIGH for a three month stay. The visit next year is just part of a four year project which will take 10,000 young people to all corners of the globe in search of adventure.

The Chairman of the Falklands committee, Mrs. Norma Edwards, told the PN that she and her fellow members are currently formulating plans for various useful activities which may be undertaken in the Islands. RALEIGH is near Mexico at the moment, and with only nine months left before the ship arrives in Stanley, her committee is faced with a lot of work. The projects suggested so far include the restoration and preservation of sailing ship hulks in Stanley Harbour, archaeological work on the site of the missionary station on Keppel Island, and the surveying of other places of historical importance, such as the pioneer settlements at Port Louis and Port Egmont. Other projects could include studies of the natural flora and fauna. Surveys of seal and bird colonies could be of particular value. And more immediately beneficial and practical tasks have been suggested. The youths could help the Scout movement with the construction of a hut, or build an adventure playground. Mrs. Edwards emphasizes, however, that the ideas are still being discussed, and a great deal of work is needed before her committee can forward a list of possible projects to the Operation Raleigh headquarters in UK.

The committee are not only planning the reception of the foreign visitors. The men and women are also faced with the difficult task of selecting four young

THE PENGUIN POST BOX

This is your column. Write to the PN with your views on virtually anything relevant to the Falklands. We are even willing to publish criticism of our work. Anonymous contributions are accepted but we would encourage you to sign letters. Unfortunately, anonymous expression sometimes lacks credibility for some readers.

"IF YOU ACCEPT THIS CONSTITUTION, YOU WILL BE GIVING A MANDATE FOR A DEMOCRACY RULED BY A DICTATOR"

Dear Editor,

I have just had the opportunity of reading the Constitution of the Falklands, and my first reaction is, "so what's new"! I appreciate that numerous documents have been placed together in one volume which makes it easier to see just what a stranglehold the F.C.O. have on the inhabitants of the Falklands through their agent the Governor or Civil Commissioner. There are numerous sections of the Constitution which need clarification and some of them will have a detrimental effect to the Falkland Islanders in the long term.

It is blatantly obvious that the F.C.O. do not intend to give the elected representatives in Legislative Council any opportunity to represent the wishes of the people, as the powers vested in the Civil Commissioner are such that he can at any time prorogue or dissolve the Legislative Council (section 29).

Section 41 provides for the Legislative Council to make standing orders, but the Civil Commissioner has discretion whether to sign them, and without his signature they shall have no effect.

Section 46 - Assent to Bills. A Bill passed by Legislative Council shall not become law until the Civil Commissioner has assented to it. If he refuses to assent to it, he has the right to reserve the Bill for Her Majesty's pleasure. He can, of course, take instructions from a Secretary of State not to assent to it.

On the other hand, sections 48 and 49 allow for a Secretary of State to disallow any Bill which the Civil Commissioner has already given assent.

Section 49 gives the Civil Commissioner power to declare that a bill or motion has effect as if it had been passed or carried by the Council in any form he wishes if the Council is not agreeing fast enough for his purposes. Of course the Civil Commissioner has to take instructions from the Secretary of State, unless the matter is urgent and there is insufficient time. In that case, he can be told afterwards. I wonder what could be that urgent.

The Executive Council would appear to be a non-starter. Sections 61 to 64 are full of reasons why the Civil Commissioner need not consult them, inform them or take any notice of them. So why bother with an Exco?

Powers of Pardon- section 67. There will be an advisory committee, but the Civil Commissioner can revoke the appointment of any member if he feels like it. The Civil Commissioner shall use his own judgement even if it is against the advice of the majority of the committee. So, again, why bother?

In case you are wondering why I am not going to sign this letter, just read section 78. I could be hired, flogged and fired at the Civil Commissioner's discretion, and I have no intention of being the last of a long line who have previously met such a fate - before the new constitution, of course.

It is my opinion that if you, the Falkland Islanders, accept this constitution, you will be giving a mandate for a democracy ruled by a dictator. At least it will give you experience in government should sovereignty be handed to the Argentines. The right of Falkland Islanders to have a positive say in their own future, even if they make a few mistakes along the way, must be the main theme of the new constitution, and you should not allow this reconstruction of colonialism to be accepted. The absolute power vested in the Civil Commissioner to do the bidding of the F.C.O. must be resisted if you value your future.

"I DO NOT AGREE WITH THE TONE OF YOUR REMARKS"...

12.12.84

Dear Editor,

Having just read Penguin News number 68, I would like to make a few comments.

A. I think Sir Rex Hunt expressed the views of the majority of us, and, as usual, expressed them a lot better than we could have done ourselves. (Page 6, his letter to Peter King of "Calling the Falklands")

B. I do not agree with the tone of your remarks regarding tourists (Editor's Desk, pages 7 to 8). Anyway, why did you exclude the Falklands Home Industries and the Pink Shop? They both did very well. Why not go and check up? We get quite enough distorted publicity without omissions like this, even if they were accidental.

C. Finally, we hear so much about crime and so on at Mount Pleasant, but very little about the enormous amount of work that has been done and the many kind and helpful people at Mount Pleasant and East Cove. I would like to conclude with a little story told me by friends who had a stop at Mount Pleasant to undertake a minor repair on their Rover recently. They were met by kind and helpful people, and the ladies of the party were invited into shelter and offered tea. While this was going on, a robin and a thrush came to the door and were quite fearless. One of the men then came along and fed them, which was, of course, what they had come for!

Yours sincerely, MRS. K. BERTRAND, 11 Ross Road East, Stanley.

EDITOR'S NOTE: In our hurry to prepare a late news item about the arrival of a tourist ship, we did, in fact, forget to consult the Falklands Home Industries and the Pink Shop - believe it or not!

MUST WE HAVE CHRISTMAS AT CHRISTMAS?

12.12.84

Sir,

Must we have Christmas at Christmas? I mean, can't we shift it? Christmas on December 25th is fine enough in the northern hemisphere, but it's nothing but a bloody nuisance down here in the antipodes. Someone must have thought it a good idea to have Christmas in mid-winter, but to have it in mid-summer - ough! I mean, can you imagine any farming enterprise in UK shutting down for nine or ten days in mid-summer? In UK, June 25th finds farmers going flat out, harvesting the last of their hay crops. Any commercial enterprise in agriculture would go bust if it shut down during high summer, and yet here we do that very thing. It's a loony situation, sitting back making "merry" whilst the farms grind to a halt. If we have to endure Christmas (a festivity far removed from its original conception) can't we bung it over to June 25th? Then we, like UK, can sit back and have a white one too, instead of a "right" one!

Yours, a killjoy, RON REEVES, Hill Cove.

A CRITIQUE OF THE F.I.C.

17.12.84

Dear Graham,

Having read PN number 67 (unfortunately it took me a while to get a copy sent out), I would like to enlighten Mr. Brook Hardcastle on a point in his letter.

He states that "some people, for reasons best known to themselves, appear to carry on a vindictive vendetta against the FIC which is neither good for the company, its employees nor the colony".

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I think it is a shame that Mr. Hardcastle has managed to work in a managerial capacity for the FIC for so many years without seeing the reasons behind this anti-FIC attitude. It basically comes down to the ability for those in his position in the company to do their job competently, and secondly, for them to do their best to have good manager-worker relations.

Thousands of pounds of FIC money have been wasted by placing newly imported stud ewes on islands with rams and no fence dividing them. The ewes were known to be in season, and they were caused to lamb during the winter resulting in the loss of the lambs and several ewes as well due to the harsh winter conditions. This kind of negligence does nothing to bolster the confidence of FIC employees and others. It is reflected in the pride its employees take in the work they do and the effectiveness with which they do it, be it shepherding, maintenance work or whatever.

The other point which causes most friction within the FIC, and I believe some other private farms, is the arrogant manor of people in senior positions towards their workforce. Putting on an air of aloofness and at times being insulting and down-right rude to your men and their families is a recipe for inefficiency, bad workmanship and total apathy within the workforce. Why can those people not see that though this may make them feel big and important, in actual fact they are not only making themselves extremely unpopular, but making the achievements they have to show from their work twice as hard to produce.

As a shareholder in the FIC, it can be very distressing to see such avoidable waste of money within the company effecting its performance.

Until these people change their attitude or are replaced by people who appreciate the value of good manager-worker relations, the FIC is bound to attract flak from the international and local press.

One last point is the direction in which complaints are launched. It's "the FIC's done this or done that ..." When the FIC makes and implements a decision adversely affecting other people, it's not good enough just to say that the FIC is to blame. Barring acts of God, it is a person or group of persons responsible for anything which happens. It is the same blaming something on the Falklands Factor, when there is always someone or a group of people responsible for whatever mistakes may occur. People should remember this. After all, if a shepherd hits his dog with a stick, and the dog wishes to show his anger, he does not bite the stick, but the man behind it who was responsible for the pain.

Mr. Hardcastle can play on people's consciences by saying such publicity is bad for the company, people and colony if this is his remedy for the bad press. But I feel he should try and analyse these complaints. He should take them in a constructive way, and say "well, there must be a reason. What is it, and what can I do as a man in a position of responsibility to solve the problem?"

Some people reading this letter will think it is from a person with, as Mr. Hardcastle says, a personal vendetta. But I wish him and others in his position to think about it and consider the changes which could be made. It is the people who are giving the press the stories. If they did not feel strongly about the way they are treated, they could not complain, and there would be no bad publicity.

Yours sincerely, HAMISH McPRESS, Fox Bay East, West Falkland.

I HAVE NEVER COME ACROSS ISLANDER ANTIPATHY

Dear Sir,

Just a line or two in reply to "Big Brother". I have lived in the Islands for about six years all told, as both serviceman and civilian, and have never come across this antipathy, only a willingness to swap knowledge and experience to make both mine and their (in other words "our") lives a little better and easier.

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PENGUIN POST BOX continued

I was born and bred in England and I am damn proud of it. So why should not a Kelper be damn proud to be a Kelper? As long as there are people like "Big Brother" there will always be an "us and them" syndrome, and that we can do without. So, "Big Brother", go home. If you stay, maybe people will respect you more if you have the courage to put your name after your moans.

Yours faithfully, J.S. FAIRFIELD B.E.M., 3 Racecourse Road, Stanley.

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OPERATION RALEIGH (continued from page 4)

Falkland Islanders who will travel with Raleigh to carry out similarly valuable work in other parts of the world. Their four month expedition will commence some time before 1987. Of the opportunities for Islanders, Mrs. Edwards said: "It's very generous considering the size of the population. Only ten places have been allocated to the whole of Hong Kong".

The Committee has already received eight applications for places, and a sub-committee will soon be formed to choose the four future adventurers from those applicants and any others which may be received. One of the main tests in the selection process will be for physical fitness, and the Forces will be asked to help with this by designing an obstacle course. The most difficult test will probably involve swimming. The Operation's organisers insist that, for safety reasons, each participant must be able to swim a minimum of 500 metres. Mrs. Edwards told us that the Falklands' aspiring adventurers may have learnt to swim only within the last two years, and that had it not been for access to the pool on the coast, there would be serious problems in finding qualified youngsters.

The travel and work awaiting the four lucky applicants are, without doubt, exciting, but they are also very expensive. Norma Edwards told the PN that it will cost £3,000 to send each young man or woman on what could be the adventure of a lifetime. £300 of that sum will be paid by the successful applicant, but the balance must be found by the committee in Stanley. "With the hospital fund and the Falkland Families Appeal", said Mrs. Edwards, "I don't think it's fair to ask people to subscribe out of charity". Instead, she and her committee are seeking sponsorship from local businesses. Already sizeable contributions have been received from Cable and Wireless and from the Development Corporation, but there is a long way to go before the four young explorers can even begin to think about packing their rucksacks.

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SERVICEMEN PLAN CHRISTMAS DAY RUN FROM STANLEY TO GOOSE GREEN FOR CHARITY

The ultimate in sponsored sport is planned for tomorrow, Christmas Day, by a group of servicemen who have spent weeks preparing for their marathon effort. Five men from the Joint Services Signals Unit in Stanley are to run in relays from Stanley to Goose Green and back via Darwin, Fitzroy and Bluff Cove.

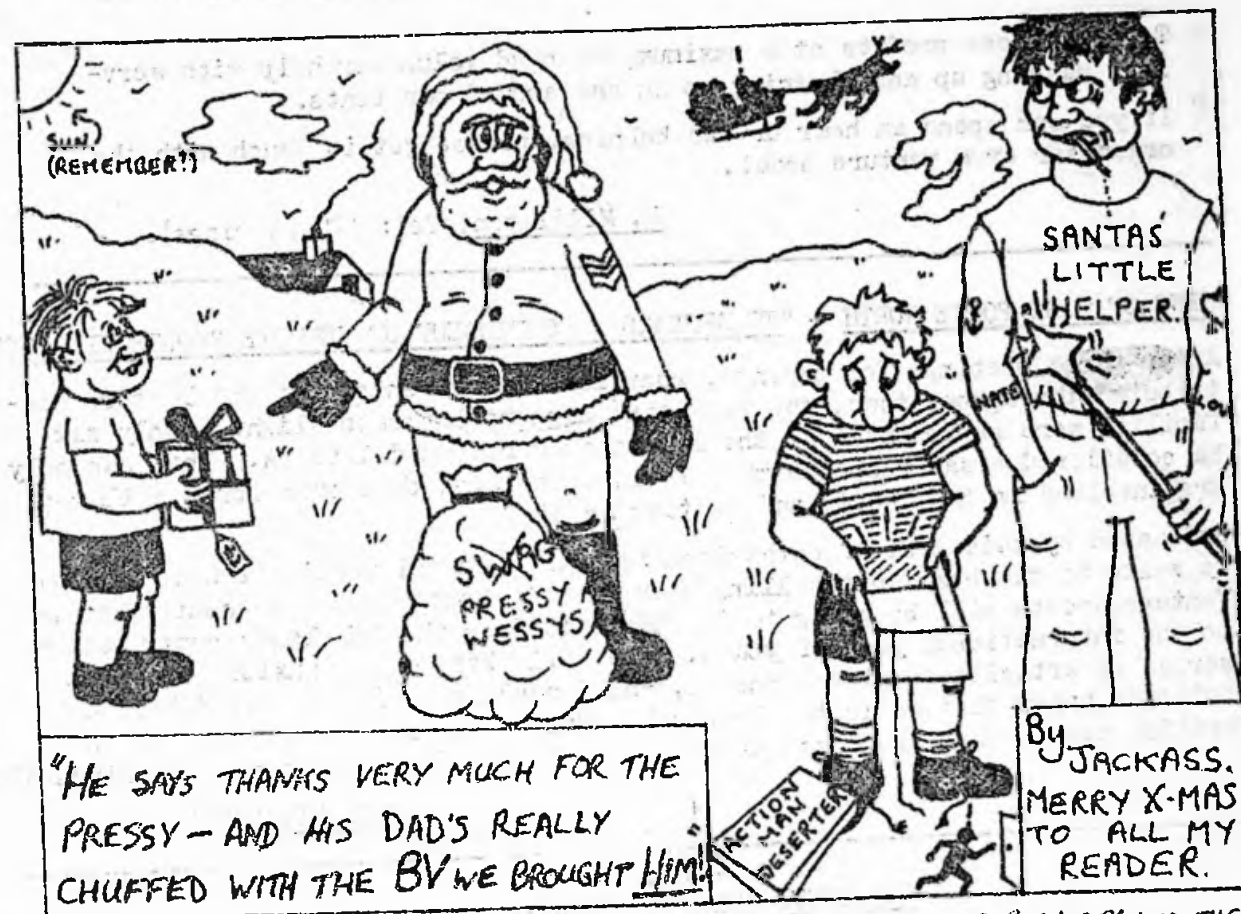
The runners are inviting military colleagues and civilians to sponsor them on the marathon, and will donate all money raised to the Roecliffe Manor a secondary purpose; he will take the opportunity to send a message of Christmas greetings to the people of Goose Green.

The fund-raisers stress that their effort is to be well organised and has the blessing of the senior military authorities. "It will be run in a professional manner, with supporting vehicles provided by General Peter de la Billiere, medical and emergency helicopter cover by courtesy of the

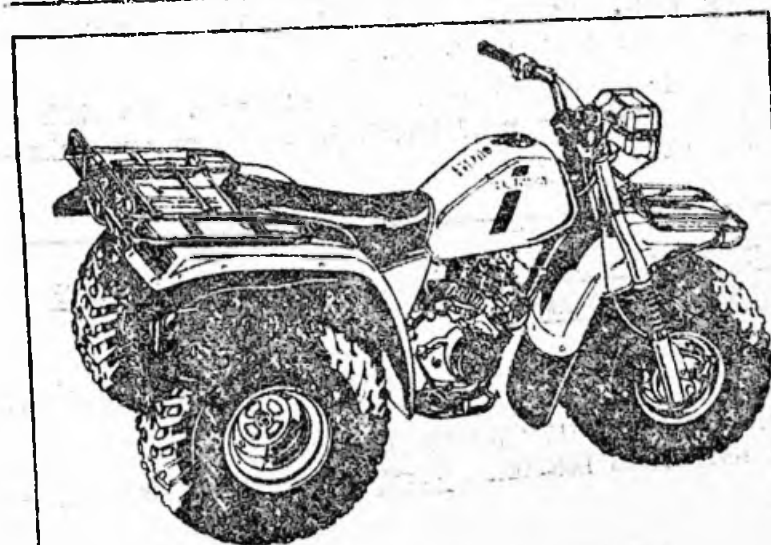
CHRISTMAS DAY RUN TO GOOSE GREEN

Officers of the British Military Hospital and RAF Stanley, and so on," said organiser Captain Lewis Hammond.

It is not too late to help the runners and the mentally handicapped. Captain Hammond would be pleased to accept your sponsorship, and he can be contacted on military telephone number 2284.



(SOLDIERS IN A VOLVO "SNOWCAT" HAVE LEFT FOR LAFONIA WITH GIFTS FOR CHILDREN IN THE AREA)



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Have you found a gold identity bracelet? Lost between the Treasury and the Speedwell. Finder please contact Anna King at the Upland Goose.

Have you found a gold ring with diamonds? May have been lost on the Darwin Rd towards Two Sisters. Finder please contact Trudie Gray at Government House. Thank you.

1st FALKLAND ISLANDS SCOUTS

We need your help to run the bar and tea tent during the race meeting of the 26th and 27th December.

Everards 'Penguin' Brewery will donate all nett profits to Task Force North.

To keep those profits at a maximum, we need volunteer help with serving, washing up and clearing up in and around our tents.

If you can spend an hour or two helping, please get in touch with the organiser or a venture scout.

P. Middleton, Tel: 174 (3 rings)

NEWS OF TASK FORCE NORTH - "IT APPEARS A CONTINGENT OF VENTURE SCOUTS WILL GO"

After three meetings for parents, guardians and friends, and two letters distributed throughout town, the resulting support has been slight. Only six families were represented at the meetings or returned letters. That can only be considered a sad response when it is considered that over forty children are involved in the Scouts and Venture Scouts.

Undaunted by this lack of enthusiasm from the general public, I have decided to write to the host unit telling them that it appears a small contingent of Venture Scouts will be going to the UK in 1985 as the Falklands contribution to the international year of youth. The daily Mirror are anxious to run a series of articles about the scheme, and I would not wish to publish in a UK national paper that we in the Scouts had failed in our attempt to show the British public that progress has been made in the field of youth work since 1982

PHIL MIDDLETON G.S.L.

THE SOUTH ATLANTIC SAFARI RALLY

Join the S.A.S. Rally on December 30th. Entrance fee £5.00. Look out for details at the Race Course and listen for them on F.I.B.S.

All you need is one road-worthy vehicle, a driver and a navigator. We will test your skills in driving, map reading and road knowledge. There are prizes for the winners, and it's fun for all.

FALKLAND ISLANDS BROADCASTING STATION & BRITISH FORCES BROADCASTING SERVICE
CHRISTMAS PROGRAMMES

FIBS and BFBS have exciting listening lined up for you over the next few days.

CHRISTMAS EVE:- 9.30 p.m. COL N MACDONALD'S CHRISTMAS STOCKING.
10.30 A SPECIAL CHRISTMAS EVE LATE FROM LONDON. 00.30 a.m. ME, MARK PAGE - A TWO HOUR EXTRAVAGANZA.

CHRISTMAS DAY:- 06.00 A SPECIAL BREAKFAST SHOW WITH COLIN MACDONALD. 09.00 HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN'S CHRISTMAS BROADCAST. 09.05 RADIO G LINK-UP FROM RAF GUTERSLOH IN GERMANY. 10.05 STANLEY JOINS THE CAMP FOR A CHRISTMAS LINK-UP. 11.00 A SPECIAL EDITION OF THE MEN FROM THE MINISTRY. 11.30 WHAT DAY IS CHRISTMAS ANYWAY? A DISCUSSION BETWEEN WILLIAM FRIENDS AND THE REV. MCKAY. 12.00 HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN'S CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FOLLOWS BY RADIO NEWSREEL. 12.15 SPECIAL ME, MARK PAGE SHOW. 2.15 CHESS - THE INSIDE STORY OF THIS NEW MUSICAL. 3.15 THE BEST OF FAWLTY TOURS WITH NANKERS. 4.15 ALL OUR CHRISTMAS MASES PRESENTED BY STEPHEN MURRAY. 5.30 RADIO WILTSHIRE LINK-UP - REQUESTS AND DEDICATIONS BETWEEN HERE AND THERE.

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FIBS/BFBS CHRISTMAS BROADCASTING continued from page 10

6.30 CALLING THE FALKLANDS. 7.00 AROUND THE HORNE. 7.30 ANNOUNCEMENTS FOLLOWED BY SPORTS ROUNDUP AND THE WORLD NEWS. 8.15 CALLING THE FALKLANDS (RPT). 8.45 THE ANYTHING GOES SHOW WITH ADDELE AND PAULINE. 10.00 DR. FINLAY'S CASEBOOK. 10.30 RODIGANS ROCKERS. 00.30 BFBS UK FOR BOXING DAY WITH TOMMY VANCE.

BOXING DAY:- 3.000p.m. BBC RADIO LINCOLNSHIRE LINK-UP - GREETINGS FROM THE FALKLANDS TO HOME AND BACK.

TONGUE IN BEAKBOOZE - THE POISON SCOURGE OR CHRISTMAS CHEER?

It depends on the man and his mood, I suppose, but at this time of the year especially, its a question worth asking. An American Senator in 1958 didn't answer the question, but his reflections on the paradox of alcohol make amusing reading.

"You have asked me how I feel about whisky. All right, here is just how I stand on this question.

If when you say whisky, you mean the devil's brew, the poison scourge, the bloody monster that defiles innocence, yes, literally takes the bread from the mouths of little children; if you mean the evil drink that topples the Christian man and woman from the pinnacles of righteous, gracious living into the bottomless pit of degradation and despair, shame and helplessness, then certainly I am against it with all of my power.

But, if when you say whisky, you mean the oil of conversation, the philosophic wine, the stuff that is consumed when good fellows get together, that puts a song in their hearts and laughter on their lips and the warm glow of contentment in their eyes; if you mean Christmas cheer; if you mean the stimulating drink that puts the spring in the old gentleman's step on a frosty morning, if you mean the drink that enables a man to magnify his joy and his happiness, and to forget, if only for a little while, life's great tragedies and heartbreaks and sorrows, if you mean that drink, the sale of which pours into our treasuries untold millions of dollars which are used to provide tender care for our little crippled children, our blind, our deaf, our dumb, our pitiful aged and infirm, to build highways, hospitals and schools, then certainly I am in favour of it.

This is my stand. I will not retreat from it; I will not compromise..."

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SECOND FALKLANDS TOUR FOR ANDREW

The Daily Telegraph reported recently that Prince Andrew is to return to the Falklands in mid-January. The Prince, who served as a Sea King Helicopter pilot during the war, will be serving as a Lynx pilot aboard the type 22 frigate HMS BRAZEN.

RAF MAN TO BE NEXT COMMANDER
BRITISH FORCES FALKLANDS

Air Commodore Richard "Kip" Kendall is to take command of the British Forces here when General de la Billiere comes to the end of tour of duty next year. The Daily Telegraph points out that the introduction of an RAF Commander is consistent with the expected change in emphasis to an airfield based reinforcement

ment defence strategy.

GRENADES FOUND

Two grenades, possibly left by the Argentine Army, were found just outside Stanley early last week. The Bomb Disposal Team told the PN that one was found by a local youth near Moody Brook. The second was discovered by the military Chief of Staff on Mount Harriet.

LIVE T.V. LINK-UP

A BBC TV crew were expected to arrive by airbridge as the PN went to press on the weekend. The crew will beam signals back to London via satellite, and servicemen and civilians should be able to broadcast messages that will be screened live on the special Christmas Day edition of Noel Edmunds'

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LIVE TV LINK-UP (continued from page 11)

Late, Late Breakfast Show.

People wishing to appear live on TV in the UK on Christmas Day should be at the Secretariat at nine o'clock tomorrow morning.

FIDF RECRUITS COMPLETE TRAINING COURSE

Nine new members have joined the regular ranks of the Falkland Islands Defence Force. The recruits received their berets in a passing out ceremony in the Drill Hall on Saturday the 22nd. The four men and five women paraded before Major General Peter de la Billiere and Sir Rex Hunt. The new troops were inspected, and best recruit of the cadre, Paul Watson, was presented with a plaque to mark his achievement.

The recruits had completed a week-long training exercise the previous week, which marked the final phase of four months of training. During that time, the new part-time soldiers had attended weekly drill sessions and had spent some weekends on the rifle ranges. Half of the sixteen men and women who commenced the course dropped out before last Saturday's parade.

KEREN PASSENGERS EXPECTED TODAY

MV KEREN is expected to berth in Stanley Harbour this morning. The civilians who have travelled from Ascension aboard the ship are expected to disembark at the Public Jetty at 2.00 p.m. They are: Mrs. M. Smith, Mrs. R. Whyte, Mr. P. Berntsen, Miss A. Harrod, Mr. & Mrs. D. Lampard and son, Mr. G. McPhee, Mr. G. Barnes, Mr. S. Middleton, Mr. P. Simpson and Mr. S. Morley.

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL SESSION LAST WEEK

Executive Councillors met at Government House last Wednesday, and were faced with an agenda which kept them in session for much of the day. Some of the topics discussed:

Much time was spent discussing the future of the Mount Pleasant Road, the Stanley By-pass and the Stanley Airport Road. All three highways are to become the responsibility of local government when work is completed at Mount Pleasant in 1986, and Councillors expressed their concern that F.I.G. may be unable to afford the ensuing maintenance. The Civil Commissioner told the PN that the Council is now seeking precise details about the specifications to which the new roads are being built.

The future of the Government Air Service was also discussed at length. Councillors have agreed in principle to purchase a new Islander aircraft, and studies are to be carried out to determine the likely passenger and freight demands of the military and contractors over the next few years. The Beaver aircraft is to be sold when its floats have been repaired. Executive Council is also hoping to introduce a six day working week to FIGAS. Sir Rex Hunt said: "We are changing from what was a social service into a commercial airline. We want to make some money out of FIGAS."

Councillors agreed to recommend to Standing Finance Committee that four government houses at Fox Bay East be offered on a 99 year lease to the present occupants. SFC considered the proposal at their meeting the following day, but their decision is not known.

A Legislative Council resolution was prepared which concerns tax and duty exemption for contractors from the United Kingdom. Exemption can only be granted by Legislative Council. Several companies are believed to have applied for the privilege recently.

Concern was expressed that uncontrolled fishing in the upper reaches of the Murrel River may be endangering trout stocks. After some discussion, councillors agreed that up to five military fishermen can fly fish on the stretch between Drunken Rock and Furze Bush Pass in one day. Local sportsmen must apply for permission to use the area.