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## BROADCASTING IN THE FALKLAND ISLANDS.

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Director of Broadcasting

1. Members of joint Executive and Legislative Councils - particularly the camp members - expressed very strong views about the recent attraction - on too on these days in the week - of the time of local announcements. They said it was causing considerable inconvenience and was not supported in the camps. They went on to say that the W.K. programme that had taken its place was of little or no interest. They wanted the announcements to cease to 8.15 pm.

Could you look into this urgently and let me know your views. It was mentioned that he had not, as a member of the Broadcasting Advisory Committee, been consulted (though he may have been away at the time if the Committee was consulted).

L.H.F.  
17.3.57.

2. Members of Council have requested or commented -

1. F.1915 flight notices should be read over the air more slowly and repeated. Will you arrange for this to be done please.

2. Announcements that require to be taken in by somebody and contain information or figures that have to be noted by the audience - are read much too fast at the moment by the announcers. Could they please slow them up a bit (as that's going to cut some the other way!). Please arrange.

L.H.F.  
17.3.57.

This minute sheet should be returned to me with comments and note of action taken

L.H.F.  
17.3.57.



Sir, ~~105~~ 2

1. At a meeting of the Broadcast Advisory Committee held on 20<sup>th</sup> March 1957 it was agreed, but with reluctance, to broadcast the weather forecast, flight schedule and camp announcements at the old time of 8.15 pm w.e. from 23<sup>rd</sup> March.

Views expressed are summarised as follows,

The aim in making all announcements before 7.45 pm was to broaden the programme and to provide those who listen at night with an evening of continuous entertainment, unbroken by announcements and those of repeated records of minority interest. The change also enabled us to make better use of popular BBC programmes such as 'Take it from here' and parlour games which start at 8.15 pm. This aspect is of increasing importance now that we have to pay for BBC transcriptions.

The change was not expected to affect the camp greatly as, on the West at any rate, managers and their wives are ready to receive telegrams between 7 & 7.30 pm and one announcement was timed to start at 7.35 pm. Slender listeners, many of whom have complained about the records and the few minutes lost from 'Take it from here', benefited by the change.

Now that there are adequate camp R/T and telegraph facilities it was also felt that essential personal messages should not come in the middle of the evening programme. That Bill "arrived safely" could be important but the fact that he "was sick" is not.

On the West the apparent necessity of listening to the BBC News direct & then switching to Stanley after the announcements also appears to affect the issue. We are now considering a broadcast to advise campers how to improve their reception of Stanley.

Other times at which the camp announcements could be made were considered. 10 pm Stanley, 9 pm camp time is probably the most suitable, i.e. with the programme summary at the end of the evening and this we believe would be acceptable to camp listeners but, as reception is reported as poor at that time, efforts in that direction would have to be made first.

One letter, one telegram and several verbal protests against the change have been received, all from the West; two managers on the East have said they have no objection.

The committee could not, however, see any way of meeting the objections from the West, <sup>immediately,</sup> except by reverting to the old time and so this was agreed.

- 2.1. F.I.G.A.E. flight schedules are now repeated.

- 2.2. I think we have now improved the presentation of announcements by giving a summary first. Committee members agree that, with the exception of one new announcer, no further reduction in speed is possible. One lady announcer is in fact being ridiculed for being too slow and precise. I have though asked the announcers to watch their speed.

V. Harrison.  
21. 3. 57.



8663/K

S.P.T.

I would suggest the following rules relating to Broadcasts and would welcome any suggestions of yours or of Mr. Reive. You will perhaps think of other things which have arisen in practice. I am thinking of Mr. Goss's on the whole remarkably fair talk and of what might have happened if somebody less reasonable had been giving it, also of the perhaps not particularly dignified interchange between Mr. Hardy and the Town Council.

Suggested Rules

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3. When a dispute arises between two parties the point of view of one side must not be put over the broadcasting system without consultation with the other party.
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6. The Broadcasting Engineer (Mr. C. Reive) is responsible for seeing that the rules are observed and in the case of live talking may ask to see the script if any doubt arises.

RHDM/LH  
30 1.1.61

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28/1/61

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H.C.S.

Mr. Reive and I have perused the suggested rules and consider they are sufficiently comprehensive to cover any likely snags. They will serve as an excellent guide to Mr. Reive and particularly to the temporary Director of Broadcasting during Mr. Reive's absence on leave later this year.

2. When the rules are finally approved, may we have two copies, please.

Supt. P. & T.  
31.1.61

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g.E. for approval please

We have add. "In doubtful cases to be decided  
get instructions from S.P.T."

HCS

I would think the Broadcasting  
Committee should be consulted before the  
Rules are introduced, or they might take  
it amiss. Is there any reason why  
this shd. not be done?

TRA 6.2.61.



Y. E.

I discussed this again with S.P.T. and Director of Broadcasting.

What we had in view was merely to convey these instructions to the Director of Broadcasting but not to publish them. The position that the Broadcasting Committee was to occupy was considered at 131 of 0001/II and a charter drawn up.

This could go to the Director of Broadcasting as amplification of the charter.

This could of course be discussed with the Committee who would no doubt agree in the main but we did not think that they would necessarily expect to be consulted on such a matter as this.

There is one slight objection to <sup>publishing</sup> ~~publishing~~ it to the Committee now: that it would be a little annoying to Mr. Goss, who is a member, to realise that we had done this as a result of his broadcast.

What I imagined <sup>that</sup> happening was, perhaps in 6 months, perhaps in a year, or perhaps never, when somebody wanted to say something about which the Director of Broadcasting was a bit doubtful he would be able to consult the new rules and in the light of these give guidance to what would be better left out.

or

15th February, 1961.  
RHDW/FU

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HCS

Yes. I think the way in which you propose to deal with this is sound.

7. 3. 61.

now ~~all~~ send for

DB

now SP7 a copy of rules to be observed.

I think he was sent a copy of the charter when he was appointed. We could refer to him but his is in amplification

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S/c Can I see a copy of the charter?

8. 3. 61

Ref 9 7/3/61

see 291 in 0001/IV

2.3.61

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s/c

Good.

Monasat 7 fl.

9.3.61

ACF

Draft s/c

10.3.61



0663/K

13th March, 61.

To: Director of Broadcasting,

From: The Colonial Secretary,

STANLEY.

u.f.s. Supt. Posts and Telegraphs.

Rules for Broadcasting

13 I am directed to refer to my predecessor's Personal and Confidential letter of the 3rd September, 1957, and to forward, in amplification of the instructions contained therein, the attached rules relating to broadcasting.

(Sgd) H.L. Bound.

for COLONIAL SECRETARY

DRM/FH



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Colonial Secretary's Office,  
Stanley, Falkland Islands.

13th March, 1961.

Ref: 0663/K.

RUDM/FH

15.3.61

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No.

MEMORANDUM.

It is requested that, in any reference to this memorandum, the above number and date should be quoted.

29th December, 19 61.

To The Honourable,

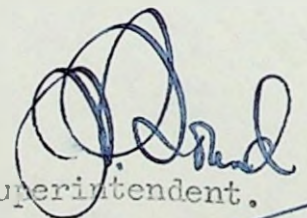
The Colonial Secretary,

STANLEY.

From The Superintendent,  
Posts and Telegraphs,  
Stanley, Falkland Islands.

SUBJECT:- Broadcast Notices from Government Departments.

I very much regret to have to report that the attached <sup>notice</sup> from the Police was broadcast last night without prior approval from the Secretariat. On investigating the matter this morning, I am informed that the notice was posted in the announcement box on the Studio door after 4.30 p.m. and was collected by the duty staff at 7.30 p.m. The duty Engineer (Fuhlendorff) accepted the notice because "it bore the official Police stamp". This is strictly against my instructions to the Studio Engineers and Fuhlendorff has been severely reprimanded.

  
Superintendent.

14 A

S.S. for information  
8/29/12/61

14 B.

30.12.61  
S.S.

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# FALKLAND ISLANDS POLICE



Tel : STANLEY 95.  
" 96.

Your ref .....

Our ref .....

Chief Constable's Office,  
Port Stanley,  
Falkland Islands.

28th December 1961.

## CASES HEARD AT STANLEY MAGISTRATES COURT

A young man before the Magistrates today was fined £5 for assaulting a member of the crew of H.M.S. Protector. He was also ordered to forfeit the sum of £10 for breaking the conditions imposed upon him when he appeared before the Court last August. In another case a man summoned for being in possession of a firearm whilst not being the holder of a firearm certificate, was fined £3.

Two members of the crew of R.R.S. Shackelton were before the Court and the first was fined £1 for being drunk and disorderly and £2 for assaulting a police officer. The second man was fined a total of £30 in respect of 6 charges which included taking and driving away motor cars without the consent of the owners, assaulting a police officer, assaulting a member of the public who had gone to the assistance of the police, malicious damage and attempting to escape from Stanley Police Station. He was also ordered to pay the cost of the damage amounting to £7.5.0.

*Handwritten signature and date 28/12*



*Handwritten initials P.A.*

Superintendent of Police,  
Stanley.

4th January, 1963.

To Hon. Colonial Secretary,

Sir,

Broadcast Reports on Court Cases.

It is the practice, when reporting over the broadcast system the result of Court Cases held in Stanley, not to disclose the names of persons charged or convicted.

This seems to be an anachronism which fails to provide an essential ingredient of publicity to the Public. I would submit with respect that such publicity should (a ) propagate the course of Justice and enhance the Laws of the Colony, and (b) disseminate information concerning persons who have, either, violated regulations or, committed offences which may directly affect the Public subsequently, for example the prospective employer.

Surely, it is the right of every citizen to be kept informed in adequate detail on matters of Justice which influence the conduct of daily affairs. The contention is therefore, that the Public be clearly advised and indeed protected.

In the United Kingdom and most Colonies, there is no censorship of facts of this nature. Both the Press and Radio are freely permitted to publicise these important matters.

There would appear, however, to be some objection to the publication of certain judgements in relation to the Licensing Ordinance respecting Prohibited Persons who voluntarily submit themselves to restriction.

I have made fairly wide enquiry to formulate the opinions of the Public regarding this censorship, both in Stanley and the 'Camp'. I must report that my findings indicate a unanimous conclusion that the names of all persons brought before the Courts be published over the broadcast system and also published in the monthly review. No doubt, there must be specific exceptions when the Colonial Secretary would retain the powers of discretion over the publication of facts sub judice.

The above comments are forwarded for your consideration and advice, in the light of considerable criticism on the subject, probably engendered as a result of recent more serious trials.

I have the honour to be, Sir,  
Your obedient servant,

*K. Gray*

Superintendent of Police.



Hon C.S.

I remember a few years back when there was strong public feeling on this + some news readers just didn't read Police Court news. It was then decided (by the Bicast Committee, I think) that such news should be given, but since the mention of names caused such embarrassment in this tiny community, it was agreed to leave this information out. I am sure that in some of the petty cases, the mention of the accused name was regarded as far more damaging than the fine imposed.

5.2.63

BU Friday 8.2.63

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We agree to the fact that there be no question of publishing names in divorce cases or Roadside list cases. Question is about criminal cases. Various firm managers have approached S.P. they say they are in trouble in the recent past. They say it is almost bad he knows how to conceal.

It is perhaps a matter on which he is to advise should be sought. Meanwhile I would like

- (a) to see any previous papers on the subject
- (b) I will then ask RSC's views

8/2/63

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ACF

Regret that there is no trace  
on our present files of hot-announcing  
names.

SP

11.2.63

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SPT. I am told that this was a decision of the  
Broadcasting Committee. I wonder (a) whether  
you can remember anything about it  
(b) what your views are.

SP  
11/2/63.



H.C.S.,

I have discussed with D/B and according to his records on the 29th October, 1955, an Unofficial Member of Leg. Co. wrote to the effect that he had received complaints from members of the public regarding Court News and objected strongly to the use of names of convicted persons. He also pointed out that only certain cases were reported and asked why a certain category of offenders were excluded from News Letters. He was informed that the news reader would read all Court news as supplied. He was also informed that if there was a newspaper here the facts would be published anyway.

On the 9th November, 1957, the then Chief Constable complained that a certain item of Court news had been omitted from the News Letter. It transpired that the convicted person had requested the News Reader not to mention his case and she complied. The Committee considered the matter on the same day (9.11.57) and decided that all Police Court news submitted by the Chief Constable to the Studio, should be read over the air. If for any reason whatever the News Reader was not prepared to read Court news then it should be read by the Announcer after the weekly News Letter. The Secretariat was informed accordingly by Memo. from D/B dated 9th November, 1957.

Of more recent years the names of offenders are not included in Police Court news which now comes from the Reg. Gen. and not the Police. This is thought to be an administrative arrangement as there is no mention of it in Broadcasting records.

You asked for my views - I am strongly opposed to the Government Broadcasting Service becoming a gutter press, particularly in a small community such as ours. The Court is the authority for meting out punishment and it is not generally the convicted person who suffers embarrassment as a result of his name being published, it is his relatives, the majority of whom are as peace loving and law abiding as you will meet in any part of the world.

13.2.63.

22.

S.P. 21 will interest you. If the reporting of names were reintroduced we are agreed that it would be criminal convictions not black list or civil cases and it would of course have to be for everyone. The question of embarrassment to relatives is worth considering. I do not know where you yourself would like to leave it a bit longer and see where you still want it after a few more months.

13/2/63.

H.C.S.

23.

I believe we should publish names re criminal convictions, <sup>only</sup> the mention of the case confined strictly to facts. Or else make no statement whatsoever.

Relatives may well suffer embarrassment; this is a process of law which any community must accept since Courts are held open to the Public. 14/2.63



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g. s.

16 et seq.

I think there might be

something to be said for

(a) Discouraging reporting cases over  
the air altogether.

(b) Publishing in the mainly British  
criminal cases only (not blacklisted  
cases) with names.

✓ It might be worth getting the views  
of Executive Councillors.

28/2/63.

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or

meeting

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This was not put on the agenda and the meeting was so long

so I did not bring it up. I think we could

put in Agenda for next meeting "Publishing of Police Board news"

or

18/2/63

BUEX. Co. 20.4.63

30.5.63





BROADCASTING STUDIO,  
STANLEY.

May 1st, 1963.

Dear Sir,

At a meeting of the Broadcast Advisory Committee held on Wednesday, April 24th, the Committee decided that the <sup>week</sup> Court News which is sent to the Studio each/to be included in the Weekly News Letter is of no particular interest to our listeners in its present form. The Committee recommend that the name of the person charged for an offence should be included in the News Letter.

Yours faithfully,

*Stampsell*

BROADCAST SECRETARY.

THE HONOURABLE,  
THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,  
STANLEY.

*HPS*

*Submitted pl.*

*I have discussed with J/B - his views mine differ from the Bttee. & are already recorded on a Secretariat file.*

*I quote in discussion with J/B the the Bttee. wish to exclude offences under Section 26 of the Licensing Ordinance.*

*Q*  
2.5.63

*This is noted for amendment  
of Ex 10  
or 1/5/63*

*BW Ex 10  
30.5.63*

Amcs.

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wish to inf. SLT verbally  
on Monday pe?

will be 10

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8.5.63

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BU Monday 13.5.63



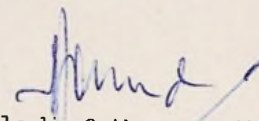
EXTRACT FROM MINUTES OF MEETING NO. 2/63 OF EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

HELD ON THE 28TH 29TH 30TH & 31ST MAY, 1963

0663/K

15. PUBLISHING OF POLICE COURT NEWS

It was agreed that the practice of not mentioning the names in the weekly news letter of persons appearing in Court should be continued. Council advised that future news of this nature should be restricted to a monthly report giving the number of cases heard, the offences, the results and the punishments awarded.

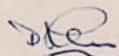
  
Clerk of the Council

BU return of SPT  
6.11.63.

LH

Re. copy 31 to RSC & SPT for inf.

Copies sent 8th Nov

  
8.11.63

8.11.63

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11th November, 64.

Dear Sir,

I refer to our recent telephone conversation when I asked you to call on me. I do not now think that a call is necessary unless the following should raise queries which you would like answered.

2. Government has now decided that the broadcasting service shall not be used for the dissemination of propaganda issued by any political party: but it agrees that reports of political party meetings may be accepted as news items; provided the item is submitted to the Colonial Secretary at least 24 hours before publication.

3. There is no objection to the broadcasting of notices of forthcoming public meetings organised by political parties.

4. I trust your Executive will find this arrangement acceptable.

Yours faithfully,

(W.H. THOMPSON)

COLONIAL SECRETARY

The Secretary,  
Falkland Islands National Progressive Party,  
STANLEY.

Copy in 0663/K  
Copy to: DBS  
S/PT

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**ON HER MAJESTY'S SERVICE.**

Two copies of Rules for Broadcasting

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