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THE CREST IS BACK!

Yes, I must admit that it is quite heartening to see the good old 'Desire the Right' Crest back in the masthead. Grateful thanks go to John Malcolm of Leicester for cutting the heads for the TIMES.

During 1980, it is intended to use more than one type of masthead although the Crest will be used in each one.

LINDBLAD GOES AGROUND

Whilst voyaging through the icy wastes of Antarctica, the cruise ship Lindblad Explorer ran aground. The ship, a seasonal visitor to the Falklands, was said to have suffered slight damage but no injuries to passengers were sustained.

BBC World Service news bulletins said that the vessel was being towed to a South American port by a tug which was in the vicinity of the mishap at the time.

MARRIAGE

At Pebble Island on December 8th Mike BLEANEY to Alison MACKINTOSH. The ceremony was performed by Mr. Griff Evans.

DEATHS

NOV 27th Henry Thomas LUXTON..Aged 52
DEC 26th Lucy ROWLANDS.....Aged 78

NOTICES OF MARRIAGE

Nigel HART to Sheena ROSS.
Derek CLARKE to Kathleen DOBBYNS.

WEEKEND FLYING SHATTERED

Following a statement by His Excellency the Governor, Mr. Jim Parker that FIGAS would be starting a possible weekend internal air-service came news that the newly acquired Britten-Norman Islander aircraft was damaged upon landing at one of Goose Green settlements strip.

Apparently, the strip used by the Islander was a bit too soft and the plane suffered damage to the nose-wheel section. The blow to FIGAS was intensified because due to varying circumstances both of the Beaver sea planes were out of service thus placing FIGAS temporarily out of action. Being the Christmas holiday period, numerous Camp visitors from West Falkland and far-flung settlements were in some doubt as to whether they would be able to get out of Stanley and back to their farms without a long wait. Royal Research Ship 'Bransfield has, at the time of writing, ferried over thirty Westers to Fox Bay and the Royal Marines ship M.V. Forrest will be ferrying more passengers soon. A radio broadcast announced that one Beaver would possibly be fit for service but FIGAS operations will still be severely cut back. Royal Air Force airframe technician Bill Hughes has travelled to Britain for discussions with Britten-Norman on the Islander's repair.

MY NAME'S HUNT.....

It was announced in London on December 7th that following the retirement of His Excellency Mr. J.R.W. Parker, The Queen has given her formal approval to the nomination of his successor. The new Governor of the Falkland Islands is to be Mr. Rex Masterman Hunt, aged 53, married with one daughter aged 17 and a 15 year-old-son.

Mr. Hunt was educated at Coatham School, Redcar, and St. Peter's Hall, Oxford. His most recent appointment has been as Counsellor (commercial) and Deputy High Commissioner at Kuala Lumpur in Malaysia.

Mr. Hunt will probably take up his appointment at the beginning of February 1980 as Mr. Parker retires at the end of January.

DEATH

Mr. Alfred Johnson, aged 67 years, died in Southampton, Hampshire on December 4th. Alf was born at Hill Cove and spent most of his working life on the West Falklands before going to England in 1962. He is succeeded by a wife and daughter, two grandsons and three brothers:- Les in England, Eric in New Zealand and Howard in Stanley. His sister, Dorothy Cheek, is also in the Falklands.

SOCCER RESULTS

STANLEY	4	ENDURANCE/MARINES	1
Peck (P)	2	Gardiner	
Coutts			
Cain			
MUSTANGS	1	DYNAMICS	1
Rozee (Ron)		Smith	

THE NOVEMBER WEATHER

(Temperatures in Degrees Centigrade)

Average Temperature: 6.1
 Highest Temperature: 14.6
 Lowest Temperature: minus 1.7
 Total Rainfall: 33.6mm/1.32"
 Average Daily Sun: 6.55 hours
 Average Windspeed: 17.8 knots
 Highest Wind Gust: 49 knots
 Gale Force Wind: 18 hours
 10 knots or Less: 96 hours
 Ground Frost: 15 occasions.

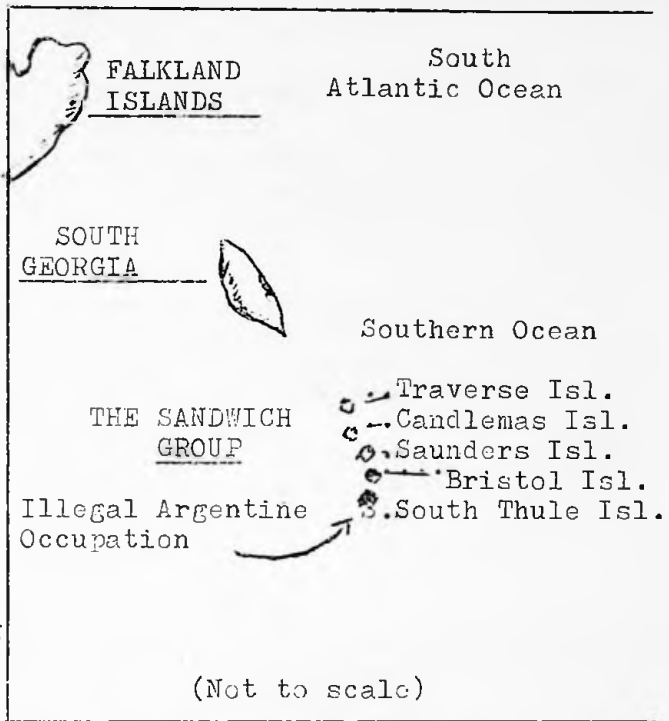
SUMMARY: November 1979 was colder, drier and windier than usual but with near normal sunshine amounts.

STILL NO POSITIVE ANSWER

The illegal occupation of South Thule Island, a tiny barren rock outcrop in the Sandwich Group, by Argentines, is still going strong.

The occupation was brought to the attention of officials after HMS Endurance and the Royal Research Ship Bransfield had sighted these illegal occupants and their tiny base (complete with Argentine flag) in February 1978.

Recently, in the House of Commons, Mr. Nicholas Ridley, in answering a question concerning the continued occupation of Thule, said the British Government had protested and had thus protected its position. The only trouble is that the base dwellers must all be hard of hearing as these protests all go unheeded. Argentina's President, General Jorge Videla, has repeatedly stated that in his country's territorial wrangle concerning the Falkland Islands, Argentina's claim extends as far south as Grahamland, Antarctica and will include South Georgia and the Sandwich Group as well.



NEW HOPE FOR HOUSE HUNTERS?

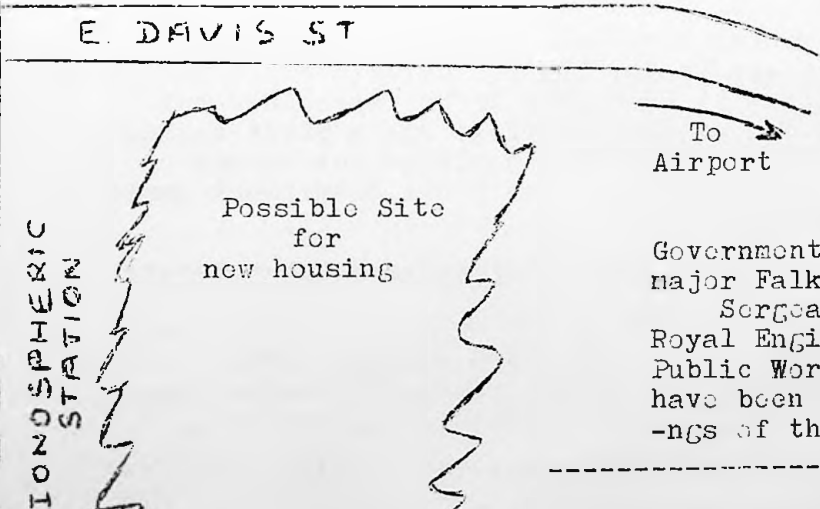
As reported in a radio 'Newsletter' a couple of weeks ago plus in the last edition of the TIMES, the Public Works Department have been, and will be, surveying suitable sites for possible future housing development in the Stanley area. One of the 'possibles' (if not probable) will be the site

opposite the existing Government Housing at East Davis Street, by the road leading to the Airport.

Other possible sites are as yet undisclosed but it is quite heartening to see the

Government getting to grips with a major Falklands problem.

Sergeant 'Dinger' Bell of the Royal Engineers, and Harry Bonner, the Public Works Department Draughtsman have been busy recently preparing drawings of the East Davis Street site.



"THOSE WERE THE DAYS"

COMPOSED BY DES FECK

Many, many years ago
When the West was full of thrills
I envied all those people
Who went riding through the "Six Hills"

XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

The West has always had attractions
Hospitality being one of the best
Take you in and give you a meal
And a bed for a good night's rest

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Everyone is always made welcome
Come from wherever you may
You can ride, or go in their Rover
And they will really make your day

XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

Come here they will say to someone
Maybe Jack, Joe or Bill
There's good fishing over yonder
Just back of that high hill

XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

Then something really happened
And you hear someone shout
My luck is in today pals
I've justlanded a ten pound trout

XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

Yes the westers are really great people
There is not the slightest doubt
When it comes to Farming, shooting, or fishing
They know what they are about

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I write this with happy memories
Of the great times I really had
When I did contracts at Pebble Island
And lived at Port Howard when a Lad.

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SORRY ADA!

Recently I had a letter containing a cartoon sent in by Mrs. Ada Smith of Fox Bay West for possible use in the TIMES. Unfortunately due to copyright and other technicalities it is unable to be reproduced but it shows an aeroplane with a boot for an undercarriage and a pilot saying to a Scottish Highland traveller "She's specially designed for island-hopping." If the FIGAS Islander ever needed a boot I bet Government would say that they couldn't afford the laces!!

PENFRIEND WANTED:

Mr. Manfred Rippich, Breitscheidstrasse 7, DDR - 726 - C.schatz/Sa - Germany. Age: 21. Interests: View Cards; DX-ing; papers and magazines; music, records; geography; exchanging gifts and souvenirs and reading.

WANTED TO PURCHASE/PENFRIENDS

T.R. Cornford Esq; 17a Gloucester Drive, London N4 2LE is interested in buying any copies of locally produced papers, programmes of events, picture postcards and examples of envelopes received in the Falkland Islands from other countries.

Sultan Ali, G.P.O. Box 1282, Suva, Fiji Islands wants to buy Old Currency Notes from the Falkland Islands. He especially wants:-

1901 - 5/- without King's Head design.

1932 - 10/-, 21, and 25 notes with King George V portrait.

Sultan Ali says "My offers are very high." So dig out the old attic!

Odon Fernandez Rego, Moron 2845 dto. "A", 1406 - Capital Federal, Argentina writes: "I'm very interested in exchanging philatelic material with the people on the archipelago. I would very much like to get to know something about the geography, the history, tourism etc. of the Islands. To my understanding, there are four Argentine teachers in Port Stanley who could be the right people to do so.

Although I am not fluent in the language, I would like the letters to be in English so that I have a chance to practice (I'm having lessons at present.)"

GERALD AND KAY'S WEDDING

A while ago, a 'Newsletter' radio report of the wedding between Gerald Morrison and Kay Anderson left a few gaps. A TIMES reader sent in a piece for publication to make up the deficit in the radio report:

The three tier wedding cake was beautifully made and decorated by Clair Morrison, the Best Man was Iain Stewart and flowers were arranged by Gene Williams. The reception was followed by supper for about twenty guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Iain Stewart. Kay and Gerald would like to thank all those who helped in any way to make their day such a happy one.

In the Commons on Thursday 6 December 1979 Mr. John Farr asked the Lord Privy Seal if, during the recent visit of the Minister of State to South America, he raised with the Argentine Government the question of the illegal occupation of Southern Thule in the Falkland Islands, and what were the results of his representations in this respect.

In reply Mr. Ridley said:

"During my visit to Buenos Aires in July, I had a general exchange of views with the Argentine Government on Anglo-Argentine relations, including the Falkland Islands. The Argentines are in no doubt of our views concerning Southern Thule.

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DEFENCE FORCE RIFLE ASSOCIATION

With Gerald Cheek due to go on leave in December it was decided to shoot the final of the 300 yard Championship on Sunday 25th November, whilst catering for Gerald's presence for this final, another finalist Douglas Hansen decided to do a stint in camp, it seemed doomed that all four finalists would not be available, however, Tony Pettersson, Stan Smith and Gerald Cheek took part in the shoot off for the Championship with Stan coming out this years Champ with 67 points, Tony with 65 and Gerald on 64.

The first try in the try again series was held on 2nd December in the form of 10 rounds at 5 & 600 yards, with Brian Summers taking the first try with 88 points. There are now four further trys during the season to improve on this score.

The 8th December brought a nice morning with a light north west wind, but by the time members assembled on the range and shooting commenced, a strong south west was blowing. After a heavy shower it became quite pleasant but windy. With 15 members competing a keen competition was in progress. On completion of 300 yards Tony Pettersson and Douglas Hansen were clear by two points each, on 500 yards Stan Smith scored 30 landing him on 120. It appeared that Tony and Douglas had it all to themselves, however, disaster struck, with Tony having a miss it looked as though Douglas would coast home comfortably, again it was not to be with Douglas only scoring 8 in his last three shots, left him and Tony on 118, thus Stan winning by two points, this probably being the lowest winning score for the Stanley Cup on record.

16th December brought Christmas Hampers and the usual lamb which is kindly donated annually and competed for by the quarter. Sunday morning was quiet but rather damp, but at 8.25 a.m. the flag was hoisted and 12 members assembled for this exciting event. With the competition under handicap conditions it soon became evident that the competition was going to be hard fought with Tony Pettersson showing some of his old zipp with a 32 at 300 yards earned him the first 1/4 lamb, Toni Donna Pettersson gained 2nd 1/4 with 30 + 2 = 32 at 500 yards and Susan Whitney the 3rd 1/4 at 600 yards with 30.8. Brian Summers gained a .8 decision on the overall aggregate over Stan Smith with 69.8.

Susan Whitney emerged a clear hamper winner, with Tony Pettersson 2nd and Tony Donna Pettersson 3rd. On the whole a rather unpleasant day but enjoyed by all, especially the whisky winner Brian Summers and the member who ended up with a pair of breifs to his credit.

The Rifle Club would like to take this opportunity to wish all a very Merry Christmas and prosperous New Year.

From Stan Smith Hon. Secretary Rifle Association

ARCHITECTS

Recently three Argentine architects from the National University of Mar del Plata, Mr. Alberto de Paula, Mr. Raul A. Gomez and Mr. Julio A. Vita, visited Port Stanley.

The three Architects are members of the C.E.M.A. - Centre of Historic Architectural Studies, and they were here for the third time in order to continue a Programme of Investigation on the local architecture, begun in January 1978.

During 1980 they plan to publish a book about Port Stanley and Port Louis which will be followed by another about the settlements inland.

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From the November Issue of the Falkland Islands Gazette:

His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to approve the award of the Efficiency Medal to the undermentioned members of the Falkland Islands Defence Force -

2nd Lt. Neil Watson; Cpl. G. Cheek; Cpl. B. Summers; Pte. F. Ford; Pte. L. Harris; Pte. P. Lee.

LETTEREEX FROM: ANGRY PHILATELIST, LONDON, ENGLAND
DATE: December 4th 1979.

Dear Dave,

I have just heard that plans are well in hand for the Falkland Islands Post Office to issue yet another horror. This time, it is to be 6 stamps, all the same face value but with different designs, joined together in a "sheetlet" - no doubt with embellishments on the margins.

The designs on the stamps sound quite pleasing to Philatelists: different postmarks of the Falkland Islands (historic ones) but they are going to ruin this good idea by having them all the same face value and putting them together in this awful sheetlet form. What they should do is to put normal face values appropriate to the useful postage rates and issue them in normal sheet (2 x 25p stamps) form. The issue is due to be made at the same time as the International Philatelic Exhibition in this country (next May) 'LONDON 1980'. I heard the rumour and telephoned the Crown Agents, this afternoon, who confirmed all the above.

At this moment, the stamps have not yet been printed, although I understand the designs and format have been approved by the Stamp Design Committee in Stanley. So there is yet still time - just - for a change of mind. The Crown Agents say that the format will look good on their stand for sale at the exhibition and convenient to handle. Maybe - but that's not the point is it? Stamps are supposed to be a means of paying postage, not as gimmicks, and this nice idea has now been spoilt by gimmickry. The Crown Agents say they are appealing to a new market. Do they want to lose the present one? We would like to see the format changed to:

a) Each design with a different useful face value and b) each stamp in the set on an individual full-sized sheet.

Why don't the Stamp Committee and the Crown Agents consult with their customers?

Sent to the TIMES by Steve Whitley, the Colony Veterinary Surgeon:

BRUCELLA OVIS ERADICATION INFORMATION

The second phase of the Brucella Ovis eradication programme involved taking blood samples from 2298 rams on 12 farms. The speed record is held by Port Howard where 473 samples were taken in 242 minutes - a rate of one every 31 seconds.

FIGAS have been most co-operative and all the samples have arrived at the laboratory in good condition. With the kind assistance of Bernard Betts, the Keppel Island samples were collected from Pebble by the scheduled Islander service. It is regretted that no laboratory testing has been possible due to the non-arrival of one vital reagent. We have been informed from U.K. that the manufacturers are having "Production problems" but, I am glad to say, word has just been received that an alternative supplier has

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been found. So until this reagent arrives the samples are being processed at the rate of 1 per minute up to the stage where they may be stored in the deep freeze. As soon as the reagent arrives, the laboratory testing will commence.

GOODBYE JACK

Little Jack Horner of Stanley, died on December 23rd when he discovered that there was not a Christmas Pudding to be bought anywhere in Stanley. Absent-mindedly, Jack, aged 104, stuck his thumb into a wall socket and was killed instantly.

THE IDLE GOSSIP COLUMN

For all those people who expect 'Miss X' to perform a striptease up at the Brook you've had it. The lady in question asked it to be pointed out that as private performances come at £50, free public demonstrations of sun-worshipping are out! It's nice to be a jailbird in the Falklands. Nick a couple of thousand quid's worth of stuff and at least you qualify for release at add intervals to tend your garden. It's okay for Cussie but it warrants a 'Harvey Smith' salute to the law of this land. Blimey! Lessons in Olde English being given at the Broadcasting Studios? From bloody irritating adenoidal snuffles to one word descriptions of the anatomy, mind you it's more interesting than some of the clapped out re-tread programmes. Upset in the 'Resident Team'?? Yes, the old codgers of the turf had better look out eh? It's a pity that the selection committee cannot be allowed to get on with their job minus petty interference. Mind you, that is what the Colony Club is for, or that is the impression one gets. Anyway, hearty congratulations to Pete Coutts for scoring his first goal for Stanley, carry on Peter! Ha! Ha! The Islander pranged. It was a wonder it hadn't been done before with the wonderboy from the Flying Circus hurtling it about, still, he's long gone now (suffering from G-Force)!

BIRTHS

In New Zealand: November 25th to Randolph and Pamela Goss, a daughter, Rachel.

In Stanley: November 30th to Don and Debbie Youngquist, a son Stephen Alan, weighing 3.8 kilos.

SNIPPETS

SPONSORED WALK

In a sponsored walk recently held to raise money for various charities, Stanley's Junior School raised approximately £215 with the Senior School raising approximately £90.

NEW PORCH FOR THE GLOBE

The Globe Hotel, which suffered damage in the form of its porch being knocked off by a Marine Land Rover a while back has been given a new one, courtesy of the demolisher Royal Marine Donny Gardiner. His mates Dave Winters and Dell Armstrong constructed and painted the porch which puts the peeling facade of the rest of the Globe to shame. Someone should drive into the actual hotel now.

COPSHOP CAPERS

Allegations have been made recently regarding possible Police brutality in Stanley. These wild accusations came after the arrest and detention of Mr. Len Minto on a drunkenness charge. Apparently, Minto was found to be bruised and battered after having been examined by a doctor.

An enquiry was made but no results have been made known as at the time of writing.

COMPASS ROSE AHOY!

The Compass Rose yacht, sold to the Cockwells' of Fox Bay East by Skip McArthur, put to sea recently for what must have been a trial after repairs had been carried out on her on the Falkland Islands Company Slip. The 2-metre radio band was alive with callers anxious to know what was happening after observers had noticed the Compass Rose performing weird manoeuvres in a choppy sea. At one point the Rose was supposed to be about 15 miles from the Wolf Rocks, rigged wrongly for the weather and bucking and heaving. The yacht eventually returned to Port Harriet and slipped into Stanley under cover of darkness.

BELLE OF THE BALL

At Naval Party 8901s' dance held in the Town Hall for the raising of funds for various charities, an argument erupted when it was found that a girl under the minimum attendance age of 15 was in attendance.

The girl, Tracey Beckhan, was in fact a special guest of the Marines and although some people tried to cause trouble over the incident afterwards nothing came of the matter. One rumour circulating about town was that the mother, Mrs. Doreen Beckhan broke a chair over husband Georges head! The Editor, upon realising that most of the Town Hall chairs are manufactured of tubular steel investigated this chair-bashing claim but upon investigation of Mr. George Beckhan's head found only 3 hairs and a small sunburn blister!! It sure is amazing how these rumours start but they're usually good for a giggle!

WHERE ARE THE RESULTS THEN?

Well, after advertising the fact that this edition would carry the results of the Stanley Sports Association 1979 Meetings held over the Christmas period, it was a last minute decision not to print them this time because self-admitted bad management by D. Colville left the TIMES shorter on supplies of paper than first envisaged. Apologies to all concerned, to Des Peck for having to cut out an advert and to Mr. Fred Whitney for not being able to include a contribution from him. Next time. While having mentioned the Sports, congrats go to Ron Binnie for winning the Colville Chase for the second year in succession; and, in attendance at the Sports Meetings were Mr. & Mrs. Bill Halliday. Bill, 83, has been connected with the Sports Association for over 50 years and has been a Vice-President of the Association for a number of years. A mention should be made that Councillor Willy Bowles kindly ferried Senior Citizens to and from the Race Meetings.

LEGCO AGAIN

Recent LegCo meetings dealt with the new Income Tax Ordinance. The Governor and Councillors paid verbal tribute to the work of Captain Eddie Anderson Junior, the newly trained Falkland Islander pilot. More on the LegCo meetings appear in PUBLIC EYE, onsale at the end of January.

GRATEFUL THANKS TO 'R.N.S.' OF ENGLAND FOR A CASH DONATION TO THE TIMES.

THE GREAT SEGMENTED EDITORIAL

SECTION ONE: "Thumbs down to Vietnamese Refugees."

Recently, a lot has been said concerning so-called racial prejudice in this Colony. One such statement came from one who blatantly insulted the Queen which is of course an insult to all Britons and peoples of the Commonwealth. A case of the pot calling the kettle black. The 'apartheid' tag follows tentative suggestions that some of the Vietnamese Refugees, dubbed by the World Press as the 'Boat People, could be brought into the Colony for eventual integration.

Motives so far analysed by these suggestions seems to be one of a desire for international acclaim. The United Nations would even "donate houses" - or so it is thought. What tripe. Why not bring in Iranian or Afghan refugees, it all boils down to the same thing, you can't bring people from nothing to nothing. What is here for them? Peace perhaps and that is about all. Perhaps the UN would be kind enough to send deep-frozen paddy fields or thermoplastic prefab kampongs. DERISIVE SNORT. Racial prejudice here? NO WAY. The Argentine problem is not a form of prejudice, it is a political struggle. Nobody crosses the road when an Argentine tourist walks past. Nobody refuses to take their money. The Chilean workers on the Darwin Road Project were happy enough. The Yank Bah'ais are not subjected to prejudice of any sort. That's left for Neo-Nazi South Africa.

Instead of thinking about people coming in, more attention should be paid as to why people are going out!

SECTION TWO: "Isn't it all a waste of goddam time?"

Listening to Patrick Watts' interview with Councillor Stuart Wallace (or however you spell his Christian name, sorry!) I couldn't help but wonder over the fact that are these trips to Commonwealth Parliamentary Association meetings worthwhile. As Councillor Wallace said, there were only a few people he talked to who had ever heard of the Falklands, and I bet after the meetings had ended there were people who had gone away with the knowledge that those two dots on the map were inhabited but completely and utterly couldn't give a hoot. Why should they anyway? The Colony is British, always will be and internationally 'forgotten'. The Government should try and get more representation in Britain - apart from the F.I. Committee - and stop wasting money on non-productive holidays.

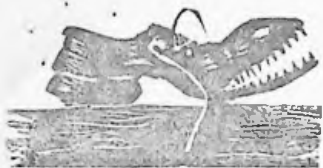
SECTION THREE: "Ha, ha, Government proved wrong yet again."

I am truly sorry but I can't help it, I have a knife-in-the-ribs syndrome as far as Government here is concerned and I couldn't resist a nice jugular-throbbing dig when I heard the advert go over the air asking for a British Antarctic Territory Postal Clerk. I thought that was strange as I still have the letter from Government saying that the post had been abolished so shove off. The second industry has strange recruitment methods to say the least or, if the frank fits stamp it!

DISCLAIMER

With the return of the Crest and to spare the Falkland Islands Government red cheeks abroad, it is stressed that the Falkland Islands Times is an independent publication and that the views therein are not the views of the Islanders unless otherwise stated.

BIRTH: To Gary & Jane Clement, a son, WAYNE. (5lbs 12oz.) Nee Middleton.



THE BLUE SUEDE SHOE

LATEST RELEASE INFORMATION REVIEWS LOCAL MUSIC SCENE

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ALBUM REVIEW - THE MOVE (Shines On).

When I first saw the title, the 'Shine On' bit, I immediately thought that this album was going to be a similar abysmal effort that was presented to music fans in the ELO Shines On package. The sweat of relief rolled down my brow as I read the track listing. Phew! Looks as though this one is value for money. True. This compilation consists of tracks which formed their last elpee 'Message From The Country' before the Move members shoved off via the Electric Light Orchestra and Wizzard.

Basically, the Move's own particular brand of slapdash-rock was one of the main factors that brought them a cult following another one being the presence of singer/songwriter and multi-instrumentalist Roy Wood who is the uncrowned King of Brum Tunes. Message From The Country was an album that pointed the way for things to come in the Electric Light Orchestra. 'It wasn't my idea to dance' for example can be truly compared with 'Nellie Takes Her Bow' which was on the first ELO album, in fact, I am sure that if the Move had not had contractual fulfillments before the ELO project could get under way fully, then Message From The Country could well have been the title of the first ELO album.

I still remember about how critics lashed the Move for trying to sound 'lennonish' on the track 'The Minister'. This track has some really good riff-work although the vocal mixdown was rough. 'Ella James' has become a Move classic and it is a straightforward rocker but 'Until Your Moma's Gone' is undoubtedly the best 'mover' of the album. It was interesting to hear Roy's weirdo tracks again, 'It Wasn't My Idea To Dance' showing his tendency to veer off the accepted (then) musical track; which worked nonetheless. Commercial pop is represented by the inclusion of 'Tonight' and 'California Man' the latter always suffering overration which seemed to be, funnily enough, recaptured in Wizzard's second and final album. Roy Wood and Jeff Lynne, not forgetting Bev Bevan, did not seem as 'Movish' (sic) as when good old Rick Price was in the fold but Roy plays Bass as well as any and he thumps along on his Fender Jazz Bass (If my memory serves me well circa 1971) with real aplomb. All in all, this album is one worth possessing for genuine Brum Rock fans the compilation being only surpassed by an earlier EMI release: 'The Roy Wood Story.' I hope that the compiler, when thinking of The Move (Still Shines On), remembers that Shazam and Looking On are 2 other great albums.

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LIST OF RELEASES- SINGLES AND ALBUMS

SONGS OF THE POPE: John Paul II in Poland. EMC 3317 Cassette: TC-EMC 3317

VALENTINE MUSIC GROUP: Once upon a fairy tale. This children's tape runs for over 75 minutes and contains such favourites as Tom Thumb, Dick Whittington and Beauty and the Beast. Cassette: TC-EME 6507.

DAVE GREENSLADE: The Pântateuch. Double Album EMSP 332.

GARTH HEWITT: Did he jump..or was he pushed? Garth is the first signing to Cliff Richard's own label Patch Records. WOOF 1001, Cass: TC-WOOF 1001.

ANDY STEWART: 20 Golden Scottish Favourites. GLN 1014; TC-GLN 1014.

SEMPRINI: At your request. ONCR 528, Cassette: TC-ONCR 528.

SINGLES

SPONOOCH.....Lady Dracula.....EMI 5018
DELORES HALL.....Snapshot.....12CL 16103
SAMMY HAGAR.....This planet's on fire.....CL 16114
SWINGLE.....Opus No.1.....DB 9073
PINK FLOYD....Another brick in the wall.....HAR 5194
SYLVESTER.....Can't stop dancing.....FTC 183
RACEY.....Such a night.....RAK 301
DIANA ROSS.....It's my house.....TMG 1169
DAN-I.....Monkey Chop.....WIP 6520
COCKNEY REJECTS.....I'm not a fool.....EMI 5008
THIRD WORLD.....The story's been told.....12WIP 6534
SUICIDE.....Drean, baby dream.....WIP 6543
MARMALADE.....Made in Germany.....EMI 5011
WILD HORSES.....Criminal tendencies.....INT 599
GOLDIE.....How many times.....BRO 82
MOTORHEAD.....Bomber.....BRO 85
CLIFF RICHARD.....Hot shot.....EMI 5003
AMERICA.....All my life.....CL 16109
SMOKIE.....Babe it's up to you.....RAK 300
SIMON MAC NETTE.....Up Yer Kilt!.....SLP 552
EDDIE FLOYD.....Knock on wood.....STAX 2010
CHAS & DAVE...What a miserable saturday night..EMI 5002
HOLGER CZUKAY.....Cool in the pool.....EMI 5005
JOHN TOWNLEY.....Drean.....EMI 5007
SALLY OLDFIELD...The sun in my eyes.....BRO 83
STEVIE WONDER.....Send one your love.....TMG 1149
THE NEW SEEKERS....Love is a song.....EMI 5010
ROGER WHITTAKER....Family.....DB 9072
THE EDGE.....Watching you.....FIRE 6
CRAZE.....Motions.....COB 3
COMMODORES.....Still.....TMG 1166
REALISTICS.....Pure magic.....BRO 81
GRAHAM FELLOWS....Men of oats and creosote.....INT 598
KIT HAIN.....The joke's on you.....HAR 5191
WIRE.....Map Ref 41°N 93°W.....HAR 5192



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THE MONKS: Bad Habits. Leaders of this band are Richard Hudson and John Ford of the Strawbs and Hudson Ford fame. EMC 3309, Cass: TC-EMC 3309.

THE MEKONS/SCARS/THE HUMAN LEAGUE/2.3/GANG OF FOUR - Fast Product. This album contains 14 tracks specially for New Wave freaks. EMC 3312, Cass: TC-EMC 3312.

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GANG OF FOUR * GANG OF FOUR * GANG OF FOUR * GANG OF FOUR * GANG OF FOUR *

Such a lot of press coverage - near saturation - has been given to 'Ultra-Wave' group Gang of Four that this group seemed to be worth looking into. Amidst a sheaf of press cuttings sent from EMI came one of the Gangs singles containing 'At home he's a tourist' c/w 'It's her factory'. The cover was weird enough and so was the music. However, it was the very weirdness of the music that hooked the eager listener. Your handsome Editor is always on the listen for something new musically (although heavy metal will never die) so after the decline and fall of the rather tedious and predictable Punk sound, the in and out comings and goings of New Wave, Gang of Four come as a good relief. I must admit to liking the work (such as it is) of Bassist David Allen. It's jerky, sometimes hitting the half-notes or whirring on the frets but the 'feel' is there and that's what counts. Anyone can play other people's stuff (take local group JunkRoc) but when one tries to knock up a few home grown tunes it seems to be the norm for the writer's to keep within accepted limits. I compare Gang of Four's approach to that of Tangerine Dream and Amon Duul II all those years ago - breaking down the humdrum style of what is considered normal. Okay so members of the group are said to leave the stage at odd intervals, play off-key deliberately, sing 'deadpan' but it all makes for good, refreshing listening, and on first take they are even awe-inspiring. Unfortunately, people in the Falklands who have been raised on music controlled by the Falkland Islands Broadcasting Station over the past ten years or so would be appalled by the amount of 'strange' music getting stuck on vinyl, but at least it doesn't all sound the same like Country and Western yerrrrrkkkk! One day the Gang of Four will rank alongside Status Quo, Led Zep and Purple in the competition for names that lodge in the memory and the best of luck to them. I can't wait to bung a lug to their latest release 'ENTERTAINMENT!' (when it gets here) but we'll have to make do with some extracts from other reviewer's reports for the time being:-

"Here's an album which I just don't know what to make of. Gang of Four's music is not instantly categorisable". EASTERN EVENING NEWS. "This is not "easy" material at all, but I think it's worth the effort". RADIO & RECORD NEWS. "Entertainment!" has overcome a problem which has beset 'radical' bands looking for a direction since punk became a corpse"* "Entertainment is an erratically brilliant album". SOUNDS.

*From Kidderminster Times and StourportNews.

GANG OF FOUR - 'ENTERTAINMENT!' - EMC 3313.....Review in the next edition.

SNIPPETS OF INFO

ONJ FILM

Olivia-Newton John will be starring in a new Universal movie entitled 'Xanadu' which was scheduled to start shooting a couple of months back. Also starring in the movie are Gene Kelly and Michael Beck (star of 'Warriors'). Olivia will be singing 4 or 5 songs on the soundtrack which has been written by John Farrar plus Jeff Lynne of the Electric Light Orchestra. The film is based on a musical fantasy and is set to be premiered in August 1980.

AVIATOR

Aviator have announced recently that their horn player - Jack Lancaster - has left the band due to other production commitments. The album they have been working on is being produced for them by Wil Malone, noted for his musical arrangements of "Tommy" and "That'll be the day". Aviator's first album called simply 'Aviator' was produced by themselves and had only one mind-clinging track in 'Cleveland Ohio'. Let's hope this one has no 'orrible 'orn in it!

HANKYOU MARVIN!

HIT KRANT, the popular Dutch music magazine, in liaison with EMI Records Holland, recently ran a competition to win Hank Marvin's guitar. 20-year old Ben de Goede won the competition and consequently was flown to London, accompanied by EMI Holland's Press Officer, Wauter Meyer and Ard Spaanjaard photographer for Hit Krant. Whilst in London, Ben was presented the famous Fender Stratocaster by Hank himself and later watched the Shadows play live at the Hammersmith Odeon, after which Ben met the other members of the Shadows.

OVER THE RAMBOW

Philip Rambow, the Toronto born, ex-Winkies front man, has recently completed a series of warm-up gigs in Britain. Rambow, backed by his working band: Hugh Burns, Guitar; Dave Cochran, Bass; Blair Cunningham, Drums and Tom Spahn, Keyboards, played material from his current LP "Shooting Gallery" which is his first album for the EMI Label.

ROD TO FAME

Eddie and the Hot Rods have signed a long-term recording deal with EMI.

CANDLEPOWER

The flame still burns (albeit slightly lower) for local group Candlepower. With vocalist Dave Colville switching to Bass to replace Len McGill, Lizzie Goss takes up rhythm guitar in place of Graham Bound. Alec Betts, formerly of 'Agatha Christie' is expected to supplement Candlepower at their New Year's Town Hall gig on guitar. Other local group JunkRoc have been busy over the past couple of months and at the time of writing, their guitarist Gerry 'Porky' Robson, can be heard strangling his Fender into submission at a workout session. Roland's Ragtime Band have been laying low of late.

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MANY MOANERS MUDDLED

Over the past couple of weeks a circular, blue in colour, has been doing its round of the houses in Stanley. The circular, comprising a questionnaire, was sent out to elderly citizens to ascertain if whether or not they thought that building an Old People's Home/Flats was a good idea. It is. Unfortunately, as sometimes happens, people got hold of the wrong end of the stick and thought 'Blimey, we're going to be chucked out of our houses by Government!'

Perhaps it was the fact that the circular was sent out by Mrs. Mary Jennings - a Member of Executive Council which made people think Government were trying something on, but Mary said that she did it off her own back and was not Ex. Co. linked. Mary must be congratulated for having the initiative to poke out a questionnaire such as this. If only more - touching different topics - were circulated by Government then they might have a proper idea of what people want.

In Mary's circular, the questions asked were as follows:

Do you agree that an Old People's Home or Flats should be built in Stanley? Would you be willing to move into one of these? If so state preference. Would you be willing if you moved to rent or sell your existing home if personally owned?

Would you consider a flat comprising Bed/Sitter, Kitchenette & Bathroom adequate?

If you do not agree to the proposal, what are your reasons for not doing so?

It seemed as though the third question was the one that made a few people buck but was a case of misinterpretation, and as Mary has said, it is no good Government going ahead and building either Flats or a Home for Old People unless there is sufficient interest.

Extracts reprinted from an article appearing in 'THE TIMES' (London) of the 17th December 1979 written by MICHAEL FRENCHMAN.

HOW MUCH OIL OFF THE FALKLANDS?

New evidence for what may be a major oil find in the South Atlantic near the disputed Falkland Islands is coming to light. This follows the collection and analysis of new information from a number of seismic and other surveys carried out by British, American, and Argentine companies and agencies.

Last year a joint seismic survey of the continental shelf was carried out on behalf of the Argentine and British governments. This covered the 400-mile wide ocean floor between the mainland of Argentina and the islands, whose sovereignty is the subject of a long standing dispute with Britain. There is a strong possibility that a substantial oil facility to service present and future offshore drilling programmes could be established in the tiny group of islands, which have a population of under 2,000. Oil experts from both the United States and Britain agree that sedimentary rock layers of the hydrocarbon bearing type exist in five main rock basins on the continental shelf. Argentina is already drilling in the southern-most offshore areas east of the island of Tierra del Fuego and on the island itself. Oil has been found in the so-called "Spring Hill formation" at a depth of over two kilometres just above the Jurassic rock layer. This information is shown on a speculative geological cross section map of the Magellan basin which stretches across the continental shelf from the Magellan Straights, which divide Tierra del Fuego from the mainland, to Weddell Island in the Falklands. Based on the latest available data this map section indicates that the same kind of oil-bearing rock formation

should be found approximately 4½ degrees west of Weddell Island at a depth of 3.5 kilometres between the Cretaceous and Jurassic rock layers.

Mr. E.W. Hunter Christie, chairman of the Falkland Islands Research and Development Association in London, said yesterday about the prospects for oil: "Sooner or later somebody is going to have to drill there. We are on the wrong foot because the FCC pursued the wrong policy ten years ago. What would have been a risky political development and a doubtful commercial one is now becoming an essential one of development. Never mind the politics, it is far more likely to be profitable now than it was even three years ago."

Mr. Christie says successive governments have refused to grasp the "oil nettle" in the Falklands. He wants urgent government action, otherwise Britain and the Falklands could miss out on what could become another North Sea in the Southern oceans.

SOUTH AMERICA - POLITICAL

A new series written by H.V. WATSON of Havant, Hants.

PART ONE

Some people associate events B.C. (before Christ) with only the Middle East. They are apt to disregard the fact that civilizations existed in the South Americas also at this time. Chinu funeral pottery has been discovered that could easily be 7,000 years old. So does pottery found in the Huacho tombs. Ancient buildings have been found in the huge forestry of Southern Americas. Whether these people worshipped the moon, sun or stars, it was a form of civilization. The Incas built roads and stone bridges. All the indigenous races and tribes were possessed of some civilizing influences according to their way of life, whether static or nomad.

DISCOVERY

The European discovery of this distant land, led initially by Christopher Colon (Columbus) came about through the acquisition of a chart of the Florentine cosmographer, Paolo dal Pozzo Toscannelli. This showed a crossing to the west which Columbus undertook with three vessels, the Santa Maria of 120 tons; the Pinta of 100 tons, and the Nina 80 tons. He made a landfall at the islands of the West Indies on his initial voyage.

In 1500, the Portuguese Pedro Alvarez Cabral led a fleet of thirteen ships and reached Brasil in April of that year. This was not intended nor a time for exploration. It could be said that the Portuguese sponsored coastal voyages of Amerigo Vespucci in 1502, Gonzala Coelho in 1508 and Juan Diaz de Solis for Spain in 1515, paved the way for the sailing of Fernando de Magelhaes to the Straits named after him.

The Spanish invasion of the central, southern and northern areas of the Americas is a subject on its own, but here are some salient features:

The actual discovery of the Rio de la Plata (Silver River) was made by the Portuguese in 1514 in their coastal explorations, but was regarded with little significance since the mouth of the river was silted with many sand bars. Pasteue, a Genoese, sailed along the west coast of South America down to the Straits in 1544.

Alvar Nunez de Vaca, who became Governor in succession to Pedro de Mendoza, entered the River Plate and travelled up river to the colony of 'Asuncion', which is now called Paraguay. The Society of Jesus (Jesuits) accompanied expeditions, established missions and influenced the political history of South America. The conversion and attempted conversion of the indigenous peoples to Spanish Christianity was initially by military influence on a cowed people. Those who refused and fought the military were regarded as heretics and suffered slavery and death. The Indios had their human liberty crushed in the process.

Trade communication with the colonies was monopolised by the harbour of Seville. All vessels of the New World had to report there.

Charles the V of Spain was the first to introduce the 'convoy' system in 1526. This was the origin of the celebrated 'Plate Fleets' or 'Silver Fleets' which pirates, buccaneers and privateers took great delight in capturing. Security for this reason in transoceanic commerce developed. In Spain, ships were assembled initially at Seville, San Lucas de Barrameda and Cadiz. In the West Indies the assembly point was in the region of the Panama. And in 1589, no less than 90 vessels were assembled for the convoy across the Atlantic. All were required to mount light weapons.

The two largest vessels were referred to as 'capitana' and 'almiranta' and did not carry freight, but were well armed. The galleons had the duty of watching over the safety of the fleet and these vessels were also heavily armed. Later, galleys were incorporated in the fleets. Eventually, despatch vessels called 'Avisos' were introduced and these vessels were sent ahead of the fleet to warn the officials in the port of the pending arrival of the fleet and the number of ships. CONTINUED NEXT EDITION.

FLASHBACK: Items gleaned from the papers of the Falkland Islands in days of yore!

"WILD" COW EPISODE

While engaged in surveying work, Saturday morning at Big Rookery Bay the Hon. G. Roberts, Director of Public Works, and Mr. G.L. Challen also of the Public Works Department, were chased a considerable distance by a cow which gave every indication of being in a wild condition. On Saturday afternoon, accompanied by Mr. Challen, the Chief Constable, Captain W.M. Allan and Constable Swain, set out to discover and destroy it if necessary. But after a search of over an hour the identical animal could not be found although several of the many grazing in the vicinity of the bay answered the description.

HOSPITAL'S NEW LIGHTING INSTALLATION

Last week the installation of the "Keopalite" Emergency Lighting System was completed in the K.E.M. Hospital and when tested out on Thursday fully justified the claims of the makers. Should there be a breakdown of the town plant during an operation or should the fuses blow in the hospital when the light has to be used there will be no danger of the work being hindered by darkness and its consequent perils for the "Keopalite" system automatically switches on thus permitting the continuance of the doctors' work without a moment's interruption. The system is also for use in illuminating the hospital after the town service has closed down for the night thus obviating the use of paraffin lamps until the following morning as has been necessary heretofore.

Above items from 'PENGUIN' March 1935.

And from the Falkland Islands Magazine, October 1893, and also reprinted in a 1935 'PENGUIN' comes this item about a fire. It is highly interesting to note how Stanley is referred to as a 'settlement'.....

The most destructive fire which has ever taken place in Stanley broke out in the Shamrock Public House at 12.00 o'clock, Tuesday night, October 3rd. Miss Lellman observed as she passed a window in her home what seemed to be a huge lamp burning in the bar, she immediately called her father's attention to it; he ran up to the Shamrock and roused the inmates - Mr. & Mrs. Pinazo. Casimiro Pinazo remained in the house, saying that he would come out in a minute, but overcome apparently with the smoke he never did so. A small portion of the head, the body and one hand were found - where the bar had been - after the fire had burned out. It is supposed that he had gone back for his money. The latter - gold and silver - were found more or less melted near to where it was known he stored the same. B. Wilmer on the first alarm ran down and rang the dockyard bell, a gun was fired, and the Colonists turned out in large numbers, but the fire by this time had obtained complete mastery over the house, which was burned to the ground with the Pensioners Cottage attached to its west end. The latter had only been occupied a week before by Mr. & Mrs. Dix. All the furniture in the Shamrock was burned. The fire engine was brought out and willing hands set to work to save the adjoining houses - Mrs. Ryan's and Mrs. Hockings' to the east and Mr. Cletheroe's to the west. These houses received no damage whatever. It was a great cause of thankfulness that what little wind there was came from the south-west and thus blew the heat and sparks across the road and gardens opposite. The burning house was a grand sight, and lighted up the whole settlement. The Shamrock and furniture were insured. Such was the melancholy end of one who for many years has been resident in the islands - forty of them having been spent as a gaucho in the camps.

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'THE EXTRAORDINARY AFFAIR AT PALERMO'

Those of our Members who have read the Falkland Islands Times and the more recent issues of The South Atlantic Free Press may have wondered at the references to "traitors", and what it is all about.

Since no account, as far as we are aware, has appeared in the English speaking press, but has been widely reported on Argentine Television and the Spanish speaking press, and in spite of this being a philatelic magazine, we feel we have a duty to report the extraordinary affair as it has been made known to us; there could be future resulting implications which otherwise might not be understood.

It seems that a few months ago an Argentine visitor to the Falkland Islands, who is reported to have been a visiting vet, made an offer that anyone wanting a horse could go to Argentina and pick their own. When asked how much, he said, that to a Falkland Islander it would be £1.

It would seem that as a result, in spite of much local bitter opposition, a small party of people from the Falkland Islands, intent on getting a cheap horse at the expense of all else, travelled to Palermo in Argentina during August. It is reported that they stayed in luxury hotels and were wine and dined in style at no cost; they wore badges saying "Islas Malvinas", were loaded with gifts and were granted the Freedom of the City, the key of which an expatriate Scotsman accepted on behalf of the party; a New Zealander apparently made an ingratiating speech of thanks on behalf of the Islanders. However no horses, the original bribe, were produced for sale.

The Islanders are naturally furious at what they see was a cheap publicity trick and their betrayal by a handful of greedy undesirables. A large notice 'F.I. Traitors' was placed along the airport road so that the returning party should see it.

Undoubtedly photographs of this event will be produced by Argentina at future political discussions thus making political diplomacy more difficult.

Undoubtedly it will have worsened relations between the Falkland Islands and Argentina for the future, resulting in less willingness to co-operate over trade or any other ventures.

At least, perhaps, the Falkland Islanders now know whom they can trust!

As the words "Crown Agents" are heard often enough in the Falklands and conjure up visions of pin-striped officials sifting through stamp designs, wallpapering their offices with 'Sheetlets' or cursing over an order from Government Central Store, the following article may be of interest to some. Written by MAJOR R. SPAFFORD, Editor of 'THE UPLAND GOOSE', journal of the Falkland Islands Philatelic Study Group, Volume V No. 2, December 1979.

THE CROWN AGENTS BECOME INDEPENDENT

Thirty-three years ago, the great British Empire was so vast and spread across the world that it was true to say that at no instant did the sun ever set over its total expanse; indeed it extended over 14 million square miles and was populated by seven hundred million people. Since that time, the granting of independence to the various Dominions and Colonies has become, for some, an all too familiar event, until today all that is left under British control are a few relatively small islands, peninsulars and enclaves for whom independence is either undesirable or economically impossible. Now, in January 1980, the Crown Agents, one of the great, probably the greatest, administrators of the largest empire ever known will cease to be under the aegis of the British Government and become an independent corporation in its own right. This change, a significant step in itself, could have enormous implications.

Founded in 1833, when the British Government appointed two Agents General to conduct agency duties for 13 Crown Colonies, the organisation rapidly

expanded until in 1863 it became entitled the Crown Agents for the Colonies. Its business capabilities have been, and still are, the most diverse imaginable: it supplies stores from computers to buttons and from jumbo jets to bicycles, builds houses, makes surveys and draws maps, arranges salaries and administers pension schemes; it can dress an army, recruit doctors or supervise health services, provide currency and postage stamps or arrange travel: the list is interminable.

The first contract to provide postage stamps was for Mauritius in 1848, and by the 1860's, they were arranging for the design and printing of stamps for many of the Colonies, their first watermarked CA paper being introduced initially for fiscal stamps and shortly after used for the 1879 issue of Labuan. In 1952, the title was changed to the Crown Agents for Overseas Governments and Administrations and, today, they still act for more than 250 overseas 'principals', as their employing countries are called, which not only include the governments of Commonwealth countries, British Colonies and Dependent Territories, but also non-Commonwealth countries, the United Nations, local authorities, banks and public utilities.

Over the years, the Crown Agents staff have enjoyed a status similar in almost all respects to Civil Servants; the organisation has been subject to the dictates of British Government, frequently having to perform tasks which were not necessarily profitable for the organisation. However in January 1980, this will all change.

To start with, the organisation is determined to become profitably viable, and there is still the enormous loss from their investment venture of a few years ago to pay off. As a result they are likely, for the first time, to refuse to take on any unprofitable or economic task, and operational efficiency will become paramount. The Civil Service type image of the staff is likely to change and, whereas in the past the more senior staff have been shuffled around the various departments on a system of tours, they are now more likely to remain in certain spheres and develop expertise.

So how will this affect the Crown Agents in the sphere of stamps?

It is, of course, hard to predict at this stage, but, since the Crown Agents stamp division has always been one of the profitable areas of the organisation, there is likely to be little change. However we may well see a more aggressive approach to advertising and marketing on behalf of their principles and we may well see a more aggressive approach to their competitors. Let us hope that this does not mean that they will compete by emulation, but by maintaining the security and reliability for which they have become famous and, perhaps, even improving standards. It is up to us, as customers of the end result, to encourage and support them in this, even if sometimes by constructive criticism.

May they have good luck in their new independent venture!

Interview: Harvey Truelove talks with Paddy Fields.

With the very remote possibility that the Falkland Islands will be opening the doors to a few Vietnamese refugees, the MOPED (Ministry of Progress Expert Dept.) recruited a rehabilitation expert from County Tyrone to carry out a feasibility study within the Colony.

H.T. "Tell me Paddy, where do you intend to start in this study?"

P.F. "Well to be sure now oi had taut o' startin' in da middle but oi den realised dat oid be far better off startin' at de end."

H.T. "What on earth made you decide that?"

P.F. "Well now oi pinched de oidea of a Councillor when oi heard him say 'Get dem here foist and tink about housin' dem later'. Oi straight away realised dat tiss was a common ting out in de Colony to bamboozle de populace wid Irish logic. Oi tink da Councillor had a touch o' sunstroke."

H.T. "Do you honestly think that the Falklands contains elements of racism?"

- P.F. "To be sure oi don't know. Oi have heard dat dere could be oil and some trace elements but oive heard nuttin' concerning raz...er... rass...er... whatever it was ye said."
- H.T. "I read in the Economist that you recently sufered from an ailment known as the Whitehall Syndrome, is this correct."
- P.F. "It is at all, at all, and it was because of tiss ting tat oi was selected to play de part of expert. Apparently tiss illness is a high recommendation which enabled me to walk away wid da job."
- H.T. "What does the Whitehall Syndrome disease consist of?"
- P.F. "Piles between de ears."
- H.T. "Yes, well, back to the question of racism. Have you paid much attention to any local reports on this theme?"
- P.F. "No scr. Oi make moi observations on da attitudes of da proletariat and in keeping wid da wishes of de people we maintain a camaraderie hit erto unequalled in Government /Peasant relationships which naturally combine to eke an existence closely linked wid de social atmosphere prevailing at de toime of preliminary confrontation."
- H.T. "That was a very good statement. Did you write it?"
- P.F. "No scr. Oi was allowed to take me pick of several pre-written non-sensical statements which we are obliged to make when we speak to de Radio people."
- H.T. "As we are running out of time, one final question. In all honesty would the influx of Vietnamese refugees work in such a small place as the Colony?"
- P.F. "Oi do not hesitate in saying no. Oi cannot find any area suitable for de operation of rice growin'. De Hostel site was good but de Contractors seem to be very jealous and won't share their quagmire out fairly. Besides, most of de refugees are Communists and would not be allowed to join de Colobus Club so dere would be no entertainment at all, at all."
- H.T. "Paddy, thanks very much."
- P.F. "Hallo and a happy Easter to ye."

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"REFUSE TO FIGHT" AND DO WHATS RIGHT
WAR ONLY BRINGS POVERTY, SORROW, & STRIFE, AND A LOSS OF YOUR DEAR ONES
COMPOSED BY DESMOND PECK, POBT STANLEY, FALKLAND ISLANDS, P.C. Box 95

Why fight for your Country
To me its a crying disgrace
Its the working class that suffers
Despite Country, colour or race

People in every Country
Should all refuse to fight
You should all get together
And demand to do whats right

Whats the use of fighting anyway
When you know there's nothing to gain
You may get a few medals or badges
While your comrades have all be slain

There's a lot of work ahead of us
It's like climbing up a hill
But remember what the BIBLE says
THOU SHALT NOT KILL

How nice it would be to conquer
What stories you would have to tell
Put think of all those millions
You drove to war, and hell

The Falkland Islands is an example
And after two terrible wars
We still live here in freedom
A freedom which could also be yours

So why be forced to fight at all
Just to satisfy your Governments greed
Peace and Goodwill among fellow men
Is what this world really needs

So when you have an Idiot
Setting out for power
Stand together, and refuse to fight
This will be your finest hour

I'm happy to write this poem
So wherever you all may be
Don't pick up arms to kill fellow men
And invade each others COUN-TR-Y

I hope these few lines will have effect and make everyone think twice
before going to war. Nothing is gained by war as we all know.

With compliments from Des Peck

BREAK! BREAK!

"Are there any Radio Amateurs there now willing to make a schedule on the
10 Metre Band?" writes Bill Cheley of New York State. "I used to talk
regularly with Les Hardy, Tony Hardy and Jim King via radio 2- years ago.
Jim and Da King visited me for a week in 1963 and I have been out of touch
with the F.I. since they went to New Zealand." Bill gives some radio
details that will be understood by the various hams in the Islands so here
they are as written: 2100 GMT or 2200 GMT 28.875 to start, once a week any
day Monday thr Friday. Bill sent a photostat of his QSL card which includes
the following details: XMTR: 813, 250 Watts. ANT: 4 Elements Wide Spaced.
RCVR: VHF-152, HQ-129-X. Call sign: W2JY. Bill's address: Mr. W. Chaley,
N. Eagle Village Road, Manlius, N.Y. 13104, U.S.A.

News Briefs . .

FLARES SIGHTED

At about 9-45pm on January 31st a number of people reported to the Harbour Master, the Police and the Royal Marines that they had seen a series of coloured flares in the sky north of Mount Low. The Master of the FORREST was alerted and the ship soon sailed with the Harbour Master onboard to investigate. They carried out a thorough search of Berkeley Sound but nothing could be seen visually or on radar. They returned around 3am.

The following morning, after a short meeting, it was decided to get the Beaver to carry out a further search of the Volunteer Point and Berkeley Sound areas but nothing could be found. However, later in the morning at a regular radio schedule, it was discovered that HMS Endurance's helicopters had been doing some night flying and had been dropping flares at the time of the 'sightings' in a line north of Stanley. The search was then called off. HMS Endurance has apologised for all the inconvenience caused by this exercise.

PLEASE MR POSTMAN

On Wednesday the 30th of January a report was received from Mr T.Clifton of Sea Lion Island, through Mr R.Goodwin of Fitzroy, to the effect that a Yacht was sighted sailing around Sea Lion Island. The yacht made a circuit of the Island and then headed in the direction of Stanley. The yacht was next sighted passing the Wolf Rocks at 11am on Thursday and making good progress towards Cape Pembroke Lighthouse. At approximately 1-30pm HMS Endurance sighted her close to the Seal Rocks and reported she had fired a flare and thought assistance was required. M.V.Forrest left her jetty soon after the report was received and contact was made with the yacht about 3 miles north of Seal Rocks at about 3pm. A line was given to the yacht on the assumption that she was in distress and required a tow into the harbour but this was not the case. This was the German yacht 'Brigitte' with Horst Timreck on board currently engaged in a single-handed non-stop round the world voyage and only required some mail posting! After the mail was transferred the yacht set sail and headed in a North Easterly direction.

SOCCER RESULTS

Stanley 2nd XI.....2 HMS Endurance 2nd XI.....4
Rangers.....0 Dynamos.....10
Rangers.....0 Mustangs...4

BIRTHS

In Lypstone, Devon to Mr & Mrs Michael Harrison (Nee Jane Kerr), a son: CRAIG JOSEPH.

24th January to Mr & Mrs Paul Bonner (Nee Vera Summers), a son: ALAN PAUL, weighing 7lbs 11oz.

26th January to Mr & Mrs Kenneth McKay (Nee Josie Stewart), a daughter: JENNIFER CORAL, weighing 6lbs 7oz.

COMMITTEE MEETS

Thursday evening, Jan 31st, the Town Hall was the venue for the Annual General Meeting of the Falkland Islands Committee Local Branch. At a guess, about 90 people were in attendance and a distinct lack of youngsters was noticeable. After an opening address by Chairman Neil Watson, his last before 'retiring from the Committee', the election of new members took place.

Among the members elected were Messrs. Stan Smith, Bill Roberts and Terry Spruce. Talking points included representation at Anglo-Argentine talks plus the possibility of the Argentines building a house in Stanley. A petition protesting this fact was signed by all after the meeting, and, even though their are good cases both for and against the Argentines erecting a house, remember: Once they're in, they're in!

BEST WISHES!

Mr. Charles Brind writes and asks if his message could be published, so here it is: "BEST WISHES TO ALL ON THESE ISLANDS FOR 1980". Charles said "I was out here in 1942 with the 1st Field Hospital R.A.M.C."

PENFRIENDS/STAMPS/RADIO

PENFRIENDS

Dear Sir,

I would like a pen-pal friend, a girl, between the ages of 12 and 14. I am 13. My birthday is June 29. My hobbies are collecting rocks and matchbooks. I also read, ice skate and do cross-country skiing. I have a sister, age 11, and she wants a pen-pal too. She likes to read, collect rocks and sea shells. Her name is Ruth". Anyone who cares to correspond with Vicky or Ruth or even both of the girls should write to: Miss Victoria (or Ruth of course) Mardin; RFD No. 1, Old Town Road, Hill, New Hampshire 13243, United States of America.

STAMPS

WANTED - Any odd Falkland Islands Stamps. Correspondence to: Mr. Charles Brind, 6 Pittlesden, Tenterden, Kent, England.

SOCCER RESULTS

REDSOX.....1	MUSTANGS.....0
Lopez	
REDSOX.....4	DYNAMICS.....2
Lopez (3)	Biggs
Smith, C.	Jennings
DYNAMICS.....0	MUSTANGS.....8
	Sibley (3)
	Gardiner (4)
	O'Reilly (pen.)

Dear Sir,

One frequently hears local reference to the Post Office Philatelic business as our second industry; it is our second largest source of income, but it is not an industry.

The local and international sale of stamps is nothing more than a retail business and the goods sold are all imported and many of them re-exported. The profit margins are so exorbitant that if they were applied to consumer goods, there would be a public outcry and Government investigation, but it can be truthfully argued that no one needs to buy stamps to survive.

I am not knocking the stamp business - far from it - and I hope it prospers mightily, but things need to be kept in perspective. Our true second industry is Tourism and this too is growing annually, though rather more slowly. I do not agree with the critics of our stamp issue, design and format policy; our stamp authorities and the Crown Agents have managed this with success for many years now and international interest and demand are greater than ever before.

Tourism, especially that furnished by visiting ships, would benefit greatly from the provision by an enterprising body, of facilities for getting in out of the wind and/or rain and being able to obtain refreshments as required. For many, especially the elderly, it must be a long day ashore in Stanley with nowhere to rest in reasonable comfort for a while.

Yours faithfully,

Robin Pitaluga

BRUCELLA OVIS ERADICATION

Information (4)

The third phase of the blood testing programme is well under way with three large farms and some smaller ones still outstanding. It is hoped that all the testing will be completed by the second week in March.

Contrary to the statement on the foot of Page twelve (which is prepared more or less first when printing) it was decided to slip in an extra page, so, to make sure that Stan Smith does not put my mail in the wrong box here is his latest report from the:

DEFENCE FORCE RIFLE ASSOCIATION

December the 23rd should have been the spoon competition at 900 and 1000 yards, but on arrival at the range a very strong 'westerly' was prevailing and it was decided that we should revert to the shorter ranges.

Conditions proved to be very difficult and during the 600 yard range 14 to 16 minutes of wind were experienced, with Douglas Hansen and Derek Pettersson coming out spoon winners under handicap conditions, with $85 + 2 = 87$, and $84 + 2.1 = 86.1$ respectively. After the Christmas holidays, the second try in the 'Try Again' series was competed for on 30th December, with Harry Ford scoring a 43 at 500 yards and 48 at 600 emerging with an aggregate of $91 + .9$ giving him a total of 91.9 in the second try thus defeating Brian Summers 88 points in the First Try.

The 1st stage of the 600 yard championship saw 13 competitors taking part on 6th January to challenge John Bound - last years Champion - in the final. Stan Smith, Tony Pettersson and Brian Summers emerged as challengers for this event and on completion of the days shooting, Stan Smith emerged with 7 clear points over his nearest rival. Sunday January 13th gave members the first opportunity to try their skills at 900 and 1000 yards this season in the first stages of the range championships. It is very encouraging indeed to see new competitors emerging to challenge for these honours. Susan Whitney returned a 44 at 900 yards to join Harry Ford and Keith Summers in challenging Douglas Hansen in the Final. Susan scored a 38 at 1000 yards to join Stan Smith and Tony Pettersson in challenging Derek Pettersson in the final - well done Susan. Weather for long range shooting was good with little wind at 900 yards although it did freshen up 18 minutes at the 1000 yard point and did enough damage to disrupt several scores. Local Bisley is scheduled for early February, so the next news flash will be after the Bisley events are completed. STAN SMITH, Hon. Secretary, FIDF Rifle Association.

PICTURES AT AN EXHIBITION

A couple of weeks ago, the Refreshment Room and Crush Hall parts of the Town Hall in Stanley played host to an exhibition of artwork by local artists. Duffy Sheridan, John Smith, Tony Chater and Sonia Paul exhibited works that were really excellent. Top marks for realism must go to Duffy. His 'talking point of the Town' was his portrait of local citizen Mr 'Gugs' Browning, who, shown complete with pipe in hand, could almost have been waiting to step down from the canvas and walk around a bit! Sonia Paul, who has recently returned to the Falklands, showed pure brushwork magic in her wildlife miniatures. Tony Chater, from Fox Bay West, was not in attendance which was a pity because many people would have congratulated him on his excellent paintings - watercolours - of birds and penguins. Finally, John Smith, well known locally and indeed abroad, had on show some finely detailed paintings of whole and wrecked vessels. The best part of John's exhibition in my mind was his great little paintings on hand-sized pebbles ('Rock-oco?') the portrait of Government House being a particular favourite. All in all a damn good show and may we see more of them.

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WANTED FOR F.I.TIMES

It is planned to devote two pages in future editions to photographs depicting life in the Falklands. It would be greatly appreciated if anyone would lend the TIMES good crisp shots (monochrome) for reproduction. These have to be sent to England (John Malcolm of Leicester) for Electronic Scanning and will be treated with great care and then returned. Seascapes or landscapes are a bit hard to reproduce fully, so shots will be limited to people and structures for the 'experimental' stage. If Government would hire the use of their scanner it would be easier, still, John Malcolm is probably cheaper!!!

Dear Dore,

Just a few reflections on 1979 as I remember them. The year started on a note of optimism with great promise being made, and mostly forgotten within the first few hours.

The tourist trade steadily grew while the population steadily diminished; Marine Headquarters moved to Ross Road West and the Darwin road didn't move anywhere.

It was also the year of the great gin drought. This was very serious as no decisions could be made until a fresh supply arrived; this resulted in many strange things happening.

Captain Marvel conquered the Jasons and several other places he wasn't supposed to, proving beyond a doubt that any idiot can do anything if they break every rule in the book.

There was even a rumour that the government were considering using hot air balloons as a means of cheap travel with LEGCO supplying the fuel. This turned out to be untrue and had been blown up out of all proportion.

The supply ship arrived with the usual excitement; although I must add the excitement was not so much in buying the goods as in getting there before the onslaught of the big black ships which also visited us. There was more excitement when a visiting pilot on his way down south beat up Stanley. On his arrival at his destination he received a telegram of congratulations from the Governor. At about the same time our own Air Service received a rocket for doing their best. Perhaps this year they might get a day off instead.

Time passed as time usually does. Endurance arrived and continued to endure, while Julian Fitter ran aground in the Upland Gocse and the Governor became a hazard to shipping.

Finally, as 1980 is already under way I hope this weeks episode of the Andy Alsop saga is the final one as I believe the Air Service is running short of sick bags.

Yours sincerely,

Katy Kelpgoose

(Name withheld by request)

LETTERBOX

FROM: CHIEF TECHNICIAN T. LLOYD, PATH. LAB., R.A.F.
HOSPITAL, ELY, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
DATE: 4th JAN 1980.

Dear Sir,

I have been a philatelist since the age of ten years in 1945 and am a member of many Philatelic Societies etc. One of my main interest are the stamps of the Falklands and their Dependencics, which have for ages set an example to a world full of nations that seem to be set on obtaining as much money from collectors as they can and not caring about producing the labels for their proper reason - i.e. to act as receipts for the payment of postage.

I am however, sad to hear that it has been planned to issue a set of Falkland Island Stamps depicting Old Island Cancellations in sets of six stamps of the same face value but different designs, printed in sheets of six side-by-side (or sheetlets if you like).

Now there is no reason for such a set up except for exploiting philatelists throughout the world. This could mean that in the end (sooner later), Falkland Postage Stamps will be boycotted by the Philatelic World - with bad results on the economy of the islands. If only those concerned with the planning behind this set were real philatelists, then such material would not even be considered. Sad to say, I'm having to tell my usual supplier of your stamps that I don't want these, and no others in future if they are so obviously produced to get asmuch as possible from collectors.

Let's hope that other collectors will do likewise, and teach those responsible a clear philatelic lesson.

Yours,

TOM LLOYD

Ed: Selling the birthright for a mess of postage??!!

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The Colony's Independent Newspaper

First in a series of regular articles:-

NAYRAD WRITES - On JUSTICE

Those of us following recent proceedings in the Colony's courtroom are probably asking ourselves whether the scales of justice are weighed in favour of the criminal and against the victim.

The outcome of a hearing (Regina v John Hugh Jones) presided over by visiting circuit judge Sir Peter Watkin Williams, in which he conditionally discharged the accused, who had pleaded guilty to inflicting grievous bodily harm on Anthony James McLaren on 31st December last, has prompted various comments from the public including one to the effect that the community appears to have little protection against violent attacks by young men in a filthy temper because they have just been thrown by their girlfriends.

The case in question was initially examined by magistrate Raymond Harvey Checkley who is also Registrar of our Supreme Court and the original charge of 'intent to cause grievous bodily harm or maim, disfigure or disable' was reduced by the magistrate to one of 'inflicting grievous bodily harm after the defence submitted that there was no evidence of 'intent' and the accused was committed to the Supreme Court where a plea of guilty was entered on Tuesday 22nd January. It should be mentioned here that at no time was the accused asked any questions by the magistrate. Although one of the witnesses for the prosecution stated that they thought Jones appeared to be in a state of temper a good fifteen minutes after the incident (in which McLaren sustained a fractured skull, perforated eardrum, damage to the small bones behind the eardrum and associated nerve damage which has left him deaf in one ear and partial paralysis down the side of the face) as at the scene when people had gathered he exclaimed "I f..... done it. He asked for it and he got it." The prosecution did not challenge the defence when it was claimed in both hearings that the incident was just an ordinary 'punch up' resulting in serious injury. No evidence was given, other than a statement made to the police by the accused, that there had been an exchange of blows but it was shown that McLaren was heavily intoxicated. In evidence given it was clear that the accused was in full control of his faculties but the unwitting prosecutor was no match for the astute defence who needed little effort to convince his Lordship that McLaren's injuries were brought about by himself as he was the instigator of the incident. In fact at one stage the judge seemed to put words into the defence counsel's mouth when he said "What you are trying to say Mr Leonard is that what started as a kind of friendly wrestle ended up in a punch up that resulted in serious injury?" When the judge asked the prosecution if this was being challenged the reply was "No m'Lord." Although the prosecution asked for compensation for the victim, the defence submitted (and was held up by the judge) that this was out of the question as the victim was to blame. The case concluded by the judge telling the accused that it was rather unfortunate that he had been appearing on this charge and said "Take my advice young man - leave the bottle alone. It can be an enemy as well as a friend." Surely such irony has never been heard before in our Courtroom.

This report would have ended here but there is a very disturbing slant in relation to the proceedings. Aware of the incompetence of the prosecution at the preliminary investigation, a citizen wanted to take up the case for the Crown but after persistent interference by the Registrar the individual concerned was informed some fifteen minutes before the Supreme Court hearing that the police would have to continue the role of prosecution counsel. It can be argued that the outcome of the case would have still resulted in a conditional discharge but the Crown would have painted a different picture to that of a friendly wrestle ending in a punch up. No doubt someone, somewhere, is rubbing their hands with glee and proclaiming 'Long live Regina!'

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INCIDENT AT GOOSE GREEN

Saturday March the 1st turned out to be a black day in the history of Goose Green farm. The Police Department, Stanley, received a call from Goose Green at 6-47 that morning which said that a serious incident had taken place at the settlement in the early hours of the morning.

Mr Tony Kirk, aged 24, had, in circumstances that were not clear, received serious injuries, thought to have been caused by a knife, to his abdominal region.

Tony was brought into the KEM Hospital in Stanley and scores of rumours circulated in which it was indicated that Tony, although in a pretty rough condition, was on the road to recovery. It came as a truly tremendous shock therefore when Tony succumbed and died on the following day, Sunday March 2nd.

On the Saturday, Policeman Tom Keene travelled to Goose Green to make enquiries into the incident and later arrested a man who has been helping the police with their enquiries.

At Tony's funeral service held on Wednesday the 5th, the gang who are involved in the construction of the Stanley-Darwin road link were in attendance as Tony had been a Plant Operator with the Plant & Transport Authority and had worked on the road project for 18 months or so.

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REPORTS RECEIVED

The Government has now received the report prepared by Captain Andy Alsop of LOGANAIR who was in the islands a while back to inaugurate the Islander air service within the framework of FIGAS's existing seaplane service. Another report that has been received by Government is the Collard Report. John Collard of BBC Radio Leicester was in the islands to make a report/recommendations on the Falkland Islands Broadcasting Station.

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NEW GOVERNOR ARRIVES IN COLONY

The new Governor of the Falkland Islands and Dependencies and High Commissioner of British Antarctic Territory, Mr Rex Masterman Hunt, arrived in the Colony on February the 27th, and takes over the above office from Acting Governor Dick Baker Esq., who held the post in the interim after Mr James Parker left the Colony to pursue retirement.

Mr Hunt inspected a Guard of Honour drawn up outside the Town Hall made up of members of the Falkland Islands Defence Force and the Royal Marines.

His Excellency then entered the Council Chambers for the formality of swearing-in. Mr Hunt has already made a couple of visits to Camp stations, accompanied by his wife and he has also made a few visits to the various government departments.

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NO APOLOGIES OFFERED

No apologies are offered for the inclusion of what may be considered by some of 'stale news'. Some items of news although rather ancient have been kept in for the benefit of the overseas subscribers, the ever growing number which now exceeds the number of Camp subscribers. The TIMES overseas subscribers has grown by 50% since November 1977 in numbers.

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MITCH COMES AND GOES

Falkland Islands Company Director, Mr Frank Mitchell, completed his usual routine visit to the colony recently.

He was in the Islands for 16 days.

Mr Mitchell toured the Camp and visited many settlements including Darwin, North Arm, Walker Creek and Fox Bay West.

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KEEP IT UP JEREMY!!

It has been learned that Mr Jeremy Smith, son of John and Eileen, was reading a copy of the F.I. TIMES on a railway station in England and was noticed by Mr Cawkell who has connections with the Islands and wrote a book on the Islands history some years ago. Jeremy is a student at the Thomas Peacock School, Rye, East Sussex.

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B I R T H S M A R R I A G E S A N D D E A T H S

Births:-

30/1/80 to Mr and Mrs Mike Eleaney (formerly Mackintosh) a son:
DANIEL ALEXANDER
1/3/80 to Mr and Mrs Mike Ford (formerly Cherry Robson) a son:
DARREL

Marriages:

February 9th Raymond FOOLE to Nancy STEPHENSON
February 16th Derek CLARKE to Kathleen DOBBYNS
February 23rd Nigel HART to Sheena ROSS

Death:-

19/1/80.....James Watson PECK.....Aged 79.

.....and news of a birth in England:-

To Robin and Jennifer Forrester in Gravesend, Kent, a son
MATTHEW ROBIN
weight: 4lbs 6 $\frac{1}{4}$ ounces.

SOCCER RESULTS

REDSOX.....6 RANGERS.....0
Grieve (3)
Hughes
McCleod
Lopez
MUSTANGS.....3 DYNAMOS.....1
Gardner (3) Watts

THE FEBRUARY WEATHER

Average Temperature: 9.3°C Average Daily Sun : 5.8 hours
Highest Temperature: 15.9°C Average Wind Speed: 14.7 knots
Lowest Temperature: 1.5°C Highest Wind Gust : 55 knots
Total Rainfall : 2.12 inches. Gale Force Wind : 10 hours
Ground Frost Occrs : 4 10 knots or less : 187 hours

CAN ANYONE HELP

Your name was suggested by the Editor of the Falkland Islands Journal when answering a prior letter sent by me asking for information regarding all banknotes issued prior to 1932 and also for medals struck in 1935 for the Silver Jubilee of King George V.....Anyone who can help this chap with regard to his wishes should contact: DANIEL H. VILLAMAYOR, Casilla de Correo 63, Sucursal 26, 1426-BUENOS AIRES, Argentina. (The address is of the Centro Numismatico Buenos Aires).

REMANDED - TRIAL FOR CHARGE OF MURDERING KIRK - WATKIN WILLIAMS TO PRESIDE.

Francisco Burghos came before the magistrates court on the 10th of March and was remanded for a further period of eight days pending trial for a charge of murdering Tony Kirk. Mr Burghos has been remanded in custody since Saturday the 1st of March when he was arrested at Goose Green. (see Page One). The Judge, Sir Peter Watkin Williams, has agreed to return to the Falklands to hear the case against the man. This will probably be sometime in April. A preliminary enquiry will be held before the accused is committed for trial. (Information from FIBS 'News Magazine).

From the February edition of the Falkland Islands Gazette (Govt.publication).

APPOINTMENTS:-

Thomas James Keane, Constable, Police Force.
Basil Morrison, 2nd Lt., Falkland Islands Defence Force.
Robert Ernest Gilbert, Electrician, Public Works Department.

RESUMPTION OF DUTY:- Michael Raymond Pawley, Magistrate, South Georgia.

ST. VALENTINE'S DANCE

The St. Valentine Dance organised by the Youth Club Committee took place in the Town Hall on February the 14th. Miss Valentine was chosen shortly after 11 o'clock by a panel of five judges - Mrs. Gilbert, Mrs. Angela White, Dr. Sczanto, Mr. Martin White and Mr. Maurice Matthews. The lucky girl was Miss Pauline Sackett who was presented with a Teddy Bear, a silver cross and a sash which was beautifully made by Ann Keenleyside. Miss Tracy Peck was the runner-up and Tracy also received a Teddy Bear, Teddies being the Youth Club's 'theme' for this year's occasion.

The Acting Governor, Mr. Dick Baker, presented the prizes to the winner and runner-up. Two raffles were drawn and a pocket-camera was won by Marine Chunky Philp, and a box of chocolates was won by Maggie Middleton.

SOCCER: KELPERS v. UNITED KINGDOM XI by Patrick Watts.

After an absence of many years, the once traditional Kelpers versus U.K.'s match was revived with all the old spirit still remaining. The U.K. side containing such League stars as O'Reilly, Shaw and Hughes and Royal Marines Philp, Gardner and Skinner, looked altogether too powerful for the locals, and indeed for long spells of the match they outplayed the opposition. However, football is all about goals, and it was the Kelpers who scored 4 times to the U.K.'s 3.

At one time, the local side led by 4-1, but this scoreline was gradually whittled away as the home defence gave away two penalties from which Gardner scored each time. The final 15 minutes proved exciting as the 'ex-pats' poured attack after attack upon the goal-mouth of Gary Hewitt. Desperate defensive measures such as 8 corners in the last 10 minutes and a couple of good saves by the goalkeeper prevented the equaliser, and it was to great cheers from the enthusiastic large crowd that the Kelpers walked off the field triumphant by 4 goals to 3.

KELPERS.....4

Luxton (2)

Biggs

Coutts

UNITED KINGDOM XI.....3

Cain

Gardner (2 penalties)

FIGAS NEWS

On the local news programme on Tuesday February 19th, an announcement was made from the Falkland Islands Government Air Service. The report went: "Listeners may have heard that the Beaver was not able to fly this morning. This was due to the fact that on returning from yesterday's flights, it was apparent that some repairs would be needed to the exhaust studs on number 6 cylinder. This work was carried out this morning and the aircraft was ready for service again this afternoon.

Work continues on the Islander aircraft which was involved in an incident last Tuesday. The damage resulting to the aircraft has now been fully evaluated and the FIGAS Technicians have had the benefit for this purpose of several telephone conversations with the manufacturers. Following a final telephone conversation this morning, Chief Technician Hughes has been given the go-ahead to carry out the scheme of repairs which he has proposed. Britten-Norman are confident that this will be entirely satisfactory and this work will be put in hand immediately. The Port engine is also being replaced. Meanwhile, it has been decided to go ahead with the routine 100 hours servicing of the aircraft, and this work is progressing satisfactorily. The advice of the Civil Aviation Authority in London has been sought concerning the matter of an investigation into the circumstances of the incident involving this aircraft at Hill Cove last week and it would be improper of course for any official comment to be made until the outcome of this is available.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

The Memorial Service for the late Miles Mosley was held in Christ Church Cathedral at 6pm on Monday February the 18th. The service was attended by many Stanley residents, and also the crew and personnel of Royal Research Ship John Biscoe. Miles was killed in an accident involving an aircraft at Halley Bay, Antarctica, where Miles was Base Commander. While in Stanley, Miles had told the Editor that he was going down South again to help pay for the new house he had just bought in England. Miles had been Base Commander at Halley Bay before and took over from Ken Lax in January 1978

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WIND BREAK

On Sunday February 17th, during high winds, the transmitting aerial for the 536Kz Broadcast Transmitter suffered damage. This resulted in 536Kz being off the air on Sunday evening and Monday morning. However, Cable & Wire-less personnel made repairs to the array on Monday and normal broadcasting was resumed on Monday evening.

BEAVER BARGAIN?

The Director of Civil Aviation, Captain Jim Kerr, received a letter in the mail from Alliance Aviation. This is the company from which the present Beaver aircraft in service with the Falkland Islands Government Air Service were purchased. In their letter, they were under the impression that FIGAS were considering the replacement of the Beavers with Islander aircraft. And, if this were correct, they would be interested in purchasing the Beavers back.

SHIPPING CONTINUES

Shipping continued to arrive and depart from the Clapham Junction of the Briny, or, Port William recently with some more Polish trawlers, a Russian trawler and an East German support vessel calling in. The Royal Research Ship Bransfield arrived in Stanley on February the 17th and departed on the same day. The ship that ran aground on the Camber a week ago, suffered damage to her propeller and left on February the 18th for Montevideo assisted by another trawler.

EYE EYE

Dr. Figari, the specialist eye consultant associated with the Argentine state-owned fuel concern YPF, to whom many people from the Falkland Islands have been referred to paid a visit to the Colony recently and was being assisted by Sister Margaret. The purpose of Dr. Figari's visit is mainly to follow up any of the complicated cases he has been consulted on or, operations he has performed in Comodoro Rivadavia. He visited Camp Settlements during his stay and patients he could not attend to in Camp journeyed to Stanley. It is hoped that the Doctor will make a return visit to the Falkland Islands in about 6 months time. The Medical Department have been very grateful for his visit.

X-RAY EQUIPMENT

Work has commenced in the King Edward Memorial Hospital in Stanley for the installation of the new x-ray equipment which arrived on the January Charter Vessel. The Public Works Department are making alterations to the existing x-ray room and it is estimated that the equipment should be finally installed in about seven months time, when an engineer from G.E.C. will visit to give advice. The cost of the equipment was £32,000 which was a 'soft-loan' from the United Kingdom. The cost of the remainder of the installation will be met from local funds. It is hoped that the new equipment will give greater diagnostic facility to the Medical Staff than the existing unit, which, has become quite obsolete.

NEW SISTER

Miss Grant, a Nursing Sister, is expected to arrive in the Colony soon. She will be a replacement for Sister Caswell who departed the Colony some time ago.

B.A.T. STAMPS

The next commemorative issue of stamps for the British Antarctic Territory will be released during late March/early April of this year and the issue commemorates the 150th anniversary of the Royal Geographical Society and contains six stamps. Each stamp portrays former Presidents of the society with the respective polar achievements pursued during their time in office. Values are as follows: 3p - Sir John Barrow 1835-1836; 7p - Sir Clement Markham 1893-1904; 11p - Lord Curzon 1911-1913; 15p - Sir William Goodenough 1930-1933; 22p - Sir James Worthy 1951-1954 and 30p - Sir Raymond Priestley 1961-1963. This issue of stamps have been printed by offset lithography by a Malaysian firm. The designer is Mr. A.D. Theobald and the stamps have been printed on Crown Agents watermarked paper.

DRIVING TIPS FOR MOTORISTS INTENDING TO TOUR
WEST GERMANY

By Alf Shaft.

In some motoring handbooks, descriptions of the long-winded variety are often given to "every fool knows that" items. Der Fatherland is no exception and their country's 'Hinten fur der Foreign Volkswagennor' contains a glossary of German terms for various motoring expressions such as:-

- INDICATORS - Die Blinkenlighten Tickenfurturnen.
- BONNET - Der Fingerpinscher und Kopfchopper.
- EXHAUST - Das Spitzenpoppenbangentuben.
- L DRIVERS - Dumkopf mit Elplatz.
- WIPERS - Das Flippenfloppenmuckschpredundschticken.
- GEARSTICK - Das Kangerooophenpickenschticke.
- ESTATE CAR - Das Schnogginwaggen mit bagzeroomfurtoompininderback.

And watch out for excavations in towns if the Hun motorist shouts 'Strasse' to you as he passes!

PENFRIENDS WANTED

Ms. Stephanie Keith-Miller and daughter Tara would both like penfriends. Tara is 10 and would like to send the "Brownie" magazine to whoever writes to her. Address for Tara and her mum: 39 TEALSBROOK, COVINGHAM, SWINDON, SN3 5AU, WILTSHIRE, ENGLAND.

THOMAS AMOAH (Aged 15), P.O. BOX 788, TEMA, GHANA, WEST AFRICA.

OLIVIA RENSHAW (Aged 55), 3 LINGWELL GATE DRIVE, OUTWOOD, WAKEFIELD, WEST YORKS WF1 2NY ENGLAND.

POETS CORNER

It looks as though Des Peck, our regular poet, has a few rivals of late. Here now is a poem sent in by Mr C.I. DAVIS of Ilford in Essex.

We present you our Islands, unspoiled and fine,
 Far down the Atlantic, past Equator line,
 A British Colony and proud to be so,
 The following points we think you should know.
 Great Britain once with Naval Might,
 Off these shores hove into sight,
 Declaring to all the World that day,
 British these Islands are going to stay.
 The Settlers came, the Colony grew,
 Hardships suffered by the early few,
 Like many a pioneer of old,
 They carved a history worth being told.
 Political upstarts from the Argentine,
 Claim the Islands from time to time,
 With each Argentine Contract our rights do fall,
 They threaten the future of us all.
 Deep-rooted love for our Islands we feel,
 Deep-rooted anger as the Argentines steal,
 Through Contracts and Deals, the right to decide,
 Supply to the Islands and which Air-flight we ride.
 With Fish in a bundance, Perhaps oil in sight,
 And potential investment by Alginate,
 With World natural resources in a state,
 Can U.K. afford to leave us to an Argentine fate?
 Apart from the purely financial view,
 We will give this moral pointer to you,
 A Duty of Honour U.K. took long ago,
 When these Islands they settled as Empire did grow.
 The Falkland Islands are loyal and true,
 To the Flag: Red, White and Blue,
 Do not sell our people short,
 We are British in Body, Soul and Thought.
 So put the Argentine Contracts in a box,
 And send them via the B.A. Docks,
 And in a letter be sure to tell,
 The Argentines to go to Hell.

LETTERS

FROM: STANLEY, DATED: ?? Name withheld from publication by request.

Dear Editor,

As I am in the age group of the people you label "Muddled Moaners" I would like to point out that none of us were in any way muddled, the letter attached to the questionnaire was very clear and to the point as to the purpose of the Circular, so perhaps you would like to make our side more clear to the readers of the TIMES by publishing the contents of the letter:

Dear Sir/Madam

As you are probably aware, Stanley housing situation is now becoming critical and a solution must be found to overcome this problem. It has been suggested that many elderly folk living on their own may consider moving into a flat or other type of accommodation more suited for their age and abilities i.e. so they do not have the work involved in running a large house and the expense that goes with it thus freeing much needed houses either by rental or sale for younger married couples.

(Signed) Mary A. Jennings, Member of Executive Council.

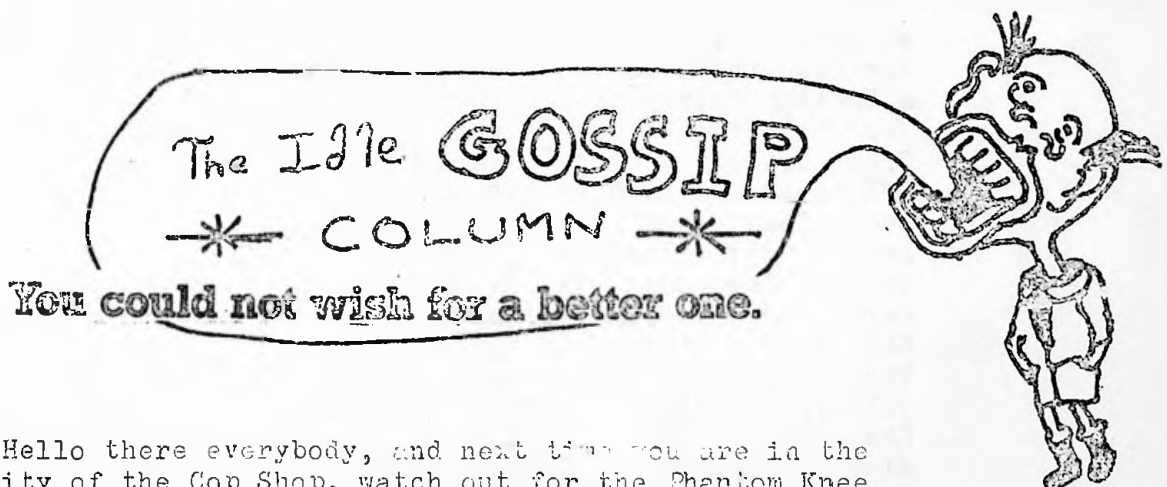
Yours faithfully,

"Still muddled as to whether it was a private letter from Mary or executive council".

FROM "BLOODNUT", STANLEY, DATED: MARCH 12th 1980

Dear Dave, How come some people insist on calling U.K. people 'ex-pats' when an expatriate (according to my dictionary) means one who has been banished from ones homeland? Perhaps a word for the users of 'Ex-pats' could be 'cow-pats'.

ED:- Er...that's two words!!



Well Hello there everybody, and next time you are in the vicinity of the Cop Shop, watch out for the Phantom Knee Tickler. Apparently very adept at climbing ladders (in stockings) he has not been caught....perhaps he's been encouraged???* I bet old Watkin the Birch is cursing at the prospect of having to return to these shores so quickly for yet another court case but it is rumoured that he just adores tripe suppers. Great to see a Litter receptacle outside the Post Office but I hear that the Argy's have got an even bigger one into which U.K. mail is slung from time-to-time. I saw a Penguin in the Post Office drum the other day..very dead!! I wonder when, (and a number of people asked it to be mentioned), the road to the peat bogs down ole 'Liza Cove way will be "done-up"? Apparently, some people are coming away with loads of Peat and arriving home with trailers full of knobblings. I wish that reports from the experts could be made public, at the inevitable price of course, then we could see just what recommendations (if any) are actually made and eventually carried out. It seems a pity that things of this nature are 'hush hush'..well..at least that is the impression with the Collard Report. Poor old John, if he could come out to FIBS again at least he could help crack a can or two before closedown! And, finally, I must mention 'Swimming Pool' just to remind people that there still isn't one; after all, what's another decade of waiting?.....More in April.

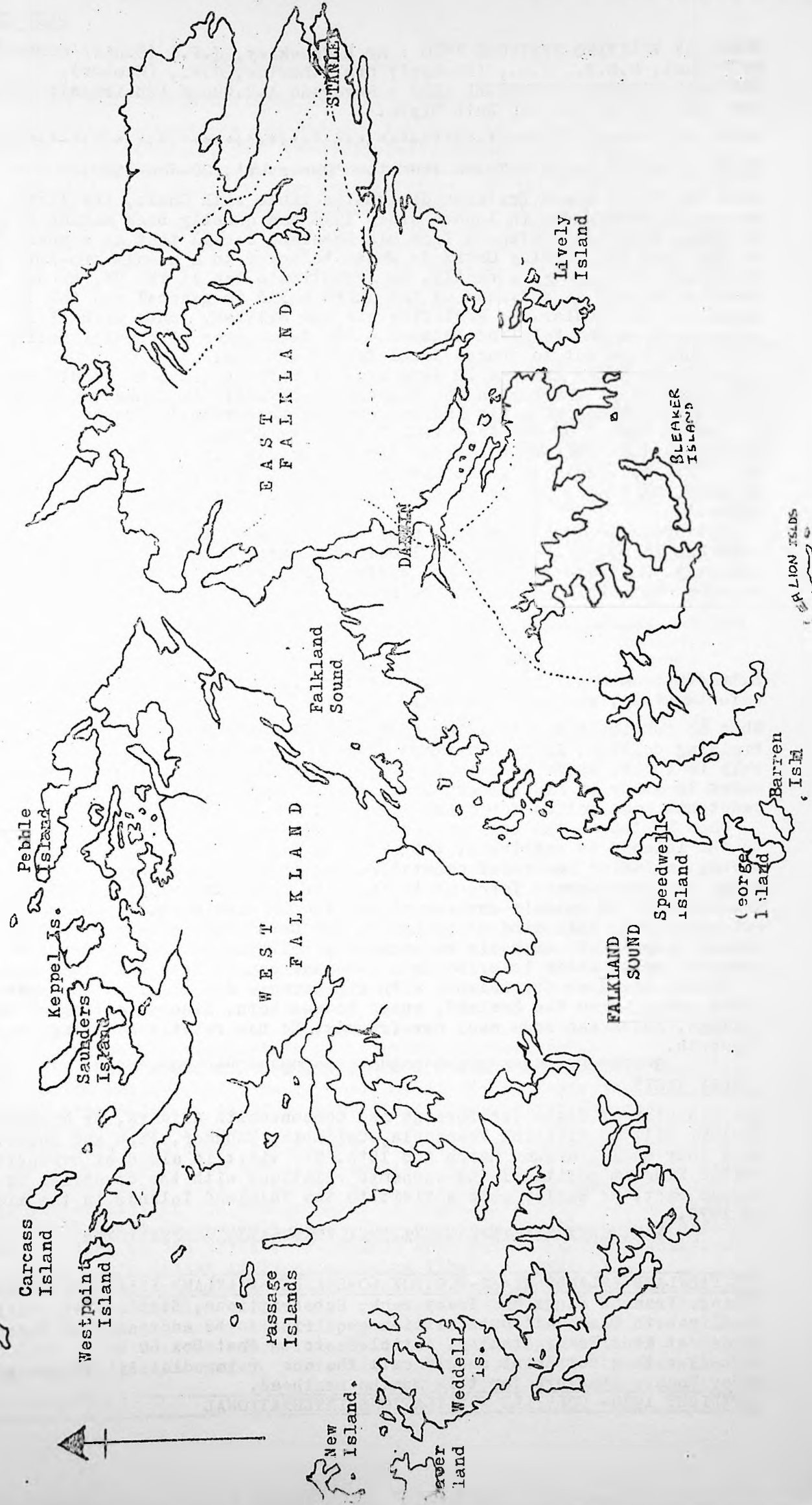
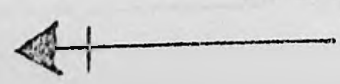
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THE FALKLAND ISLANDS

FOR THE OVERSEAS PORTERS WHO ARE UNDER THE BRITISH FLAG

SOUTH ATLANTIC OCEAN

JASON ISLANDS GROUP



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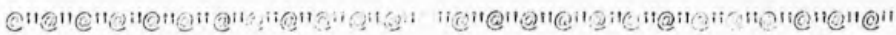
ENTER A DAPPER LATIN - Taken from the 'Observer', 20-Jan-1980.

Amid the furor about Britains diplomatic links with Chile, the first Argentine Ambassador in London since 1976 has quietly been making himself at home. Political refugees from his homeland recall that as a young man in the last war, Carlos Ortiz de Rozas belonged to a keenly pro-Axis clique in Buenos Aires. More recently, as Argentina's man at the UN, he has put himself forward as a friend of the Third World in general and the Palestinians in particular. He gratifies his own military junta with fiery utterances on the Falkland Islands - the issue over which diplomatic relations were cut to charge level four years ago.

Ortiz de Rozas arrived 10 days ago. If nothing else, he should raise the standard of parties on the diplomatic circuit: in Manhattan he held lavish receptions with his Indian servants in personal livery.

Robert Waugh, of the Argentine Solidarity Group, complains that Britain has acted 'precipitately' in exchanging ambassadors. He says: 'We should at least have waited until the report by the Organisation of American States on the mass disappearances in Argentina is released in March.'

But Ortiz de Rozas can bank upon making a good impression in the right circles. At 55, he retains the looks of a Latin matinee idol, and dresses superbly. He likes to leave the cuffs of his coats a little undone, just to show that the buttonholes are real.



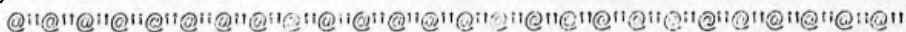
TWO FIRSTS FOR ANTON

Extracts from a cutting taken from a Western paper the name of which, unfortunately, was not attached.....

When he completes his training course at Exeter's Middlemoor police training college, Anton Livermore will be able to claim two firsts. Not only is Anton, whose home is in the Falkland Islands, the first overseas cadet to study at Middlemoor, he will also be the first trained police cadet his home police force has ever had.

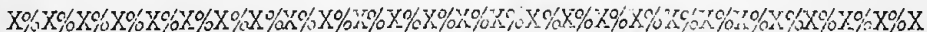
When he leaves the college next year, 17-year-old Anton will return to the islands to supplement their police force, which has a strength of seven, including the chief constable. Two more recruits are needed to bring the undermanned force up to full strength. The visit to the college was arranged by Anton's government and the British Council, an organisation set up to help this kind of exchange. The Devon and Cornwall force was chosen because its emphasis on community policing coincides with that of Anton's force. Anton is cramming a two-year course into half that period.

He has lived on the islands with his parents for the last ten years after moving from New Zealand, where he was born. Since starting at the college, Anton has made many new friends. He has relatives living in Plymouth.



RIDLEY VISIT

The Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, Mr Nicholas Ridley, will be visiting Venezuela, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru and Bolivia in a tour ending around March the 15th. The visit is aimed at strengthening United Kingdom political and economic relations with the countries of the Andean Pact. Mr Ridley paid a visit to the Falkland Islands in the middle of 1979.



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THE BACK PAGES OIL DISPUTE

FALKLANDS OIL: NEED FOR A CAUTIOUS APPROACH. Taken from the TIMES

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

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

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

Secondly, contrary to the claims of consultants quoted by Mr Frenchman, although the servicing of any offshore drilling activity in the Malvinas Basin may be most conveniently conducted from the Falklands, it does not have to take place from the Islands.

The major consideration in deciding to what degree such activity should be based there, and how it would be operated must be the subject for a difficult and sensitive judgement on the part of the Islanders. From the 1976 Economic Survey Report and from other enquiries they are mostly well aware of the impact which oil exploration and production activities has had on the residual industries of Shetland and these islands have a native population of 17,000 compared with the 1,900 in the Falklands. We would therefore strongly urge a cautious approach by the United Kingdom and Falkland Island governments to offshore oil exploration. Speculation of the kind indulged in Mr Frenchman's article can only further unsettle a community already disturbed by years of political and economic uncertainty.

Yours, etc, Lord Shackleton, H.R.Warman and Richard Johnson, House of Lords.

And a reply to the above article by Sir Bernard Braine, MP, also taken from the TIMES (publication date unknown):-

DRILLING PROGRAMME NEEDED TO TEST FALKLANDS OIL POTENTIAL

Sir, Lord Shackleton's letter of January 14 in which Michael Frenchman is criticized for giving a misleading picture in his article "How much oil off the Falklands?" requires a reply. It was Lord Shackleton himself who first aroused serious interest in the subject in his own comprehensive and valuable "Survey of the Falkland Islands" in 1976. Earlier there may have been doubts. Richard Crossman, for example, revealed in his "Diaries" that the matter was discussed by the Cabinet on October 24, 1969 - "Frankly, no one knows if there is any oil there or not, and, as I said, this may be an undergraduate idea, but the striking fact was that the Foreign Office said the only thing to do was to conceal the suggestion and prevent any testing".

Indeed, it was a cautious footnote in Lord Shackleton's survey that drew attention to the United States Geological Bulletin's estimate that the Falkland Islands area might hold up to nine times proven North Sea reserves.

Nobody gives undue credence to that estimate but the fact remains that oil companies have considered it worthwhile recently to undertake expensive seismic and other surveys in the area, possibly because oil prices now make exploration attractive. What is needed now, more than ever because of the political instability in the Middle East, is conclusive evidence that hydrocarbon reserves exist in the Falklands. This can only be obtained by exploration and drilling in the offshore Falklands area which are now identified, as Lord Shackleton's letter implies, as being likely to bear oil.

It is not for me to say what is good for the Falkland Islanders, but I believe that any controlled exploration of resources could be beneficial to their community, particularly if oil companies could be persuaded to follow the precedent of BP's recent \$4 million aid to the Shetland Islands. As Lord Shackleton states in his survey, there are suitable places in the Falkland

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Islands (which are two-thirds the size of Wales) for onshore bases which would not greatly disturb the 2,000 islanders.

What is more important surely, is that the islanders, Britons like ourselves, should be consulted as to whether they would welcome such development. At present they are dependant on a single product, wool, which is subject to a capricious market. They might well conclude that their future would be better assured than it is at present if oil development went ahead. Their other major resource, fish, is being exploited by the Comecon countries and by Japan in the absence of a coherent plan for a British fishery in the area. It is worth noting, as did Lord Shackleton's report, that the Falkland Islands are surrounded by the largest untapped source of protein in the world.

Lord Shackleton says in his letter that the basing of oil development activity on the islands must be the subject for a difficult and sensitive judgement. Agreed, but however difficult and sensitive I would submit that no judgement is possible without essential information. That information will only be made available from a drilling programme, possibly jointly conducted with Argentina but under the cover of British sovereignty.

I would hardly think that Mr Frenchman's interesting article would 'Unsettle' the Falkland Islanders. In my view, the resolution of this important issue which has global implications, is as important to them as to their kin in this country. It is better that we all know what is going on.

Yours faithfully, BERNARD BRAINE, House of Commons, February 4th.

WEDDING: SHEENA ROSS to NIGEL HART February 23rd 1980.

The Wedding of Sheena Ross of Stanley and Nigel Hart of Hull, England, took place in Christ Church Cathedral on Saturday February the 23rd.

The Bride, arriving at the Church with her Uncle - Mr Basil Biggs - looked delightful in a full-length gown of white terylene. The embroidered bodice had a horseshoe neckline and full bishop sleeves gathered into a wide matching cuff. The skirt was flared and gathered at the back of the waist to flow into a train. Her long veil was held in place with a halo of small flowers. She carried a bouquet of mixed flowers and ferns.

The three Bridesmaids, Leenie, youngest sister of the Bride, and her nieces, Patsy and Linda Buckland, all wore dresses of white terylene with an all-over pattern of blue flowers. The style of these was a high neckline puff sleeves and the long skirts ended with a deep frill. They wore blue flowers in their hair which had been neatly arranged by Mrs Gaye Robson. They all carried posies of deep-yellow African Marigolds.

The Brides attire was chosen in England by her cousin, Mrs Thora Richards, and the Bridesmaids dresses were beautifully made by Mrs Nellie Anderson. The Brides bouquet, the Bridesmaids posies and the flowers in the Church were all arranged by Mrs Rene Rowlands.

The Groom - seconded from the Royal Air Force to the British Antarctic Survey - looked very smart in his ~~uniform~~ and his Best Man, Mr Brian Summers, was also immaculate in his Falkland Islands Defence Force Uniform.

The ceremony was conducted by the Reverend Harry Bagnall and upon leaving the Cathedral, Sheena was presented with a decorated rolling pin by young guest Anna Robson. Photographs were taken before the party moved off to St. Mary's Annexe where they were joined by relatives and close friends for the Wedding Breakfast.

The Wedding Party went later to the Town Hall to meet some 250 guests at the Reception and then cut the beautiful three-tier wedding cake made by Mrs Jenny Macaskill and decorated by Mrs Elizabeth Goss. The evening ended with an open invitation to all in Stanley to attend a dance in the Town Hall which went on until 1 a.m.

Sheena and Nigle left the Hall soon after eleven o'clock for home, or so it was thought until someone in the early afternoon of Sunday picked them up on the Stanley Airport road heavily laden with bags and a tent!!

Nigel and Sheena would like to thank everyone who made their day a happy one.

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PRICE RISE

It is genuinely regretted that the price has had to be increased to fifteen pence due to the ever present inflation factor.

The last price was in September 1978 when it was raised from ten to thirteen pence.

FIRE AT DARWIN SCHOOL

It has just been reported thzt a fire occurred in the generating shed of Darwin Board School knocking out essential services such as heat, light and power. Goose Green residents gave the schoolchildren temporary accommodation and meals before they went home.

GCE RESULTS

The results of General Certificate of Education exams taken at Ordinary Level in January have arrived in the Colony and are as follows:-

<u>SUBJECT</u>	<u>ENTRIES</u>	<u>PASSES</u>
ART.....	3	2
ECONOMICS.....	1	1
ENGLISH LANGUAGE.....	11.....	10
FRENCH.....	1	1
GEOGRAPHY.....	1	0
HUMAN BIOLOGY.....	1	1
MATHS.....	2	2

Out of a total of 20 entries from the students, 17 were passes. There were five private students who each passed one subject and four of these five persons received pre-examination guidance or tuition from teachers at Stanley Senior School.

REVISED PROGRAMME FOR MV FORREST

19th - 21st April: Stanley. 22nd April: Depart Stanley for Port San Carlos. 23rd April: Depart Port San Carlos for Port Howard. 24th April: Depart Port Howard for San Carlos and pick up patrol. 25th April: Depart San Carlos for Stanley. 28th April: Depart Stanley for Pebble Island. 29th April: Depart Pebble Island for Keppel and Saunders Island. 30th April: Arrive West Point and New Island and drop patrol. 1st May: Depart New Island for Carcass and Hill Cove and pick up patrol.

2nd May: Arrive Stanley.

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THE ROLL OF THE FALKLAND ISLANDS COMMUNITY LEAGUE

By the Editor

The Town Hall Refreshment Room was the venue for the second meeting of the Falkland Islands Community League on Wednesday March 26th. Although the League suffered a pretty disappointing turnout - as it did at the first 'informal' gathering - those present seemed sufficiently enthusiastic and agreed that the organisation would get under way. A Committee of 3 was agreed upon and are as follows:- Dave Ryan - Chairman; Terry Peck - Treasurer and Miss Jeannie Dobbys - Secretary.

Highlight of that evenings meeting was the personal disclosure from Terry Peck giving background details of his struggles as Chief of Police under the Parker Regime. In order not to dwell too much on this subject which has blown wide unpleasanties within the Administration, 'The Rise and Fall of Terry Peck' is printed elsewhere in this edition.

Back to the Community League. It seemed as though (after the first meeting) some people were still vague as to what form of action the FICL will take on matters affecting the Colony's society. The League can be viewed first off as a debating society where (it is hoped) lively discussions will take place on any subject that any person feels strongly enough to complain about. A lot of people I have spoken to thought that the League was entering into the realms of the sovereignty situation, but the Argentine-Britain 'Tug-O-Peat' will be left in the capable hands of the Falkland Islands Committee and its London Office. - After the first meeting a letter was sent to the Chief Secretary as follows:-

Dear Sir,

Consequent to a meeting held on Friday 14th March, it was decided to form an association to be known as the Falkland Islands Community League.

It is envisaged that the Community League would exist to act as a sounding board and provide a forum for the expression of local views on matters affecting the community.

The League would in no way seek to usurp the function of Government or wish to be seen as an anti-Government faction but would endeavour to encourage involvement by citizens of the community in matters of public interest or concern, to try to foster local identity and ensure a greater degree of local commitment to the social and political development of the Falkland Islands thus making a small, but all important, contribution to the implementation of the report by the Rt. Hon. Lord Shackleton of July 1976 which was presented to the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs.

The first formal meeting of the Community League is scheduled for Wednesday 26th March and it is hoped to have general meetings once a month.

I am taking the liberty of offering a copy of this letter to the editor of the Falkland Islands Times for publication.

Yours faithfully,

D.A. Ryan

NATIONAL PROGRESSIVE PARTY

To some, the idea of the Falkland Islands Community League would conjure visions of a cranks tea-party. I suppose the Founders and members of another organisation called the National Progressive Party encountered the same condemnation. The National Progressive Party was formed in July 1964 and part of its manifesto read: 'The foundations of our Organisation are solid and not susceptible to attempts to undermine them because our precepts are founded on truth and honesty and our work carried out with the unshakeable conviction that what we are doing is right'. No-one can argue with that. I am not sure why the NPP failed to make a go of it and I think I am right in saying it lasted just over a twelvemonth and I am afraid that certain facts are hard to come by.

It must be understood that the NPP was formed to be a political party but the FICL is not looked upon by the members to be political. Then again what is the true definition of politics? I personally view the FICL as being an organisation where things will get moving. Let's face it, the Falkland Islands seem to be getting less attractive even for Islanders themselves to stay in. Something must be wrong. Anyway, it is hoped that the FICL does not cause such a stir as the NPP did and indeed incurred censorship as follows:

"The NPI as you know prepared a news item giving details of the formation of the Party and some idea of their aims and policies. This was read on one of the Friday newsletters. The ensuing stir apparently caused by this item was, in the opinion of the committee, totally unwarranted. The Newsletter was followed immediately by an official Government announcement stating that they did not associate themselves in any way with political parties. This could easily have been taken to infer that Government did not approve of us personally and was certainly not in keeping with their declared policy of neutrality in matters political. The rest of the story is fairly well known. The Broadcast Secretary took over the newsreading and the length of the news slightly curtailed. Enquiries by the NPP to Government met with the reply that the Party News Item was not at all the cause of the change but did to some extent influence it. They stated that if the NPP at any future elections put up candidates, the party would be accorded its fair share of broadcasting time during the election period. Various unconfirmed stories were in circulation at the time. One being that the reason for the change in the newsletter was that the Argentines would make capital out of the fact that a political party had been formed in the Falklands....

On the subject of broadcast notices, government have no objection to the broadcasting of notices of forthcoming public meetings organised by political parties". So, the NPP seemed to have a few difficulties at the outset and it may be so that the FICL will have some but more than likely none within the broadcasting spectrum as the Falkland Islands Government Broadcasting Station is pretty 'free' speechwise nowadays, which is necessary being the main form of mass communication within the Islands.

The references to the National Progressive Party are not made with intentions of comparison with the FICL. It's just to prove that there have been other organisations - The Reform League culminating in the General Employees Union or 'Federation' being another - dedicated to looking to the future for guidance rather than dwelling in the past. Too often is the cry of 'My Father did it so it's alright for me' heard. They say that in India as well and half of them are starving.

SHACKLETON

In Lord Shackleton's report of 1976, he proved to be a man who kept his eyes open. He noticed the distinct social barriers within the community. Perhaps it was the smallness of this particular community which enabled him to discover the trend towards snobbery and all the poison that goes with it. It's true, there is a social barrier here blockading the road to progress. Lord Shackleton did not linger on the subject but in his piece under the heading 'Social Aspects' he says: 'It could be wrong, however, to conclude that the people of the Islands are generally dispirited and divided. There is a striking vigour of feeling over the sovereignty issue, which has undoubtedly been a uniting factor. Yet the nature of local groupings does tend to inhibit social cohesions in other respects. Stanley also has its social problems, reflected for instance in the need for a full-time professional to complement existing efforts, largely voluntary, in most of the conventional fields of social work, such as care of the elderly, family problems, delinquency and alcoholism. However, through such provisions and with improvements in education and recreational facilities, the quality of life in the islands could be much improved. "True, and this is where the Community League will be taking part. Points will be discussed from the Medical Services Levy to the Swimming Pool and it is hoped to encourage more from the younger section to participate, the future of the Falkland Islands being their future. It can be fair to say - with apologies to Mr. Dave Ryan - that Lord Shackleton's Economic Survey has been instrumental in the ideas based round the formation of the Community League and it should prove highly interesting - to the Members anyway - to view progress as the League evolves through 1980. As they say 'Before you knock it, try it' so any Doubting Thomases should pop in to the next meeting and are respectfully requested to leave their hammers and sickles on the Town Hall steps!!

"ALLS WELL THAT ENDS WELL"

It seems as though the dispute being conducted through the letters columns of the Times of London is carrying on, and here is the latest letter this time received from Mr. R.J. Storey which was in reply to Sir Bernard Braine's letter previously published. Mr. Storey's letter appeared in the Times

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(Londor) on Feb.20th.

From Mr. R.J. Storey

Sir, In his letter of February 6th, questioning Lord Shackleton's caution on Falklands oil potential, Sir Bernard Braine is optimistic about local impact.

As a member of the Shackleton survey team and former development officer in Shetland, I am less sanguine. Certainly, activity might be centred initially on a remote service base, but the North Sea has shown how rapidly effects spread. If oil were found, the impact could be overwhelming.

The problem is one of scale, distance and pace. In a larger community closer to United Kingdom resources benefits might offset costs, but for the 1,800 people of the Falklands, with no reserve of labour, there is risk of sudden major damage to the present basis of livelihood and identity, and the diversion of energies needed for more evolutionary change. In Shetland, with 10 times the population, a major concern is already the revival of the traditional economy, for which much more than disturbance moneys will be needed.

Careful contingency planning could reduce ill-effects if started as soon as possible. Here Sir Bernard's idea of local consultation makes sense, if the topic is "how" as well as "whether". There should also be a visit to Orkney and Shetland, where impact can be observed at first hand.

R.J. STOREY,
Daviot,
Inverness.

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POETS NICHE

This edition, 2 poems have been received for publication. The first is by Des Peck and the second was received by an overseas subscriber. On a footnote to his poem, Des says that some postcards of his have been displayed in an exhibition in Budapest, the cards of course displaying views of Stanley and the Falklands. On with the verses....

"THE TRAPS THAT DID NOT GO OFF"
(A Horse for a Pound)

A Chartered plane was organised
All expenses will be paid by us
You can live in the best hotels, with food
And there won't be any fuss
When I heard this story
You can have a horse for a Pound
I said, well this is an offer
But it was a trap, I'll be bound
It must have cost them quite a lot
As some thirty-five took the chance
To go sightseeing, and have big eats
Then finish up at a dance
Personally I did not blame them
If the organisers wanted to blow their money
They certainly did not see a horse
But they had a real taste of honey
A trick was tried a few years back
Two yachts, and all for free
But this did not change our boys at all
More determined to stay "BRITISH" they be
They should have tried the women
They're a better bet of course
It's not everybodys hobby
To have a racing horse.

DES PECK

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'ADVANCE - AND BE RECGNISED'

Be proud of the name of Falkland,
Be fierce in Independence and Right,
No slave to foreign intervention,
Or devious propoganda to fight.

Beware of the art of words coaxing,
With bribery that ensnares, and shame,
Beware of the hand so velvet foxing,
The mailfist within is the same.

Your forebears were resilient to pressures
Of a foreign threats, slurs quite aware,
But be you resolved in status and proud
Steadfast, alert, united in care.

The Islands, your Home, with heritage page,
Crested waves the shores pound,
Acquired not with blood, bullet, bribery or rage,
A geographical discovery by 'Davis' was found.

Walk tall good people. Children from parents
kindly heed,
The Falkland Islands are your Birthright,
Watch out for foreign greed.

"Si somos libres todos nos sobre"

SYMPATHETICO

ETHERIDGE'S EPISTLE

It happened to Serge Gailsbourg, it happened to Johnny Rotten and the Sex Pistols and now it has happened to the Falkland Islands Times. BANNED! Yes siree, Postmaster Bill Etheridge nasordered that the Times is no longer permitted to be sold from the Post Office after getting his mailbags in a twist over a remark in last issues Idle Gossip column. Oh well, you can't please everyone all of the time and to prove the unbelievable decency of the Times and its free speech doctrine, Bill's letter to the Editor is reproduced below:-

Sir,

You will find in your Post Office box the remaining copies of the Times which I have withdrawn from sale over the Post Office counter because of the appalling bad taste of some of the contents. I refer in particular to the remark about the gastronomical taste of the Judge of the Falkland Islands Supreme Court which even by the abysmal standard of the Times must represent an all-time low.

2. You may collect from the counter clerk the cash taken to date but no further copies of the Times, either of this issue or any other so long as you are editor, will be accepted for sale from the Post Office. I do not wish to see you.

W.A. ETHERIDGE
POSTMASTER

(19th March 1980)

Ed:- I bet you read this issue Bill to find out what I said eh?? Thanks go to the counter clerks- especially Shirley Peck - who have sold the Times from the Post Office through the years.

BRITISH ANTARCTIC SURVEY NEWS

RRS BRANSFIELD HITS ROCK ** BISCOE ITINERARY ** "TRICKY DICKY" ELECTED.

In the Falkland Islands Broadcasting Station's 'Messages and Announcements' on 28th March the following was broadcast:-

In the early afternoon GMT of the 27th March, the RRS Bransfield was proceeding towards Rothera Base north of Jenny Island. At 1320 GMT the vessel hit submerged rock. Within about five seconds the vessel hit submerged rock again and stopped dead.

No-one sustained any injuries.

The ship shortly took a list of 10-20 degrees to starboard. Soundings were taken, ballast tanks were re-trimmed and several attempts were made to refloat the vessel. She was successfully refloated at 1725 GMT. Bransfield proceeded to Rothera and arrived there at 1810 GMT. Mail and some cargo was offloaded, and then the vessel departed from Rothera and secured at fast ice some 12 miles further north in Laubeuf Fjord.

The damage to the Bransfield, which appears to be confined to the forward section is so far assessed as:

Ballast tanks:- One suspected holed, four holed. Fuel tanks:- One appears holed, one possibly holed.

From Palmer Station, the RV 'Hero', who has two National Science Foundation, experienced divers on board, will rendezvous with Bransfield on Sunday 30th at Rothera. The situation will be re-assessed on Monday, following dives. Meanwhile, the ship continues to offload cargo to Rothera.See Footnote.

RRS JOHN BISCOE

The Royal Research Ship John Biscoe continues with the Offshore Biological Programme around South Georgia, and as previously announced, her programme on completion at South Georgia will be:- Arrive Stanley on 22nd April, depart on the 23rd for Signy, Grytviken, Rio de Janeiro and Southampton, where she expects to arrive on the 28th May.

SURVEY DIRECTOR

The Director of British Antarctic Survey, Dr. R.M. Laws, (affectionately known as 'Tricky Dicky' amongst BAS members) has been elected a Fellow of the Royal Society for his studies on the biology of large mammals in Africa and Antarctica, and for his leadership of Scientific Investigations in the Antarctic.

POCINCE

The RRS Bransfield completed relief of Rothera Base and sailed from there on the 1st of April to Faraday Base (Argentine Islands). At the time of writing she is scheduled to arrive in Stanley on April 10th/11th.

PERSONNEL SHUFFLE IN F.I.C.

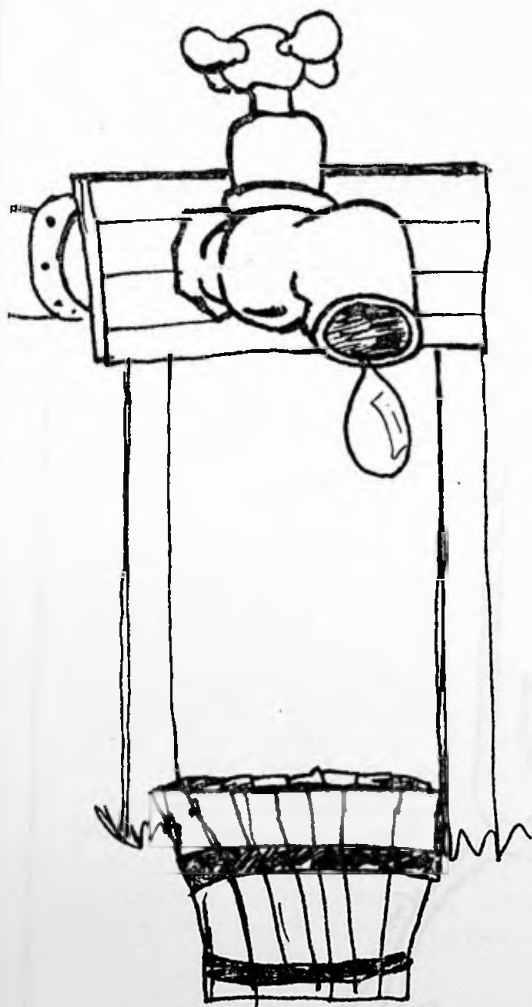
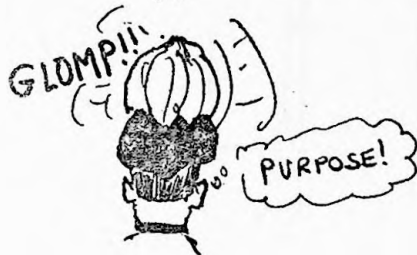
Staff changes have recently occurred within the Stanley Offices of the Falkland Islands Company. Mr. Neil Watson, boss of the Shipping Office, leaves at the end of April to take up ownership of his unit of Green Patch farm. Bob Peart takes charge of the Shipping Office. Bob's assistant will be Mr. John Leonard who has vacated the Cashier's Office and Ms Winifred Humphreys takes John's former role.

CATHEDRAL BAZAAR

Christ Church Cathedral's Annual Bazaar will be held in the Parish Hall on Friday and Saturday the 30th and 31st of May.

POSTCARDS ON VIEW

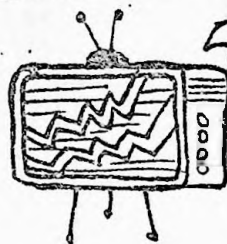
Des Peck has just received letters from Hungary and Czechoslovakia saying: "Your coloured postcards of wildlife in the Falkland Islands, plus views of Port Stanley and your excellent white satin bannerette with the poem on was on display in public exhibitions recently and were admired by many". Des says that credit is due to Mr. Willie May who took the super photos of the wildlife.



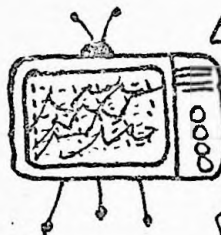
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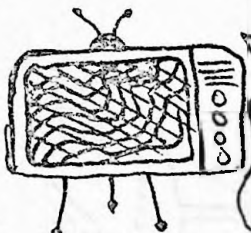
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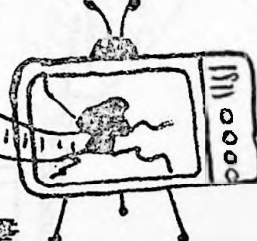
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AND WE BRING YOU THE FIRST NEWS REPORT OF THE OUT OF CONTROL BEAVER CIRCLING THE TOWN...

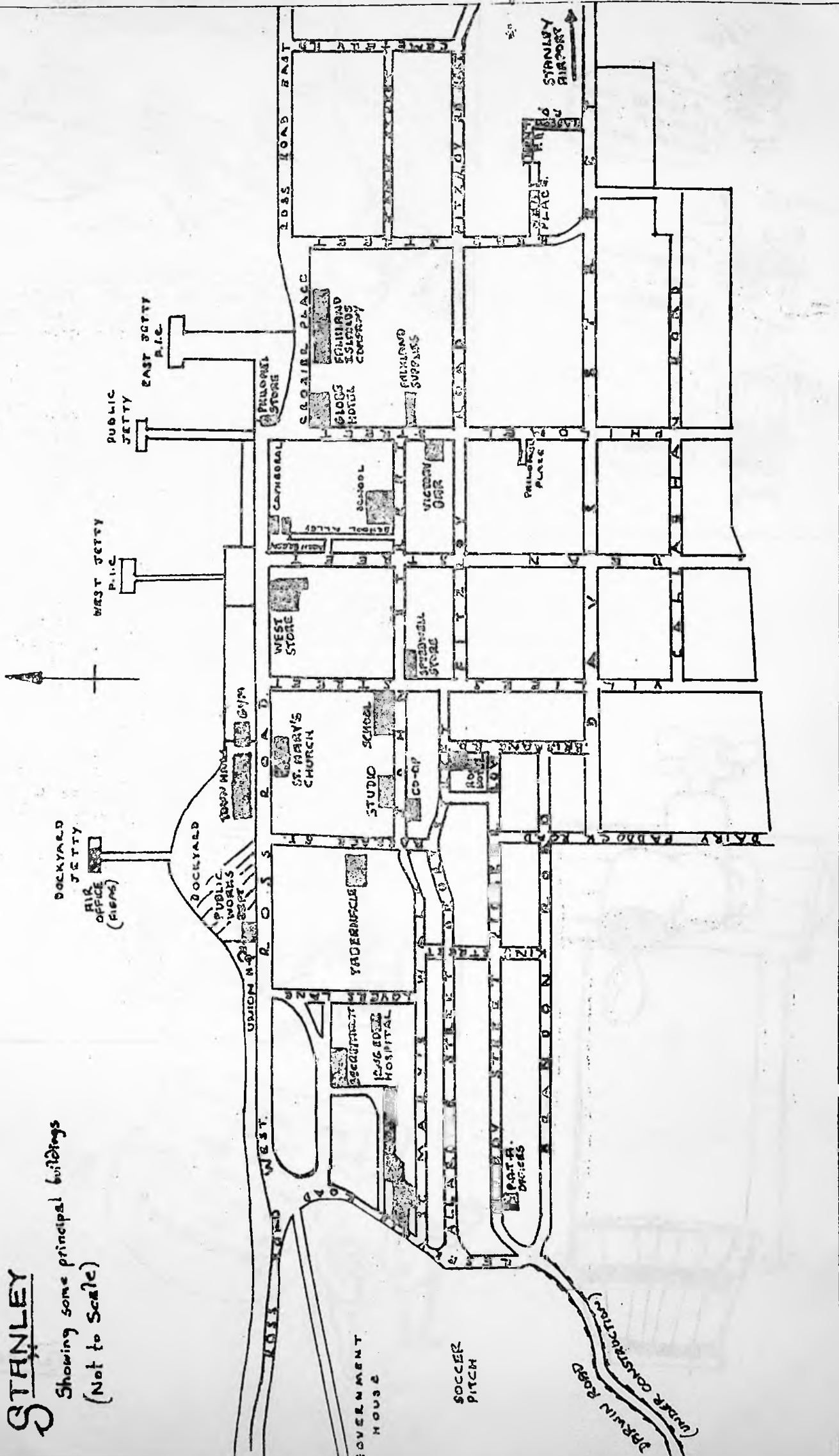


YES, FOLKS, IT'S HEADING THIS WAY, IT'S GOING TO, IT'S GAINING TO AAAH!!...



STANLEY

Showing some principal buildings
(Not to Scale)





WARNING: NOT TO BE SOLD AT THE POST OFFICE, BE 'FRANK' AND 'STAMP' IT OUT!! OR WHERE THERE'S A 'BILL' THERE'S NO WAY!

As mentioned on the front page, it is astounding how Mr Terry Peck, the Chief of Police for a considerable number of years, is suddenly away from the scene. At the moment, Terry is working with Transocean Construction and Trading (TCT) on the School Hostel Site but is still 'on leave' from the Police Force.

At a meeting of the Falkland Islands Community League, Terry took us behind the scenes and read some letters from Government which makes one shudder to think what the hell goes on in the minds of these power crazy despots. Terry, like everyone else, has got those who do not like him (probably the result of convictions) but there are a hell of a lot who admire and respect him as both a Police Officer and a person. It is obvious, gleaned facts from Government correspondence, that the dirty has been done on Terry. There were rumours going around the Town saying that Terry had been given the push over the Minto affair (Len Minto was allegedly pumelled by the Police in jail) but this was totally false and went far, far deeper and brought out some glaring insights into the local administrations 'hate policy'. It seems rather unfortunate that once someone has their knife sticking in your ribs in Stanley they keep twisting. When Government themselves do it, they never let up for one instant and grab the hilt by both hands. After hearing Terry's talk, it makes one wonder why Government never uttered a word about there no longer being Chief Police Officer Terry Peck in office and all we did hear was a blurb about Inspector Macmillan assuming the duties of the Chief. What a surprise it must have been for Toddy to be landed in the deep end. Something stinks but I know it's not my feet!! The last word comes from Terry himself.....

8th April 1980

"I had considered writing a short article about my career in the Falkland Islands Police but decided this was not the time to do so. I would however like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude and thanks to you the public, for all the valuable assistance that you gave to me during my 20 years as a Police Officer. No doubt I ruffled a few feathers during those years but I also made many friends.

It was never 'easy' to carry out all the tasks demanded of one but I always did my best. I am very proud to have been your servant, knowing that I shall retire and live in the company of the very many friends made during my years as a policeman.

My very best wishes are extended to you all."

**TERRY PECK
CHIEF POLICE OFFICER.**

I must apologise to Tony Alazia for not printing his letter but as Bill Etheridge reckons the TIMES is abysmal I thought that he would be offended if I published his name! 1/2 @5!&. After William had issued his orders barring the TIMES it amazes me how the folk who are anti-TIMES deliberately read into anything printed things that suit themselves. Tripe suppers? Well, Watkin Williams did turn the Jones-McLaren case into a load of tripe (See NAYRAD in Issue 2). People who 'read-into' things like that have to stay here because they would never be able to hold down a job anywhere else. Still, it has taken three years to sweep it from the Post Office counter so it did have quite a bit of staying power, and so for all those goody two-shoes types here are some more abysmal pieces: Blood, death, corpse, swimming pool, Maggie Thatcher, Enoch Powell, scurvy, Billy Connolly, Acker Bilk, Darwin Road. Until the next time.....

THE FALKLAND ISLANDS TIMES

CHANGING THE TUNE

The Falkland Islands Broadcasting Station has changed its signature tune from the 'Middy' played by the Royal Marines to 'Dominique' played by the Black Watch.

FIBS Senior Technician, Mr Mike Peake, has taken over the role of Broadcasting Officer whilst Mr Patrick Watts is in England on holiday. Patrick will also spend a while on attachment to BBC Radio Leicester.

ALSO UNHAPPY

Apparently upset over being given a managerial job, Loganair's Senior Pilot Captain Andy Alsop has threatened to leave the firm. In a report appearing in an Aberdeen newspaper, Loganair's managing director Captain Duncan McIntosh said that the airline was anxious not to lose a pilot of Captain Alsop's proven capabilities. Alsop has apparently enquired about the possibilities of a job with the Falkland Islands Government Air Service if and when a vacancy occurs.

Captain Alsop (39) has been with Loganair for 12 years.

VAL'S CINEMA

Mr Val Berntson and wife Cecilia have taken ownership of what used to be known as the Town Hall or Hardy's cinema. Val said that his main aim was to improve speech reproduction.

CAIN AND COKE: COKECAIN!

Stanley teacher and keen football player Mr Richard Cain is running an award scheme for local boy footballers called "Superskills Awards". The scheme is run jointly by COCA-COLA and the English Football Association. This scheme consists of a number of graded awards and so far Neil Clifton, James Peck, John MacDonald, Gonzalo Hobman, Frank Jaffray, Neil Hewitt, Terrance Short, Gustavo Gilbert, Zane Hirtle, Duane Stewart and Graham Middleton have passed the first stage - the Blue Award.

ADVERTISEMENT FROM THE PHILOMEL STORE

Proprietor: Mr Des Peck.

Thanks are due to Mr D.Colville's paper for world-wide distribution including our adverts which have caught the eyes of many people with proven results. A few items taken at random: AUTORISTE Nylon Ridge Tent * EPIGAS Double-Cooker with grill * Regulator tap-unit EPIGAS Cylinders/Filling * EPIGAS Lanterns with spare mantles etc. * Billycan sets * Cutlery * Polished top folding tables * Easy Chairs - these chairs are ideal in the home. * Travel Rugs * Sleeping Bags including a special double bag insulated and with sheet * Blankets * Military Pullovers * Lumber coats * Snorkel Parkas in all sizes - make sure they are marked "MAN-ALIVE" * ARONDE Cosmetics * CHANEL Perfumes * CUSSONS Products * CHINA TRASETS COFFEE SETS CUPS AND SAUCERS (1/2 doz. per box) *

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FREE

EMI ALBUM RELEASES

LIZZY MERCIER DESCLOUX - 'Press Color'. ILPS 7001 - 'Emaciated pop' is the term Lizzy Mercier Descloux uses to describe the music on 'Press Color', her debut album. This album contains a version of Arthur Brown's "Fire".

CONTORTIONS - 'Buy' - ILPS 7002.

CRISTINA - 'Cristina' - ILPS 7004. This album is a blend of disco rhythms and caustic, witty lyrics. produced by August Darnell of Dr Buzzard's Savannah Band fame. Cristina has flair, style and an acute sense of the ridiculous.

TOOTS & THE MAYTALS - ILPS 9590; Cass: ZCI 9590. Toots' reputation stretches from the narrow reggae market to the rock audience.

THE DONALDSON BROTHERS - 'Scottish Reflections' GLN 1016 Cass: TC-GLN 1016. The Donaldson Brothers are new signings to the Waverley-Glen label. The two boys, Gary and Colin, are aged 15 and 17 years and began learning from the age of eight years old. They have been performing as a duo act for over 4 years and they are in great demand to appear in Accordion Clubs throughout Scotland.

LENA MARTELL - Let the music play - OU 2229 CASS: TC-OU 2229. Lena Martell has a legion of fans resulting from several editions of her own TV series and her prolific recording career. This collection of titles dates from the sixties and early seventies and includes three previously unpublished tracks.

MAX BOYCE - In touch with Max Boyce - OU 2500 CASS: TC-OU 2500. In 1974 Max Boyce was launched upon the unsuspecting world. In the next six years and six Gold albums later we are releasing a special sampler on the One-up label which first brought Max to the public's attention. The album contains tracks culled from his previous LP's.

WHIRLWIND - 'Midnight Blue' - CWK 3012 CASS: TC-CWK 3012. The Chiswick label release the second album by this 4-piece Rockabilly band who won fame and acclaim with their chart success 'Heaven Knows' (on the album) and their tour with BLONDIE.

GILBERT & SULLIVAN'S 'IOLANTHE' Conducted by Sir Malcolm Sargent and 'Trial by Jury' Conducted by Harry Norris. SHB 64 2-record set in double wallet. These Mono recordings are transfers by Keith Hardwick. 'Iolanthe' dates back to 1930 and 'Trial by Jury' to 1928. Both operas were recorded under the supervision of Rupert D'Oyly Carte.

CASH GALORE ON MATT MONRO

The marketing campaign supporting the album from Matt Monro entitled 'Heartbreakers - 20 Golden Greats from Matt Monro' will be in two phases. Phase 1 began on March 3rd with a spend of £120,000, most of which will be allocated to TV advertising. This campaign will run in the ATV, Trident and Granada TV areas which will cover 45% of the UK market for three weeks. Phase 2 will commence depending on the success of Phase 1. The heart-rending and sentimental 45/15-second commercials used in Phase 1 will be supported in Phase 2 by a 20-second commercial. The campaign will also be backed up by full window and in-store displays bringing the total expenditure to £320,000.

RECOMMENDED BUYS FROM MAY & JOHNSON, GLASGOW ROAD, STANLEY; MOTORHEAD 'Bomber' and THE FLYS 'Own'. (Both cassettes).

EMI SINGLES RELEASES

ROCKY BURNETTE.....Baby Tonight.....EMI 5037
FILMSTARS.....Here in L.A.....EMI 5038
SHEENA EASTON.....Modern Girl.....EMI 5042
APRIL WINE.....I like to rock.....CL 16121 (Maxisingle)
BOB SEGER & THE SILVER BULLET
BAND...Fire Lake.....CL 16130
IRIS WILLIAMS.....No walls.....DB 9074
FLYS.....Four from the Square....R 6030 (Maxi-single)
THE STIFF ALL-STARS.....Maybe tonight.....CHIS 123
DAN-I.....Hidden Valley.....WIP 6572
MILLIE.....My boy lollipop.....WIP 6574
ASWAD.....Rainbow culture.....WIP 6575
LES LAVIN.....Love's at the bottom...EMI 5039
SNOPS.....9 o'clock.....EMI 5040
MAX WEBSTER.....Night Flights.....CL 16104
THE KNACK.....Baby talks dirty.....CL 16125
KEVIN AYERS.....Money, money, money....HAR 5198
CRAZE.....Motions.....HAR 5200
PRAYING MANTIS.....Captured city.....HAR 5201
TOOTS & THE MAYTALS.....Chatty Chatty.....12WIP 6544 (12 inch)
CHARLIE DORE.....Where to now?.....WIP 6576
JUNIOR TUCKER.....One of the poorest people..WIP 6577
IRON MAIDEN.....Running free.....EMI 5032
SAMMY HAGAR.....I've done everything for you..CL 16120
GLEN CAMPBELL.....Hound dog man.....CL 16122 (Double 'A')
THE KING'S SINGERS..Money, money,money/Summer nights...DB 9075
THE WURZELS.....You don't get drunk on a Saturday nightDB9076
EBERHARD SCHOENER.....Video-Magic.....HAR 5196
NIGHTSHIFT.....Don't rush the good things.....HAR 5197
WHIRLWIND.....Heaven knows.....CHIS 122
SOLOS.....Talking pictures.....COB 8
THE SKATALITES.....The guns of Navarone.....WI 168
THE BUGGLES.....Plastic age.....WIP 6540
BERNI FLINT.....Only me.....EMI 5021
NIGHTFALL.....Salsa nights.....EMI 5036
CHERI & MARIE CUSSIE.....Messin' with the boys...CL 16119
DR.HOOK.....Sexy eyes.....CL 16127
THE SHIRTS.....Laugh and walk away.....HAR 5195
LEE KOSMIN.....You can do.....R 6031
SCREEN IDOLS.....Something's gotten hold of my heart...R 6032
BRIAN BRIGGS.....Nervous Breakdown.....WIP 6545

EMI ALBUM RELEASES

SEAN O'CASEY - The green crow caws -- EMA 793. 1980 is when every Irish man will be celebrating the birth of one Sean O'Casey. In his time leading rebel, poet, writer and lyricist.
ROCKY BURNETTE - The son of rock and roll - EMC 3323.
MATT MONRO - Heartbreakers-20 Golden Greats - EMTV23.
CHAS & DAVE - One fing 'n' anuvver - NUT 17. This is Chas & Dave's first album which was previously available under the now defunct Retreat label. Before setting up operations as Chas & Dave, Chas Hodges and Dave Peacock were noted session musicians. Chas & Dave were primarily a pub act working mainly in London and the Home Counties but a tour with 10cc opened them up to a nationwide audience.
COCKNEY REJECTS - Greatest Hits Vol.1 - ZONO 101. Protesges of Jimmy Pursey, the Rejects are a throwback to the less complicated days of punk when excitement was of prime importance.
FRANK POURCEL - Conducts the National Philharmonic Orchestra in Classical Favourites in Digital. Compositions by Mussorgsky, Satie, Falla, Mascagni, J.S.Bach, Bizet, Albeniz, Verdi and Grieg. TWOD 2002.
BOB SEGER - Against the Wind - EA-ST 12041.
THE KNACK - But the little girls understand -- E-ST 12045.
SAMMY HAGAR - Loud and Clear -- E-ST 25330. The return of Sammy Hagar after his mini-tour in October of 1979 and open eyed acclaim from the press and The Old Grey Whistle Test will throw Sammy into the forefront of heavy metal music.

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MILKING THE GULLIBLE OR SUPPORTING LONDON 1980?

Neither the Crown Agents nor the Falkland Islands Government can be under any illusions about philatelists views on Miniature/Souvenir Sheets/Sheetlets. Philatelists from all over the world have warned them by personal letter and letter to the press; we have written frequent editorials warning them and even addressed the Philatelic Committee in Stanley in person; the American Philatelic Society have awarded the Falkland Islands the "Black Blot"; the Falkland Islanders own Sub Committee on stamp issues has vetoed the proposed Falklands Souvenir Sheet to be issued in May to mark the International Stamp Exhibition, LONDON 1980: they requested normal sheet format.

Yet the Crown Agents and the Falkland Islands Government have persisted and, because of this, they are seriously in danger of losing the following of philatelists.

As we have said time and again before, postage stamps are a means of indicating on a letter that the postage has been paid, not as souvenirs to part the gullible from their cash in the fastest and smoothest possible way!

If a philatelist has bought one, what can he do with it? He can't sell it: no-one wants to buy! He can't exhibit it unless he wants to earn minus marks : Souvenir Sheets are banned by the Rules of Exhibiting! It is a worthless piece of paper!

Who will buy this latest wallpaper? The gullible, the ignorant, children? Is it out of these, that the Falkland Islands wish to make their profits? What respect will they have for the Falkland Islands and the Falkland Islanders in the future, when they find, as they will, that they have been taken for a ride?

The British Post Office has already issued a Souvenir Sheet for LONDON 1980, and will issue another at the exhibition; this is the only case where a Souvenir Sheet does not earn the "Black Blot" - when the profits go towards the funding of an International Stamp Exhibition in the issuing country. Since the Falkland Islands are too small ever to hold their own International Exhibition, presumably a case could be made out, as a Dependent Territory, that they could claim LONDON 1980 as their own, and, to avoid the "Black Blot", they could follow the lead of the British Post Office. Therefore we invite the Falkland Islands Government to

DONATE THE PROFITS FROM THE SALE OF THE MINIATURE SHEET TO THE FINANCES OF LONDON 1980!

Under any other circumstances we urge our Members NOT to buy this wallpaper, which is harmful to Falkland Islands Philately, to Philately in general and an insult to Falkland Islands Philatelists.

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VELLY GOOD TAPE HONLABLE SIR..... OUT NOW ON P.NUT TAPES:

NOAH NADGER "The Clean". Original Mono recordings include "Hemma Royd", "All the same" "Mummy Mummy" and others.

THE DREGS OF DEE-TIME. Excerpts from the lunatic series as broadcast on the Falkland Islands Broadcasting Station. Written and produced by Dave Colville and starring Dave Colville, Len McGill and George, Doreen and Tracey Beckham. Original recording engineered by Mike Peake. (Mono). To get these tapes FREE just send a blank C60 cassette (including case) to P.NUT TAPES, P.O.BOX 60, STANLEY. One C60 is necessary for either Noah Nadger or Dee-Time, enclose about 6p in stamps for local postage on each tape and please don't forget your name and address. Available nowhere else (Thank the Lord)!!

COMING IN JULY: More release on P.NUT TAPES.

APRIL WEATHER

(Temps in Degrees Centigrade)

Average Temperature: 5.5
Highest Temperature: 16.4
Lowest Temperature: Minus 1.3
Total Rainfall : 50.2mm
Average Daily Sun : 3.01 hours
Average Windspeed : 15.3 knots
Highest Wind Gust : 63 knots
Gale Force Wind : 16 hours
10 knots or less : 207 hours
Ground Frost : 13 occasions.

HELLO MARCUS LEWIS

Birth at North Arm:
26th April to Mr and Mrs Lewis
Morrison, a son, MARCUS LEWIS,
weighing 9lbs 9ozs.

WEDDING AT HILL COVE

Saturday April 19th was the date on the invitations for the Wedding at Hill Cove of Davina McKay and Paul Peck. However, due to the inclement weather, the Bride and Groom did not arrive at Hill Cove until the Saturday morning, so the Wedding was postponed till Sunday.

The ceremony, performed by Mr Tim Blake, was held in the conservatory of the Manager's house at 3pm.

Davina, given in marriage by her father Richard McKay, looked radiant in a full-length white gown of Polyester and lace. It had a high neckline, long lace sleeves and was gathered into a bow at the back of the waist to form a train. Her shoulder length veil was held in place by a spray of flowers. She carried an attractive bouquet of sweet-pea and roses. Davina was attended by 4 Bridesmaids: her sister Penny, cousin Odette Hirtle, and the Bridegroom's sisters Tracey and Christine. They all looked pretty in long blue Polyester dresses. They wore picture hats and carried colourful posies of fresh flowers. The Brides dress was chosen in the U.S.A. by Polly Malby and the Bridesmaids dresses were chosen in the U.K. by Thora Richards.

The Bridegroom and his best man, Mike Luxton, looked very smart in their navy-blue 3-piece suits.

After the ceremony, many photographs were taken and Davina was presented with lucky horseshoes by Timothy Morrison, Zoe Luxton and Lynne Forster. Everyone then proceeded to the Point Settlement for the reception where everyone toasted the Bride and Groom and sampled the delicious three-tier wedding cake made by Mrs Clair Morrison. At 7pm, everyone was invited to a delicious supper in the Hall. This was enjoyed by about 100 guests, and a lively dance followed and continued until 2am.

HOMEWARD BOUND

The R.R.S.Bransfield arrived in Rio de Janeiro on April the 17th. She left Rio on the 22nd and is due to arrive in South Shields on the 12th or 13th of May.

The John Biscoe left Stanley on April the 23rd heading for Signy Island. On the 26th, she met extensive pack-ice 150 miles from Coronation Island in the South Orkneys and was therefore unable to get to Signy for the final relief of that British Antarctic Survey Base. The John Biscoe turned north towards South Georgia arriving there on April the 29th. The Biscoe was due to arrive at Rio on May 8th and in Southampton on May 29th.

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MARGARET THATCHER MEMORIAL COMMITTEE

London, England.

We have the distinguished honour of being members of the Committee to raise Five Million Pounds to place a statue of Margaret Thatcher in front of the Houses of Parliament.

This Committee was in quite a quandary about selecting the proper location for the statue. It was thought not wise to place it beside the statue of George Washington, who never told a lie, nor beside Lloyd George who never told the truth, since Margaret Thatcher could never tell the difference. It has been finally decided to place the statue beside that of Christopher Columbus, the greatest Tory of them all, in that he started out not knowing where he was going, and upon arrival did not know where he was, and on returning did not know where he had been, and did it on borrowed money.

Five thousand years ago, Moses said to the Children of Israel, "Pick up your shovels, mount your asses and camels, and I will lead you to the Promised Land". Nearly five thousand years later, Frank Cousins said, "Lay down your shovels, sit on your asses, light a camel; this is the Promised Land"! And now Margaret Thatcher is stealing your shovels, kicking your asses, raising the price of camels, and taking over the Promised Land.

If you are one of the Citizens who has any money left after paying taxes, we expect a generous contribution from you, for this worthwhile project.

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F*L*A*S*H*B*A*C*K*

Items taken from the Falkland Islands Press of yesteryear.....

AN ACCOUNT OF THE UNVEILING OF THE FALKLAND ISLANDS BATTLE MEMORIAL
at Stanley on Saturday, the 26th of February, 1927

The monument to commemorate the decisive naval victory won by the late Vice-Admiral Sir F.C. Doveton Sturdee, K.C.B., C.V.O., C.M.G., over the German Vice-Admiral Graf Von Spee off the Falkland Islands on the 8th of December, 1914, stands boldly on rising ground on the southern shore of Stanley harbour to the west of the little town. The conception of the Memorial originated in the minds of certain retired sheep-farmers, owners and directors, many of whom had grown old in the Islands thus saved as by a miracle from the hand of destruction, and had taken up residence in the United Kingdom. The funds necessary for its erection were received from public subscriptions in the main from this same source. The monument itself was fashioned to the design of Mr Frank Ransome, the distinguished pupil and personal friend of Sir George Frampton, R.A., in the studio of the latter, and was sent out to the Colony ready for erection. At Stanley it was put up by local labour under skilled direction on the site above described. This site indeed had not been selected without considerable discussion, but few will now be found who do not agree in the final choice made by the late Governor Sir John Middleton, K.B.E., C.M.G., at the suggestion, it is said, of Lady Middleton. The main face of the monument which stands thirty five feet in height is set towards the East with an inscription in commemoration of the victory over which sits a figure of Victory seven feet in height looking out to sea in the direction in which the battle was fought. On each of the three remaining faces symbolic tablets are inset depicting the constancy of the Navy and representing the Navy in peace, and at war. The monument itself is worthy of special notice as being the most southerly memorial of the Great War in the World.

When it became known in the early summer of 1926, some twelve years after the event to be commemorated, that the Memorial was completed those in London to whom thanks for its being are due gave their earnest thought to the matter of the unveiling and dedication with fit and proper solemnity.

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"HOW TIMES CHANGE"

As I laid in my bed this evening
Watching the clouds roll by
I wondered what tomorrow would bring
Would it be wet or dry
Looking down on the lights of Stanley
Which is a pretty sight to see
My mind flew back to years gone by
When there was no electricity
Stanley was poorly lit up those days
No Rovers or cars to be seen
The Lamplighter had his work cut out
To keep lights going on kerosene
Around would go the Lamplighter
In his oilskins, and with ladder and kit
His job was tough to say the least
So he had to be well and fit
As soon as he got to the lamp-post
Up the ladder he would go
To instal new mantles and fittings
And prayed it wouldn't snow
Well now the moon has appeared
It always is a sight
Dodging in and out among the clouds
And trying to provide more light
Now some stars have appeared
And one is very bright
It will probably shoot across the sky
Like many do at night

Several men used to take on the Lamplighters job over the years out in all weathers in Oilskins, and many times, when storms were on, they would be up their ladders or using a stirrup pump below to force the kerosene through. They certainly earned their money in those days.....DES.

"COME IN F28, YOU ARE NOW APPROACHING THE STRATEGIC AIRFIELD."

From Alaskan TIMES subscriber, Mr Ron Newman, came an interesting Xerox taken from a publication called 'SPOTLIGHT' of March 24th 1980 as follows:

SHOWDOWN IN THE SOUTH ATLANTIC ("El Mercurio," Santiago de Chile; "EFE," Spanish Newsagency).

The Drake Passage is a highly strategic sea lane between Cape Horn and Graham's Land, on the Antarctic continent, through which the Atlantic and the Pacific oceans communicate at the bottom of the world. There were big naval battles at both ends of it in the two world wars. They were fought off Coronel (Chile), the Falklands and Montevideo, with many hundreds of British and German sailors perishing in the icy waters thereabouts. Now a third party is moving into the area: a Soviet "research" vessel with 138 men aboard - scientists, technicians and sailors. The stated purpose is to study the ocean bottom, the temperatures, the currents, the salinity and, in general, the chemical composition of the waters, as well as the climate. But there is a disturbing feature about that Soviet vessel whose name is camouflaged: It carries aboard strange-looking electronic equipment deemed capable of intercepting all the radio communications in the area. The Chilean nervousness about the matter is related to the current, apparently insoluble, conflict between Chile and Argentina over the possession of the Beagle Channel. The control of the very rich fishing grounds thereabout is involved in the dispute and so also is the possession of immense undersea oil and gas deposits that have been spotted off the Beagle Channel by some of the leading oil companies of the world. Queen Elizabeth II, in a recent ruling, awarded the control of the Beagle Channel to Chile, but the Argentine military junta has rejected the verdict and has granted harbour rights to the Soviet Navy in the area. A big clash is in the cards and may well be the start of World

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.....War III. Incidentally, the British government is building a strategic airfield at Port Stanley, in the Falkland Islands, that would make England ready for all eventualities in the area.

Although it is rather late, there now follows an obituary for the late Henry Luxton, Colonial Postmaster, who died on 27th November 1979. As someone who worked with Henry in the Post Office, I thought the reprinting of the obituary from the March 1980 issue of the UPIAND GOOSE philatelic magazine.....would be a fitting tribute.

HENRY THOMAS LUXTON

Born 21st October 1927

Died 27th November 1979.

Although probably the most famous Colonial Postmaster of the Falkland Islands was Miss Maude Carey, there can be little doubt that a close second was Henry Luxton, who also served in this appointment for 13 years. Perhaps it should come as no surprise to realise that Henry Luxton first entered service with the Post Office on 1st December, 1942, under the famous Maude Carey: indeed on leaving school, he was the messenger boy at the tender age of fifteen, and at that time the job included clearing the pillar boxes and delivering letters around the houses in Stanley. Towards the end of 1945, Henry was promoted to Clerk in Stanley Post Office and in November 1949 was sent out to South Georgia as Assistant Customs Officer until July 1952, when he returned to Stanley Post Office as a Clerk. In 1957, he was promoted to Senior Clerk in the Post Office and, after a period of instruction at the G.P.O., London, on 1st May 1960, at the age of 32, he became Colonial Postmaster of the Falkland Islands. Finally, after a further six years in Customs and Excise when he was promoted to be Collector of Customs and Harbour Master, he returned to the Post Office on 1st July 1973, when he was appointed Colonial Postmaster and Officer in Charge of Posts and Telecommunications, a post he held until his recent death.

There can be little doubt that Henry Luxton experienced more change and development in the Falkland Islands Postal Service than any of his predecessors: when he joined the Post Office in the old Town Hall during the war, all postal communication was by surface and the arrival of the overseas mail by an occasional boat was a rare event indeed; gradually the internal air mail service carried by the Falkland Islands Government Air Service developed and during the last six years the Post Office has had to deal with weekly airmail flights, which latterly increased to a twice weekly service, in addition to normal surface communications. At all times, and in spite of the inevitable problems caused by occasional internal plane crashes, the service provided by the Falkland Islands Post Office has been outstanding. The cool, calm efficiency of Henry Luxton was observed by the writer when he was privileged to be present in the sorting office just after one of the weekly airmail deliveries in 1977; with a Post Office overfull with the inhabitants of Stanley, impatiently anxious to collect their mail, the Colonial Postmaster, in shirt sleeves, was quietly directing and himself helping in the rather complicated sorting of the large quantities of letters into private boxes, camp stations and occasionally popping out to hand letters over the alcove counter to those without boxes.

In April 1979, Henry Luxton came on leave to England, where, amongst other matters, he was involved in discussions with the Crown Agents and the Foreign & Commonwealth Office over the imminent new Falkland Islands Dependencies definitives. Whilst in England he was taken ill, and when he returned to the Islands, gradually becoming worse, he was unable to return to work and died on Tuesday, 27th November.

As a Lieutenant and the Adjutant of the Falkland Islands Defence Force with 33 years keen service, as an Officer and member of the Boy's Brigade since its formation in 1944, as a Church Councillor of Christ Church Cathedral and regular attender, for his work on the Stanley Sports Meeting and Horticultural Shows, and, above all, as Colonial Postmaster, Henry Luxton will be sorely missed in the Falkland Islands. He leaves a widow, Winnie, and a son, Michael, who works in the Treasury: to them our members will wish to join in offering our deepest sympathy.

R.N.S.

Over the past few months, quite a number of things have been heard regarding possible Argentine/Soviet links. A lot of comments on a possibility such as close relations between the two countries can be dismissed as mere conjecture but it certainly gives food for thought. Here now is an article taken from the DAILY TELEGRAPH of April 21st.

RUSSIA OFFERS ARGENTINA NUCLEAR BAIT

By the Staff Correspondent in Buenos Aires.

Mr Alexander Manzhulo, Russian Vice-Minister of Foreign Trade, has said in Buenos Aires that economic relations between Russia and Argentina could expand through co-operation in the nuclear field.

Argentina sells about a million tons of wheat and substantial quantities of other grains and meat to Russia, but imports very few Russian goods. The latest Russian trade mission to Buenos Aires, led by Mr Manzhulo, follows a mission to Moscow, led by Senor Coll, secretary of the Argentine Atomic Energy Commission.

The possibility of Argentine-Russian co-operation in the sensitive nuclear field will be the last straw for Washington, which is already concerned about Argentina's plans to buy a reactor from West Germany and a heavy water plant from Switzerland.

Argentine atomic energy research and development began in the 1950's under the first Peronist regime, and with some foreign technological help there is little doubt of the country's capability of building a nuclear weapon in the not-too-distant future. Admiral Castro Madero has expressed his desire for an Argentine bomb.

Russia and Argentina have also recently signed an agreement on fishing research in the South Atlantic for one year from early next year. Argentine and Russian experts will work together on a Russian research ship examining fishing resources in Argentine waters and in the sub-Antarctic and Antarctic seas. The draft agreement, subject to ratification by both governments, is described officially in Buenos Aires as a result of Russian-Argentine contracts on supplementing research carried out under earlier agreements with Japan and West Germany. The first aim is to study the life cycles; migratory habits and habitat of several marine species, including the Tierra del Fuego sardine, southern hake, pollock and Antarctic krill.

FISH AND CHIPS?

David Toulson, Coffca spokesman on fish, is trying to persuade the Government and trawler-owners that Britain's future in fishing could lie in the South Atlantic.

Mr Toulson, who spent many years sailing in these distant waters says the Falklands and other British Islands give us the right to claim vast areas of virgin seas teeming with fish. In 1976 about 126 tonnes of fish were caught in the S.Atlantic, largely from survey ships.

"In following years Russian vessels alone caught over a quarter million tonnes," says Mr Toulson. "Now with trawlers from Japan and all the Iron Curtain countries as well as Argentina and Chile fishing there, just how much fish is now being caught?"

Taken from; FRIED FISH CATERER - March 3rd 1980. Anyone with views on fishing in the South Atlantic are requested to write to:
THE EDITOR, FRIED FISH CATERER, 429 MEAN WOOD ROAD, LEEDS 7, U.K.

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"I would like to locate a fellow stamp collector who would be willing to exchange used stamps of the Falkland Islands and Dependencies for stamps from my part of the world."

PRINCE S. ABBASI, SADIQ GARH PALACE, DERA NAWAB SAHIB,
BAHAWALPUR, PAKISTAN.

(Info passed to the TIMES by the Philatelic Bureau, Stanley)

LETTERBOX

Dear Editor,

While I must compliment Mr Val Berntsen on the vast improvement in sound reproduction, it is a great pity that the average cinemagoer cannot even now enjoy a film in the Town Hall on Sunday evening.

There would appear to be a small nucleus of unruly, inconsiderate teenagers whose sole object in visiting the cinema is to "have somewhere to go." Their interest in the film being shown is minimal since they talk and skylark as though they were on some street corner. It is not my intention to name them since they and many others know who they are.

Could I appeal through your column to all cinemagoers who are forced to witness this lack of discipline to make efforts to deal with the occurrence there and then and perhaps report their names to Mr Berntsen who will, I am sure, ban the persistent offenders from future showings.

Yours,

DISGRUNTLED CINEMAGOER

Stanley,
12th May 1980

ED: Mr Val Berntsen and wife Cecilia must be congratulated on keeping the cinema functioning but I think it is a case of them not being able to be in both places at once. Perhaps a Bouncer is needed? I did hear that on Sunday May 11th, a filmgoer bought 20 packets of mint imperial sweets just to sling about the hall!

BOOK REVIEW: 'HOW TO FILL MENTAL CAVITIES'
By Bill Maltz.

American TIMES reader, Mr Bill Maltz, sent us a copy of his own book 'How to fill Mental Cavities' for possible review in the TIMES. As this is the first publication ever to be reviewed herein we were glad to do so!

Bill's book is a book essentially for fans of snappy one-liners. This doesn't mean to say that it cannot be enjoyed by anyone with a broader sense of humour as his book is very good indeed and is made better by being original instead of a run-of-the-mill anthology of quick gags. Mr Maltz has given the TIMES permission to quote from his book as many times and as in many issues as required. Here are a few examples taken from his 'Puns of Maltz' dictionary section.

BOTULISM- Communism of the stomach
COMIC STRIP- Wife removing clothes
CRITIC- Something like a mother-in-law
FIASCO- An imported car
FUNERAL- A party for an honoured guest who is deathly quiet.
FORNIFICATE- Testing the pill without a prescription from the clergy
POVERTY- An embarrassment to the rich
PUBERTY- When parents hair turns grey
ADAGIO- A slow Italian
BOYCOTT- A small boy's bed
AMATEUR GARDENER- One who plants his seeds upside down.

"The only thing on most peoples minds is their hair"

"Most civil servants are incorruptible except where work is concerned."

"Too many people imitate thinking."

"When the mouse is away the wife will play."

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BRUCELLA OVIS ERADICATION SCHEME

Information 5

Submitted to the TIMES by Falkland Islands Vet STEVE WHITLEY.

The final samples in the 1979/80 ram testing programme have been taken at last. This voluntary scheme, which is designed to eradicate a disease causing rams to be either less fertile than normal or completely sterile, began at Goose Green on 29th October 1979 and ended at Sparrow Cove on 25th April 1980. Between these dates a total of 8626 blood samples have been taken from the Falkland Island ram flock which includes nearly all the rams on all farms except Sedge where it proved impossible to test the rams.

The co-operation of farm managers was excellent and the interest shown by those who had to do the heavy work in catching and holding the rams was most encouraging. Although North Arm came pretty close to the target, Port Howard held the "speed record" with one sample being taken every 31 seconds. These speeds may be compared to the time taken in the laboratory which worked out at 6½ man minutes per sample.

Taking the FIC farms as separate entities, a total of 34 farms were tested of which 15 had reactors. On these "dirty" farms there were 5810 rams of which 486 or 8% were positive to the laboratory test. The farms with the highest incidence of infection were Douglas Station (35%), Roy Cove (27%), Johnsons Harbour (18%), Teal Inlet (15%) and North Arm (14%). It has been most encouraging to hear of the efforts made by the farms to locate and deal with the infected rams.

Although Roy Cove had to gather their rams three times due to the delayed arrival of the blood tester, there were, in general, few hold ups and FIGAS are to be thanked for their co-operation even if it was somewhat nerve wracking at times!

Those farms which have a second clear test when the programme is repeated next Spring and Summer will be regarded as free from infection whilst the other farms will continue to be tested regularly until they have two clear tests.

A detailed report has been prepared and one copy sent to each farm. If anyone else would like a copy would they contact the GTU Office please.

SPORTS RESULTS

Darts: After 4 games played:-
ROSE 'A'.....11pts
ISLANDERS.....11pts
MARINE 'A'.....10pts
ROSE 'B'..... 8 pts
ASTRONAUTS..... 7pts
FLBETWING FLYEPS... 5pts
NANCY TRAWLERS..... 2pts
VICTORY BEAUTIES... 1 pt
SPARROWS..... NIL

After 3 games played:-
MARINE 'C'.....3pts
GLOBE WANDERERS.....3pts
VICTORY ANGELS.....2pts
MARINE 'B'.....1pt

* RUGBY: Sunday 27th April:-
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* STANLEY 6 MARINES 4
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SNIPPET: Britain earns more than £30 million a year from the manufacture of rope. For suspension bridges, rope-makers produce giant cables with a breaking strain of 47,000 tons. For eye operations they make plaited cord so fine that 2¼ miles of it weighs just under 1 oz. CHARLIE JONES.

GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

The 26th of April 1980 was a milestone in the lives of Buzz and Lizzie Spencer of Stanley as that date marked 50 years of marriage.

Christ Church Cathedral, April 26th 1930 was when Buzz walked down the aisle with Elizabeth Agnes Goss (sister to Councillor William Goss) on his arm.

Buzz is perhaps best known locally for his long stint working at Cape Pembroke Lighthouse from 1929 until 1955. Buzz said that in the early days, Cape Pembroke Lighthouse came under the control of the Ministry of Transport although correspondence had to be channelled through the then Colonial Secretary. Buzz said that the Light is a type known as an Incandescent Hood Burner which works on a similar principle to that of a blowlamp, and manages to beam a hefty 105,000 Candlepower to a distance of 16 miles with flashes every 10 seconds. The lens weighs $1\frac{1}{2}$ tons and is on floating Mercury. The height of the Light is 70 feet from the base to the vane on the top, a height well remembered by Buzz as he had to turn to with a pot of paint and a brush when needs be.

After leaving the Lighthouse, Buzz worked in the Public Works Department for a spell, working with the Germans who were starting to build Stanley roads. He then moved on to the Colony Club for a 6-month stint as Barkeeper and finally worked at the Falkland Islands Company West Store for 14 years until retirement. He also served in the Falkland Islands Defence Force for 18 years.

Prior to marriage, Elizabeth worked at Government House, for Mr Rowe and for Mrs Creamer at Malvina House.

Buzz and Lizzie had 3 children and have 11 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren, 1 of which lives in Canada and the other in England. Buzz remembers that in the summertime when he worked at the Lighthouse, he used to take his family down there to live as the Keepers had two-month tours to fulfil with one-month respite in between. He said that his children had plenty of happy times playing in the sand. Buzz also said that he used to come up to Stanley regularly for games of football, pedalling his pushbike over the distance of some 7 miles before getting a motorbike later on. One of Buzz's earlier salaries at the Light was £110 per annum plus a daily 2/- (10p) victualling allowance!

The Spencer's celebrated their Golden Wedding with a family party held at their home and enjoyed a superb cake made by Mrs Dolly Ford plus many numerous items of food made for the occasion. Congratulations are extended to both Liz and Buzz with best wishes for many more anniversaries.

From a talk with Mr. Buzz Spencer to Dave Colville.*****

HOW MUCH OIL IS THERE REALLY ON THIS EARTH?

How much extractable oil is there really on this earth? A French research group, GERTH, has come up with the figure of 330 billion tons of oil under the land surface alone. Previous geological evaluations have told us that only approximately one-third of this planet's petroleum reserve was under the land area and that the biggest part - two-thirds or more - lies under the sea.

Thanks to our island possessions around the globe, the U.S. appears to be well fixed up, especially as the off-shore rights include 200 miles of sea or ocean around the tiniest islands we hold in the Marianas and the Carolines in the Pacific or the U.S. Virgin Islands in the Atlantic. We don't have to suffer any oil shortage in the next 100 years or so, however fast our industrial capacity develops. The trillion barrels of oil (or natural gas equivalent) will see us through, energy-wise, at least until the year 2100.

The same also applies to our British cousins, if they just hold on to the tiny island possessions they still hold around the world: the Falklands in the South Atlantic, Pitcairn Island in the South Pacific (where the 'Bounty' mutineers settled with their Tahitian brides), and the other insular remnants of the once-great empire. EXTRACTS FROM "WORLD ECHOES/SPOTLIGHT" (United States).

THE IDLE GOSSIP COLUMN RIDES AGAIN

Well, not much to report from the juicy angle this week although I must stick a good old Harvey Smith up to that berk known as 'Mr Fixit' who reckons the free press around here is 'too free'. You can't have anything too free mate! It's taken a lot of hassle to get 'free' so.....knickers! (That too free?)

It's great to see the Phantom Knee-Tickler getting his due with nothing less than a two-foot rule. I must apply for a turn at the tickling game.....How I long to fulfil my wish of seeing the TIMES filling 'an essential niche'. What tripe. Essential? Ho Ho. Blessed be thou.....I wonder if Sir Peter saw the daubings on the hangar? I did hear that the slogan was painted over tout de suite but I do not know upon whose orders the cover up came.

Perhaps Joyce Kerr will be given a 'golden handshake' when she finally leaves her job with the Falkland Islands Broadcasting Station as Programme Secretary. I don't think that anyone here with long government service under their belts gets such a favour, even the N.U.R. blokes get an Airfix Kit of a railway station! Cheers Joyce and thanks for plenty of help. Happy Birthday greetings go from the TIMES to Terry Featherbe of Port Stephens. It seems as though you will be the only bloke out there soon Terry! No, I will never be back!!

Seems as though everybody is disappearing on overseas leave. Just think of all the prefabs they could build with that \$102,000! I can't remember any job in Britain that advertises a free ticket with the wife and kids to another country just because you've buttoned your lip whilst working for government. Weird set-up indeed. Still, it's great book material! I hope old "Trumpet Gob" (alias the embezzler) drowns next time Dec-Time is on! And with those happy thoughts, until next time.....CHEERS.

FIRE AT DARWIN SCHOOL

On the night of Wednesday April the 9th, th Generator shed at Darwin school burned to the ground. The cause of the fire is as yet unknown. Duty Teacher, Philip Middleton, reported that when he made his rounds at 10pm all was well. The alarm was raised at around 12-45am by Eddie Chandler who, with his family, is living at the school whilst undergoing teacher training. His small son, Lee, aged 5, had woken him up to complain that all the lights had gone out and when Eddie looked through the living room window he could see that the engine shed was already well ablaze.

Fortunately for the safety of the school building and its occupants, the wind was in a south-easterly direction therefore blowing off the school. News of the fire was sent to the Settlement and very soon plenty of help was on hand to control the blaze which burned itself out at approximately 4am.

Without the generator, the school was without heat, light or power for cooking facilities and arrangements were made for the early return home of the boarders. They were given temporary accommodation in Goose Green houses.

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING

Executive Council met on Wednesday April the 9th and were kept busy by a very long agenda. There were 14 main items on the agenda and subjects dealt with included a review of Government pensions, conditions relating to Civil Servants, Government housing, proposals concerning small, future development projects, an application by the Stanley Sports Association for a lease of land, amendments to the Licensing Bill, the Philatelic Bureau and a study by Councillors on the Bonbow report on banking.

COOPER REPORT

The interim report by Mr Cooper in connexion with the Islander incident has been studied by Government.....continued overleaf.....

COOPER REPORT (Continued from Page 11)

;;;;;and a number of recommendations are being implemented. These provide for fire-fighting trailers at those airfields that are serviced to a large extent by the Islander, and smaller appliances to those airfields with less traffic. It is hoped that the transportation of this equipment will be made with the assistance of the Royal Marines and the use of MV Forrest.

Government Draughtsman/Surveyor, Mr Harry Bonner, has recently been surveying settlement airstrips.

SOUTH AMERICA POLITICAL...PART TWO.....BY H.V.WATSON

The Continental Fleets were permitted to exercise trade to Puerto Rico, Havana, Vera Cruz, Peru and Chile. Buenos Aires, although founded in 1535, was abandoned immediately and no real attempt to colonise was made until 1562. The colony was not organised until 1617, such was its considered unimportance prior to this date. It became the sole port for illegal trading, from which it profited handsomely. Spain and Portugal both trafficked in slaves, a monopoly at first held by the Genoese and the Germans. Louis XIV of France had a share in this devilish trade and Britain later was also guilty of participation.

Contrary to the thoughts of many people, although the many Governors of South America acted independently, all Spain's colonies formed an integral and constituent part of the Crown of Castile. Columbuss' discovery was not so much a territorial acquisition of land as an increase of the Castilian Crown's domain. It could be said that the development of the Spanish Americas was retarded a hundred years by the colonial policy of Spain.

The revolutionary agitation sparked off by stupid British officialdom in the 18th century in North America was also an incentive for Spain's colonial powers to think strongly of asserting themselves for independence from the yoke of Spain.

Until 1580, the Spanish Fleet was supreme and defied opposition. French privateers, who were well equipped for raids, injured the colonial trade, but it was not until Queen Elizabeth the First came to the throne that the weakness of English sea-power was appreciated and rectified, as it had to be. PART 3 NEXT ISSUE.

LADE RUBBISH?

An extract from the UPLAND GOOSE (March 1980) called:

LADE SERVICE INEFFICIENT AND UNRELIABLE

Complaints have been received from several correspondents in the Falkland Islands about the present service being given by LADE, the Argentine State Airline, which provides the external air link with the Colony. Reports say that planes are frequently late leaving Stanley Airport, because the crews are shopping and consequently passengers miss onward connections; passengers are frequently told that planes are fully booked, but the planes arrive half empty or filled with day trip tourists, leaving the Islanders stranded for weeks. Typical examples were a flight in mid-January when a young Falklands couple returning home to Stanley with their two children were refused seats, yet there were 21 empty seats on the plane; in early December four Americans required to catch RRS Bransfield to join Palmer Station, could not get on the plane at Comodoro and returned to Buenos Aires. Islanders say that either a third flight per week is needed during the Summer, or two F28 flights a week instead of one F27 and one F28.

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GREETINGS

Hello, Chairman of the Board speaking. It gives me great pleasure in presenting this landmark in Falkland Islands publishing history. The rotten and evil Falkland Islands Times is destroying the image of the Colony. We (that is 'I') feel that an essential corner has to be filled. People do not want to read sarcastic inaccurate reporting. Our overseas readers (bless all 4 of them) want to read the truth, the good things, the happy things that are here in our little group of Islands. Our main aim is to shoot down in flames the scurrilous lies that the TIMES knocks out and if we are very good we can use the Government electronic stencil cutter cos the TIMES has spoilt itself for that. Ha. Ha.

There is no such thing as a half finished Hostel. It is nearly dinished..or..finished. We don't want the silly Queen who just rides horses all day and drinks Port. We want independence and refugees and wool profits. We cannot get people to write much but we hope to make up some for printing..letters that is. If anyone wants to write letters we we will publish them but it is stressed that we are unable to print French letters. We don't like those nasty Marines either so don't write none to us you lot. Well, I hope you will enjoy reading a real good newspaper and stop reading the tripe that is in the TIMES what I don't, unless I manage to bum the copy of the rotten rag what is give to the Studio. Dave Coalswill uses the Newsletter too much in his paltry paper but I make mine up cos I'M clever. Thass all from me!

NEW ISSUE OF STAMPS By our Philatelic Reporter: N.Seagoon Jnr III

The Falkland Islands proposes to issue a new set of stamps commemorating the influx of 32,000 Vietnamese refugees over the next fortnight. The issue is described by dealers throughout the world as being what they have always been looking for. The stamps, printed in Hanoi, depict a refugee shaking hands and joining a new religion oriented group so that there will be no work permit hassles. The denominations are 3p, 11p and 25p and are all green and blue and red and sepia and beige and maroon and have no perforations because the Communists cannot afford a perforator.

The refugees will arrive in the Falklands soon after dark so the few agitating rats that are unfortunately still allowed to live here won't say nothing. The Hostel Site is to be requisitioned by Government for the cultivation of rice paddies. It is hoped to welcome a group of Khmer Rouge later on in the year, they having shown an interest in sheep farming and opening up a torture training school. These Vietnamese and possibly Cambodians who will come here will give the place a lease of life hitherto unknown and the new sets of stamps are surely, a philatelists dream.

Another issue of stamps will be released to celebrate the opening of the first housing estate in the Islands. The release date for this set is June 2035. This issue will have to be given the go ahead for issue by the Argentine-Soviet Government.

GO AHEAD FOR INDEPENDENCE By Ivan Bddake, Political Writer.

The Falkland Islands will be given the go ahead for independence over the next ten years said a Commons spokesman today. The new President of the Falklands will be chosen by the Working Mens Club on the basis of whoever eats the most hard boiled eggs at once.

Special Anti-Queen stickers are being made by one candidate.

SUN SHINES ON PASSAGE ISLANDS

News has just come in reoprtnig that the sunn shined on Passage Islins today.

A lot of littel birdies sang with joy and a breze made it seme like hevun.

A King Pengwin was sighted by Mrs Florence Crippen who was rowing her dingy to Argentina because of the expinsiff air fair. She said that it was a luvly luking bird and tasted qwite nice.

L.G.

THEY DO A GOOD JOB

It is not right when one puts down Government Officials as a waste of time and money.

When I was up at the House the other day I came to the conclusion that the man in charge is an excellent bloke.

We had a good time indeed. One of the games we played at the cocktail party was a new one invented last month called "Spot the Fresh Face". It turned out to be a bit boring though as nobody out of us won the game.

It wasn't until I went up the House that I know where the decisions were made. I had always been under the illusion that Council made the decisions around here. Huh, it was quite obvious that decisions were made and people pulled to pieces and discussed and run-down and stabbed in the back over the prawns bummed off the HMS Endurance. I was quite pleased to see that no peasant swine were invited. Keep them away I say. I'd pay for them to -----r off home if I could but I spend all my spare dough on contributions to FIRADA.

I loathe that organisation but it makes sure I get to meet all the people who may help me later on in life so I stick it out. They were all laughing at some new outfit called the Community League or some other silly name like that. We all argued over who should be shot first out of the silly organisation and we simply burst into peals of laughter when someone said that we'd only get nine months if we did away with the lot of the agitating, commie rabble. They need not worry none. We have ways of shutting their yaps. We'll just make a mistake in a few of the individual members government bills, you know, electricity and so on. They'll soon leave the place. I have to go as I need to sign the book again. That nasty woman who wears the long black dress is always trying to beat me at getting her name at the top of the blessed page. Goodbye.

KIDZ KORN

Hello children. We have a quiz for you this week.

When will the Hostel be ready?

- A. Next Year.
B. 2030
C. It is finished but looks rough.
D. When Neil Reid comes back.

Where is the Swimming Pool?

- A. What's that?
B. Somewhere off Weddell Island.
C. Stabbed by a Chilean.
D. Brandon Road.

Why do people work in Government?

- A. Plenty of overtime.
B. You can whistle a lot.
C. You get overseas leave.
D. You don't need any sense.

Answers on a postcard please to Uncle Dick Dago, Lampoon Quiz, Stanley. The winners will get a free subscription and we promise that none of our employess kids will get the prize.

PHOTOGRAPHS

So we can all laugh and because we are paranoid about the TIMES and must mention something about it in every single edition, we have taken a photograph of the inside of the TIMES Editor's head:-



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GOVERNOR REVEALS ALL IN FIGAS REPORT

Broadcasting Officer Mike Peake's Tuesday "News Magazine" of May 27th contained what most people thought to be an excellent report by Governor Hunt on the current situation with regard to the Falkland Islands Government Air Service. His Excellency's report is reproduced:-

Good Evening. I've been wanting to speak to you for some time about FIGAS because I know that this is a subject that is of great interest to you all and particularly to those of you in Camp. But before I get on to that I should first like to express my regret that I've not been able to visit more of you in Camp. I've now been here for 3 months and I had hoped that in that time I would have been able to get around most of the settlements. In fact I've only been able to manage seven. The main reason for this has been of course the Islander; it was grounded when I arrived and the special oil required for the new engine was received only last Wednesday. It is now in the air again, Jim Kerr gave it an air test yesterday, but more of that later. Also for most of my time here one of the two Beavers has been unserviceable and I've not thought it right to hog a seat in the one remaining Beaver. I'm reminded of that old wartime poster 'Is your journey really necessary'? Older listeners may recall that it was put up when tanker crews were being torpedoed trying to get their precious cargo of fuel to beleaguered Britain. Well, the situation isn't that desperate here but I couldn't put my hand on heart and say that my journeys to Camp were really necessary. They could wait until more aircraft were available where as I know that for many of you your journeys were really necessary. I hope shortly to be able to resume my flying programme but in the meantime I'm hopping a lift on the Monsunen or the Forrest to some of the settlements not too far from Stanley.

But now to the main reason I wanted to talk to you tonight. FIGAS. I have been expecting Mr Cooper's report on the accident at Hill Cove but after making enquiries by telegram I've now had a reply that the landing trials on wet grass that he instructed Britten-Norman to carry out have not yet been completed, and he did not expect to send his report to us until mid-July. I thought I shouldn't wait that long before talking to you because now that the Islander is flying again there were various suggestions that Mr Cooper made before he left that I'd like to explain. Apparently it is usual after an aircraft accident for the investigating officer to make recommendations in advance of his findings as to the cause of the accident if in the course of his investigations he sees anything that could be done immediately to reduce the chance of any further accident occurring. Well, Mr Cooper made several specific recommendations related to improving airstrips, flying safety and aircraft documentation, and we've been doing our best to implement these over the past two months. As many of you will know, Harry Bonner has been carrying out surveys of the strips and his findings are being incorporated now into the Pilot's Operations Manual. The main point of this is the pilot should know, before going into a strip, its length, width, radiant and surface condition. Mr Cooper recommended that all airstrips should have side markers as well as end markers, windsocks, fire-fighting and crash equipment.....Continued overleaf.....

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.....The bottleneck here has been fire-fighting instruction. The equipment has now been delivered by kind courtesy of the Forrest and Royal Marines to most of the main airstrips. But so far only Fox Bay East and North Arm have had instruction in its use. We are working hard on this and Pat McPhee and Fred Whitney are going around now in the Beaver demonstrating the equipment and instructing crews in its use and method of re-charging. Given reasonable weather they should be able within the next week or two to get around Hill Cove, Pebble Island, Port Stephens, Dunnose Head, Chartres, Saunders Island, Port Howard, Teal Inlet and Darwin. I know that Darwin hasn't yet received its foam tender but it should be there any moment now by courtesy of Harry Milne and George Betts on the Monsunen. As soon as this is done I can licence these strips and the Islander will be authorised to carry out full passenger operations into them. Until then, I'm afraid it can operate into them only with freight and mail. For the other strips that have not yet received any fire-fighting equipment, and I'm afraid that I can't give you any idea of when you might get it; we have ordered it from the Crown Agents but are waiting for dates; I'm afraid I cannot authorise passenger operations unless in an emergency such as a medical evacuation. I'm sorry about that but at least once the Islander is operating into the strips I've mentioned, the others should enjoy an improved Beaver service, until of course their fire-fighting equipment arrives and I can licence them also for Islander operations. Mr Cooper also recommended that there should be an airstrip controller and a deputy who should be instructed in their duties by FIGAS. Now this does not mean that airstrip controllers will be responsible for deciding whether or not the Islander should land. That is, and must always be, the responsibility of the pilot in charge. What Mr Cooper had in mind was that airstrip controllers, or their deputies, could lessen the risk of an accident by driving up and down the strip before the Islander was due to arrive and letting the pilot know its general condition. A simple code will be used such as hard, soft, dry, wet or very wet. Obviously it will help if we had direct radio communication between pilot and airstrip controller and we are looking into ways of doing this. Perhaps the best would be to install a 2-Metre set in the Islander as most settlements now seem to have them.

On the flying side, John Ayers has been appointed Training Captain as recommended by Mr Cooper and has produced a most useful Training Manual with which all FIGAS pilots present and future must comply. This involves regular check flights to ensure the maintenance of the highest attainable standard of flying over all the years of a pilots career. As an additional check, the Falkland Islands Government will invite an experienced pilot of the United Kingdom Civil Aviation Authority to come over here periodically and fly with FIGAS pilots to give them the benefit of the latest U.K. experience and to maintain operational standards over the years. Now all this is going to cost money and cause inconvenience. Some of you may wonder why we should waste pilots precious time and valuable aircraft hours on check flights without passengers. But this is something that all airlines have to do in the interests of flight safety, and that is, after all, your safety.

On the staff side, as most of you know, Jim Kerr is leaving tomorrow after 26 years of faithful service to the Islands. I should like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to him for keeping the Beaver's flying all these years, although frequently understaffed both in the air and on the ground. I wish him and Joyce a happy and well-earned retirement in England. Last Friday, the Appointments Board appointed John Ayers as Acting Director of Civil Aviation. This is the usual procedure, to make an acting appointment, until the person holding a substantive post finishes his retirement leave. Unfortunately John Ayers has since tendered his resignation, and will be leaving the Colony on the second of July. He has done so because he has been unable to accept the uncertainty over Andy Alsop's return.....Continued on Page 6

F L A S H B A C K

Continuing the account of the unveiling of the Falkland Islands Battle Memorial, part 1 of which appeared in the last issue.

"With appropriate gesture My Lords of the Admiralty were invited to take a prominent part in the ceremony and graciously consented to permit HMS."Capetown" of the North Atlantic and West Indies station to visit the Colony for the occasion for a period of five days at the end of February last. The announcement of this news at the beginning of the New Year evoked an enthusiastic response from local residents, who seem sometimes to be forgotten in their remote isolation, and the general satisfaction was the more increased by the further announcement that the Bishop of the Falkland Islands whose diocese extends throughout the length of the west coast of South America from Punta Arenas in Chile on the Straits of Magellan to Panama and includes the Colony off the east coast, would be able to be present.

Preparations were put in hand at once and proceeded apace.

The resources of the Colony are limited, its population scattered, and the date fixed, Saturday, the 26th of February, less than two short months to pass. In the absence from the Colony of the majority of the principal subscribers the duty of organising these preparations devolved naturally on the Colonial Government which on the personal lead of the Acting Governor Lieutenant-Colonel A.E.Beattie, C.B.E., M.C., late of the Queen's Regiment, was undertaken with whole-hearted endeavour. It was resolved that no effort should be spared to make the occasion full worthy of its unique place in the history of the Colony since its final occupation in 1834.

In Stanley the importance of the occasion was emphasised early in the week preceeding Saturday, the 26th of February, by the arrival from the Camp - for so the outlying districts are termed locally - of contingents of shepherds with their troops of shaggy horses riding in many miles over rugged hill and lonely moor accompanied not infrequently by their womenfolk and children. Later in the week came by specially chartered steamer a strong representation of nearly one hundred persons from the Falkland Islands Company's farms at Darwin and in Lafonia the Southern half of the East Falkland which is separated from the Northern half of the island by a solid wall of gorse planted in past days by the original "gauchos" or cattlemen from the Argentine. Farmers from the remainder of the East Falkland came in almost to a man and despite the difficulties of communication the West Falkland was not without its contribution to the number.

Accommodation in the town of Stanley is at all times limited and was now strained to the utmost; lively yet orderly scenes were present to hold the eye and delight the memory. And thus when HMS "Capetown" dropped anchor shortly after midday on the 25th of February in the inner harbour opposite to the Dockyard jetty there had assembled together the greatest number of people in the history of the Falkland Islands.

A start was made on this day of arrival with the programme of entertainments prepared as it was felt that there was no time to be lost so soon would our visitors again have to leave us.

The exchange of official calls between His Excellency and Captain O.H.Dawson R.N., in command of HMS "Capetown" was followed by an "At Home" at Government House largely attended by the officers of the warship, the officers and staff of RRS "William Scoresby" of the "Discovery" expedition and by prominent local residents and officials. PART 3 will appear in the next edition.

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HOW THE OTHER HALF LIVE

With so much talk concerning the possibility of major oil beds around the Falkland Islands being tossed about from article to article in various publications both in Britain and abroad, one cannot help but wonder what changes to Colonial life an oil bonanza would make to the Falklands. Some extracts have been taken from an American article concerning the Shetland Islands called "Shetlanders keep their cool in an oil boom."

For centuries, hardly a home was ever locked on these rocky, windswept islands where the weather ranges from bad to worse. Trust was so much a way of life that when leaving the house, Shetlanders would prop a shovel against the door to let neighbours know no-one was home and spare them an unnecessary walk. But now, these hardy descendants of Norsemen are locking the doors against the unknown. Traditions that have flourished since the eighth century are in jeopardy, threatened by changes that came with the discovery of oil beneath the North Sea. The impact of oil development is widely felt nine years after oil reserves were found 100 miles to the east. An army of several thousand English, Scottish and Irish construction workers arrived to build a 1,000-acre network of pipelines and storage tanks to handle oil pumped underwater from the Brent and Ninian fields.

High wages lured 1,500 Shetlanders to oil-related jobs, leaving local authorities hard pressed to find labour to mend roads, collect garbage or attend to menial jobs at the local hospital. Teen-age girls earned as much sweeping floors at the oil terminal each day after school as their fathers made in a week. The island police force of 35 was depleted as veterans quit to become security guards at the oil terminal. Bakers abandoned their trade, leaving one bakery where many once stood. "All the rest gave up to work in the camps," says Lt. Allan Taylor of the Salvation Army. "It means that the one baker doesn't have time to bake cakes, there is so much demand just for rolls and bread. Otherwise, the bread comes up from the Scottish mainland. And with only three boats a week, by the time we get it, it's a bit fusty."

Navigating the treacherous waters and narrow inlets is so difficult that 22 lighthouses sweep these waters with beacons every night. Tankers headed for Europe and elsewhere already have spilled oil, damaging bird life, killing sheep that graze on seaweed along the shore and raising the spectre of devastating pollution. Despite development, tradition dies hard on this chain of islands 750 miles from the Arctic Circle. For years, economic necessity had forced young Shetlanders to look for opportunities in North America, Australia and New Zealand. The islands' population, which approached 30,000 in the 19th century, had dropped to 17,483 by 1961. Yet in the face of unrelenting emigration that appeared certain to doom the islands' way of life, Shetlanders and the newly formed government agency, the Highlands and Islands Development Board, began to revive the economy and keep the young at home. By the late 1960's, knitwear, fish processing and fishing were booming again. The population started making substantial gains in 1970 for the first time in a century.

Tempering the impact of oil development with local tradition has paid off handsomely on these islands where sheep outnumber people 12 to 1. The economy today is more robust than anyone had dreamed. Taxis and hotels, once busy only in the short midsummer season, now are packed throughout the year. The Lerwick waterfront, long a mere shelter for fishing boats with a slip for a ferry to the mainland, now has workshops and wharves humming with activity. Tax revenue from oil has been invested with the bankers Rothschild, and the fund already totals nearly 34 million dollars. It appears certain to grow with a steady flow of 1.4 million barrels of oil a day coming ashore at the Sullom Voe complex and the possibility that the daily flow could jump to 3 million barrels if oil fields are discovered to the west in the Atlantic Ocean. Interest from the investments already is underwriting improvements around the islands. Three thousand...cont.overleaf.....

.....old-age pensioners received \$70 gifts from the Shetland Islands Council at Christmas on top of their regular stipend as well as the promise of free telephone installation if they wished.

Already, some fishermen are using loans from the council to finance oceangoing trawlers that can cost more than three million dollars. Fishermen in the Shetlands work in co-operatives of six to eight men, sharing the cost of the ships and the profits of their catch. Fishermen on the island of Whalsay say, with good fishing, they can pay off their debt in seven years.

Ahead for the islands, as well, is the unknown impact of the departure of the 4,000-member construction force, leaving an operational staff of only 600 within a year. A large number of young Shetlanders have grown used to artificially high wages and may suddenly find themselves without work - or with work that pays far less than what they are used to. Yet Shetlanders and their craggy, treeless homeland have survived adversity before. "There's no other place in Britain like the Shetlands," one islander says. "Everybody mixes with everybody else, because, being on an island like Shetland, you know you have to rely on each other. That's why it's unique." From an article by John Lee appearing in US NEWS & WORLD REPORT - MAY 5th 1980.

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Also taken from the May 5th US NEWS & WORLD REPORT comes a piece about the Royal Family:-

The domain of Queen Elizabeth II has shrunk sharply from the days when it was said that the sun never set on the British Empire. Ruled by nobility for centuries, Britain in modern times has been governed by Conservative, Liberal and Labour political parties. As a biographer put it, the Queen is "the figurehead of a welfare state and populist democracy whose ethic is diametrically opposed to the monarchical tradition of her forebears." But that doesn't seem to matter. The position of the 54-year-old Queen and the Royal Family is solid and little affected by changes in the government. Only once in her reign of 28 years has there been a serious outburst against what one critic called the "royal soap opera." That was in 1957, and it was started not by left-wing, anti-royalists but by a lord of the realm. The reaction: A spirited defence of the Royal Family by the press and public.

The monarchy is expensive. But the British refuse to scrimp in their financial support of the Crown and its trappings. Only a handful of leftists grumbles as royal spending soars. The Civil List - the funds that the government provides the Royal Family - has quadrupled in 10 years. To meet her needs, the Queen will receive nearly 6 million dollars this year. Allowances to other members of her family total another 1.4 million. Elizabeth also collects \$548,000 a year from the royal estates. Most Britons pay high income taxes, but the Queen's income is tax free. Her family also escapes the heavy death duties that have eaten into the fortunes of once-rich British families. Cash grants are only a small part of the cost to taxpayers. Defence funds maintain the Queen's fleet of airplanes and the royal yacht BRITANNIA. The Department of the Environment pays to maintain the many palaces and castles. Rail and postal services are free to the royal family. The total cost of royal perquisites: Over 20 million dollars a year. In addition to these benefits, the Queen has a large private fortune, the amount of which is never disclosed. Elizabeth is not only Queen of the United Kingdom - England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland - but rules in name over 10 other nations, including Canada, Australia and New Zealand. Princess Margaret, the Queen's younger sister, is the only member of the royal family to mar its image since King Edward VIII abdicated in 1936 to marry twice-divorced Wallis Simpson. Margarets marriage to a photographer ended in divorce, and she has drawn criticism from her conservative countrymen for travelling to Carribean islands and Italy with various unattached men for prolonged holidays. But Margaret too, gets raises in her government allowance to cope with inflation and now draws \$180,000 a year.

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.....He wanted a categorical assurance that we would reject Andy Alsop if he applied for the pilot vacancy created by Jim Kerr's departure. And this I'm afraid I could not give him. The position about Andy Alsop is that some time ago he contacted the Chief Secretary and expressed his interest in returning here to fly for FIGAS. At the time, he laid down certain conditions for coming back that we were unable to accept. He proposed to come here for 1 year only with the option of giving three months notice at any time between one or two years after arrival. The choice of timing would be his arranged to coincide with a pilot vacancy back in Loganair. He also said that he would work as a co-equal with John Ayers. We replied that we would only be willing to consider his application if he were prepared to come for a minimum of three years and that he would be subordinate to, and not equal with, John Ayers. The latest we have heard from ODA is that he is still considering this. In view of John Ayers's resignation, which came as a great surprise to us all, the Chief Secretary has telexed Andy Alsop explaining the new situation asking if he is still interested and how soon he could come. In the meantime, the plan was that John Ayers as Training Captain would convert Ian White onto the Islander and check out Eddie Anderson before he went on 2nd of July, so that we had 2 qualified pilots able to fly both the Beaver and the Islander. Unhappily, John Ayers now considers that he cannot fly again for FIGAS before he leaves. So although the Islander is now serviceable, after being grounded for over 3 months, it looks as though it will be grounded again for another considerable period until Andy Alsop can get here or if he decides not to come until we recruit another experienced Islander pilot. How long the normal recruiting process will take I don't know but I have to give you a warning that, short of a miracle, we shall be down to two pilots and one Beaver from now on. I hope that the second Beaver will be flying again by late June, but at present, I'm afraid I can't say when the Islander will be flying again.

I have spoken to you at some length about this tonight because I know there has been a lot of concern about FIGAS and many rumours have been flying around. Well, what we want now is more aircraft flying around and less rumours. Goodnight.

KEEP THE HOME FIRES BURNING

Ian Jones certainly 'had his chips' on Sunday May 25th when his chip pan caught fire causing extensive damage to his flat, rented from Government at 34 Ross Road, Stanley at approximately 2015hrs. Dense black smoke was gushing out of the front door and the Superintendent of the Fire Brigade decided to set off the alarm for a general call out. The Superintendent - Mr Brian Summers - said that response to the alarm was very good and within a very short time the fire was under control. This was apparently the first time that the Brigade (which is a volunteer force) had to use breathing apparatus and if none had been available it would have proved impossible for Brigade members to have entered the premises. Mr Summers has appealed for more volunteers to join the Fire Brigade.

POWER FAILURE

A power failure occurred on Monday May 26th on the line feeding the R/T Office, Printing Office and Secretariat. Temporary repairs were carried out on the cable and the R/T was operational later in the day. The result of the loss of power to the Secretariat, meant the cash desk and Treasury section was closed because of extreme cold. The fault has since been located and repaired, the Power Station men working more-or-less round the clock in miserable weather conditions.

DEFENCE FORCE RIFLE ASSOCIATION REPORT

Written and sent to the TIMES by
Honorary Secretary STAN SMITH.

With the shooting season ending on Sunday 13th April, and conditions around the range possibly the wettest on record, I would like to take this opportunity to finalise winners of the Easter Prize Shoot which saw Ken Summers return a gun score of 138 which was some 9 points clear of his nearest rival. Well done Ken. The range championships went to Tony Pettersson at 600 & 1000 yards, to Douglas Hansen at 900 yards and to Stan Smith at 300 & 500 yards.

Friday evening the 9th May brought the Annual Prize Giving in the form of a Social Evening held in the FIDF Drill Hall, commencing with sausages, peas and mash, which were passed around shortly after 8-15, followed by trifle washed down with wine. The highlight of the evening then followed, yes, the Prize Giving for the 1979/80 season. The Chairman, in his short address, thanked a very active Secretary, and his willing team of helpers, who had done so much hard work in making such a delicious meal possible, he then welcomed this year's official guests: Mr & Mrs Charles Maddocks, who were in Stanley on their way to the United Kingdom for a well-earned leave; he also paid tribute to both for their contribution to the Club over the years in passing weather reports to the Stanley Committee before the Annual Bisley Competitions commenced. Charles was then asked to come forward and present the season's prizes which he had earlier accepted to do. In conclusion, the Chairman on behalf of the Rifle Association, then presented Charles with a small gift as a token of appreciation for his services to the club and wished them a happy retirement. Then followed toasts to the various Cup winners. The Cups were laced with a wide variety of beverages and the remainder of the evening went with a swing with dancing to Betty Ford's records, songs from Ron Clarke with guitar accompaniment, novelty dances and Stan on his squeeze-box. At 1230 some 91 guests and members made their way homewards after yet another successful prize giving.

Our sweepstake will soon be returning for the winter months. Without the sweepstake and the excellent public support it receives, it would not be possible to operate and compete at Bisley in the U.K. When finances permit, Teams are supported, this year being an exception, in which we have been fortunate to obtain the release from his duties in the Printing Department of Mr Tony Pettersson for approximately one month, to enable us to send him to Bisley to team up with Ron Betts, Owen May, Robin Henricksen and reserve Keith Summers. This is perhaps the strongest team that we have been able to field at Bisley for many years. Tony will be leaving Stanley on 9th July. The above mentioned Team will be officially representing the Falklands in the Junior Overseas, Junior Kolapore and Junior Mackinnon which will be shot on 24th & 25th July. Let's take this opportunity to wish them all the best of luck for the 1980 Bisley. Results of the Bisley competitions will be broadcast in Bisley News-Flashes during the meeting.

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Regret back-issues can no longer be supplied as paper storage constitutes a fire hazard, so any copies produced above the normal printing run are now destroyed.

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Community League Call for Retrial

In a recent letter to His Excellency the Governor, the Falkland Islands Community League expressed their shock at the leniency of the sentence (nine months) passed by Supreme Court Judge Sir Peter Watkin Williams on Francisco Burgos. The League called for a retrial on the grounds that there was no competent prosecutor to represent the Crown and despite a ruling by the magistrate of the preliminary inquiry that there was a charge of murder to answer, the prosecution at the Supreme Court hearing accepted the lesser charge of manslaughter. The Community League also drew the governor's attention to the fact that the public did not enjoy confidence in the present leadership of the Police Force and that the morale of the officers was at an unprecedented low.

In his reply, Governor Hunt wished the League every success in serving the community and noted the opinion of League members on the sentence imposed on Burgos. Regarding the prosecution he said that he understood that it is in the judge's discretion whether or not he accepts a plea on a reduced charge and that acceptance or rejection of the plea by the prosecution is irrelevant.

Evading the point about the lack of confidence in the present leadership of the Police Force and the low morale of its officers, His Excellency agreed that the Force was seriously understaffed and that he had asked the Overseas Police Adviser to give priority to the recruiting of an experienced Chief Police Officer.

Governor Hunt's letter concluded by saying that the Police Force was a true community service and perhaps one or two of the Community League's members could be encouraged to join.

ED: Another successful and interesting meeting was held in the Town Hall Refreshment Room on Wednesday May 28th. Apart from the Burgos affair and the Governor's letter, a letter was read from Councillor Wallace

Contrary to notes in the last edition which intimated that the letter to the Governor and his subsequent reply would be published, it was decided - purely for space reasons - just to print the summary above.

Come along to the next meeting of the Falkland Islands Community League and talk, argue or just listen.

Chairman: Dave Ryan; Treasurer: Terry Peck; Secretary: Jeannie Dobbys.

NEXT MEETING: Town Hall Refreshment Room, Wednesday June 25th.

Actual time of meeting will be broadcast.

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DEATH: Frank Aldridge... Aged 58.

Frank left the Falkland Islands in the early fifties with his wife Mary and son Kelvin and settled at Mount Roskill in New Zealand. Frank was the only brother of Tom Aldridge at Hill Cove, West Falkland.

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PENFRIEND WANTED

A girl or boy, 14-17 years old is required as a penfriend for a 15 year-old Danish boy. He says that he wants to know more about the Falkland Islands. JESPER DALL-HANSEN, VESTERVANGEN 28, DK-8620, KJELLERUP, DENMARK.

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THE IDLE GOSSIP COLUMN

Well, another edition hits the streets again and all in all the month of May seems to have been a quiet one. Things are looking up for the TIMES with contacts being made in the U.K. for someone to cut electronic stencils. As soon as (blooming typewriter) contacts have been established it is hoped to print a regular crossword puzzle compiled by Terry Binnie. The General Employees Union have allowed the TIMES office space in its Headquarters and the great little rag will be operating from there in the near future.

I'll be keeping an eye on the Budget Sessions due shortly to see if the Broadcasting Studio will be allowed a bit more cash for new tape-recorders. The amount of trouble experienced with the tape-recorder used for playback of the last Newsletter was unbelievable, slowing down and speeding up! If they do get a new one they should be able to sell off the old studio one at an enormous profit, because if one looks closely you can notice the autograph of Thomas Edison on it!

Strange things have been happening in FIGAS right enough. I wonder what will happen to the Islander if Folk Hero Alsop returns. I don't think that he has tried landing on top of Cape Pembroke Lighthouse yet but there's always the first time. I hear rumours that the Islander is to be fitted with machetes on the wheels a la Bodicea for combating the gorse bushes that leap in front of planes. Say what you like about John Ayers refusing to fly for FIGAS. That decision to hang up his flying manual has cost him £9,000-£10,000. It's his job, surely he has the right to chuck it in if he wants to? It's obvious that the Government did not have confidence in him as a Director of Civil Aviation (forget the "Acting" cobblers) by ignoring his opinions of Alsop. Where does he stand? Andy Alsop must be in a quandary as well. It is obvious that he really wants to remain with Loganair, for whom he has undoubtedly done an excellent job, so it will be interesting to see if he does come to the Colony once again, surely the cash and conditions out here would be rubbish alongside Loganair. I wonder how Russ Hooper is doing nowadays??

I wish the Public Works would sling some sand on the roads when they ice up. Surely a coating of sand is cheaper than a broken leg? I defy anyone to get to the junction of Pioneer Row and Moody Street from King Street (by Harold Bennett's garden) at the first attempt. Blinking dangerous. What are rates for?

I was amused to receive two answers to the mickey-take 'Kidz Korny' quiz which appeared in the Wonderful Lampon Monthly (attached to Colony editions of the TIMES). They were from Una McKay and Michelle Anderson, both of Teal Inlet. (I'll have to send Mike Pritchard a free copy for schoolkid indoctrination!!) Unfortunately, they got one answer wrong so they can only claim second prize. So, Una and Michelle, a whole £1 has been sent to each of you. The questions again: 1) When will the Hostel be ready?

Answer: 2030

2) Where is the Swimming Pool?

Answer: Brandon Road. (Fifth pothole to the left to be precise!)

3) Why do people work in Government?

Answer: Plenty of overtime.

Una and Michelle both displayed a unique sense of humour by ticking the wrong answer to the Hostel question. They marked 'Next Year'. Ha, ha. Er..sorry Ian..but I refuse to buy the biccies at the next meeting. In actual fact, the Wonderful Lampon Monthly was bought-out by the Jackass Clarion but the Taz Supremo will appear next month. And for those that have asked, no, the F.I. Broadsheet hasn't been forgotten, it will appear after other commitments have been finalised. And with that piece of useful information I'll end by saying 'Hello' to one-time Editor of the TIMES - Robin Forrester - and will be writing soon mate.

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FALKLAND FISHING

From THE TIMES (London) April 3rd 1980:-

Sir, you published a letter on March 26 from Mr G. White concerning Falkland Fishing to which I would like the opportunity to reply. Many visitors to the Falkland Islands come away with the misconception that the seas around are teeming with fish, yet the British fishing industry lacks the initiative to go there for catches. Mr White avers that "almost any day several East European fishing trawlers call in the outer harbour of Port Stanley to unload at one or more of their factory ships". Even if that was not a gross exaggeration, it does not prove the Falkland seas sustain marketable fish. People are confused over the terminology of fish; krill is fish yet it is unmarketable in the Western world; blue whiting is fish, but the southern species are so riddled with cysts as to be unmarketable, too. The East Europeans fish for protein and not for profit, and this is something the islanders and their visitors cannot understand. Some good fish is a by-product of the effort, and when it is given away ashore in exchange for hospitality it is assumed the whole catch is of similar quality.

During the years 1973 and 1974 I spent 180 days at sea fishing round the Falklands as a British observer aboard a Japanese freezer trawler, undertaking a commercial research fishing programme. The answer is plain: there are no British or Japanese vessels fishing there, for white fish, because it is not a viable proposition. The evidence we have should not preclude government-financed further research, but is insufficient to justify a private investment.

Lastly, Mr White quite rightly praises the patriotic islanders, but he is adrift in stating that every facility can be arranged for British fishermen. I do not know exactly what he had in mind, but as far as simple maintenance and servicing of a modern fishing vessel is concerned Port Stanley unfortunately has nothing to offer. To mount a fishing operation in the southern hemisphere would require a full fleet of support vessels which neither the industry nor the Government are in a position to provide.

The presence of such foreign vessels in the Falkland Islands area from time to time may only be their desire to communicate with the outside world; for hospital and postal facilities, air flights and cargo to the Argentine, and - dare we mention it - small purchases of Scotch whisky for the thirsty captains.

Yours faithfully,

Dennis Roberts, Mill Hill Crescent, Cleethorpes, South Humberside.

ED: Recently, two Japanese freezer trawlers left Falkland waters with 5,600 tons of fish.

Due to shortage of space in this edition we have had to leave out H.V. WATSON'S 'South America-Political' Part 3, a poem from Dcs Peck and snippets from Bob Ferguson and Charlie Jones. These will appear in the next issue which will be prepared as soon as enough material comes to hand. The Governor's speech was transcribed from a tape-recording of 'News Magazine' broadcast on the Falkland Islands Broadcasting Station and is published in its entirety. Thanks go to Ron Newman for the copy of 'U.S. NEWS/WORLD REPORT'. Thanks go to Major Ronnie Spafford for the TIMES masthead.

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THE COLLARD REPORT

What was all the fuss about? Why had Government delayed the publication of John Collard's report on the Falkland Islands Broadcasting Service?? Now that John's report has been published, it's hard to see why the delay. There is nothing in it that can be seen as 'stirring it up', so it is strange why Government sat on it for so long, although a few "sneaky" copies were given to a chosen few apart from Councillors.

Some quotes from the report:-

The Falkland Islands Government established the first colonial broadcasting service when in 1929, a wired broadcasting system was started in Stanley. Wireless broadcasting from a radio transmitter became a feature in 1942.

A Broadcasting Advisory Committee was set up in the early 1950's to offer guidance and advice on programme output. Their deliberations preceded the major installation of new equipment by the British Post Office in 1954. This advisory committee disappeared from the scene, for no obvious reason, about three or four years ago.

Almost invariably, local broadcasting stations ultimately reflect the societies which they serve. Generally speaking, the smaller the society, the greater that reflection. Therefore, by definition, Radio Falklands should, like the community itself, be relaxed, friendly, informal and inquisitive. It is rarely any of these things.

Given its position as a Government-financed medium of entertainment and information, the radio station should be an important part of the social fabric of the Islands. In my view, it is not. Instead, it frequently presents a dour, unimaginative image, sometimes embarrassed by its own short-comings. At the same time, there appears to be little on-going, self analysis of the service being offered to the community.

In reading this report, Government must decide on what sort of broadcasting service it wants. From my research on the Islands, there is some indication of a slow but continuous deterioration in the general standard of the service being offered. Indeed, I saw my role during the assignment as one of suggesting corrective rather than progressive measures.

Should the feeling be that the present general format be retained, with some improvement in "presence" and content, this can be achieved fairly simply. If, as I believe, the Falkland Islands Broadcasting Station is to play its full part in reflecting the community and serving the wishes of all sections of that community, then this can only be achieved by radical changes in the organisational structure and an altering of attitudes among the people involved.

There is a lot of truth in John's words, especially those words: "altering of attitudes among the people involved" and we all know who that...er...they point to! As John says: "that within the studio complex, there exists among certain personnel an acute personality conflict." "The Broadcasting Officer, who has direct responsibility for the content and quality of programme output, tends to work in isolation from the rest of the studio staff, because of the personality difficulties referred to".

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Items from the F.I.Gazette, May 1980.

APPOINTMENTS: Mrs. S.Keenleyside, Clerk, Public Service.
 Mrs. S.Halford, Clerk, Public Service.
 Miss T.Peck, Clerk, Public Service.
 Mrs. V.Bennett, Nursing Sister, Medical Department.
 Mrs. A.Cusworth, Telephonist, Posts & Tels Dept.
 Miss M. Bonner, Nurse, Medical Department.
 Mr. P.Coutts, Carpenter, Public Works Department.

RE-APPOINTMENTS:
 Mrs. S.Peck, Clerk, Public Service.
 Mrs. U.Wallace, Clerk, Public Service.
 Mrs. F.Biggs, Clerk, Public Service.
 Mrs. T.McGill, Laboratory Assistant, Medical Dept.
 Mrs. G.Carey, Nurse, Medical Department.

The findings of the Cost of Living Committee for the Quarter Ended 31st March 1980:- Percentage increase over 1971 prices = 220.37%

APPROPRIATION (1980-81) ORDINANCE 1980.

<u>HEAD OF SERVICE</u>	<u>AMOUNT (£)</u>
The Governor.....	40,225
Agriculture.....	16,145
Aviation.....	280,073
Customs & Harbour.....	68,182
Education.....	224,288
Medical.....	257,381
Meteorological.....	21,588
Military.....	7,805
Miscellaneous.....	31,265
Pensions & Gratuities.....	61,000
Police & Prisons.....	37,611
Posts & Telecommunications.....	191,500
Public Works.....	254,253
Public Works Recurrent.....	212,610
Public Works Special.....	88,220
Secretariat, Treasury & Central Store.....	198,027
Overseas Passages.....	153,230
Social Welfare.....	93,030
Supreme Court & Legal.....	17,850
Training.....	12,000

Total Ordinary Expenditure.....£2,226,283.

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SNIPPET FROM CHARLIE JONES

The shape of things to come, taken from Yachting Monthly.

According to a Norwegian Technical Study Society who were asked to investigate the feasibility of a million-ton tanker, the ship would have to be 1,700 feet in length, 330 feet in beam and have a draught of 131 feet. This would make her three times bigger than the largest ship now sailing and too deep for the Straits of Dover. She would take between 12 and 15 miles to come to a stop in an emergency (with her engines going full speed astern) and if she ever got out of control or her engines failed, no tug in the world could hold her.

In fact, if her engines ever did fail and she hit the shore at full speed, she would carry sufficient way to plough 1/2-a-mile inland.

A spokesman for the company who sponsored the feasibility study said: "Ships like this are unlikely to be ordered at the present!"

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BABY SHOW 1980

Saturday May the 24th in the Parish Hall saw another Baby Show organised by the Red Cross Society in conjunction with Mr Des Peck.

H.E. the Governor and wife arrived at 2.30pm as Mrs Hunt had agreed to do some judging along with Mrs Gilobert and the Royal Marines Commanding Officer Major Gilding.

First Prize was a cup on a plinth bearing the inscription 'Baby Show 1979-80 presented by Des Peck'. The 2nd Prize was a doll dressed as a Scots Highlander. Judging then began, and during the judging, His Excellency and Des Peck joined the mothers of the entrants for a chat. The following babies were entered:-

Ian Betts, 17 months; Mark Short, 13 months;
Jennifer McKay, 3 months; Colin Smith, 20 months;
Joselynn McIver, 23 months; Harold Nielson, 7 months;
Timmy White, 23 months; Tamara Lang, 3 months;
Kenneth Gaiger, 10 months; Allan Bonner, 4 months;
Johnathan Summers, 20 months; Roslin Harris, 22 months;
Anna Robson, 19 months.

The Judges finally declared the winning baby to be Kenneth Gaiger, son of Mr & Mrs K.W. Gaiger of Stanley, the second prize going to Joselynn McIver. Des Peck presented the prizes and gave the unlucky eleven bundles of joy a Kit-Kat candy bar.

Raffles were held, a food hamper - donated by Red Cross Members - and an iced cake being the prizes. The cake proved to be the main attraction, it being 8-sided and decorated with white icing, each side having a red and yellow rose with a bunch of roses in the centre. The cake was a product of the skill of Royal Marine Simon Kiddi and the petals of the iced roses had each to be made separately. Major Gilding thanked everyone on behalf of the Red Cross Society.

MAY BALL 1980

The Annual May Ball, organised jointly by the Girls and Boys Brigades, proved to be one of the liveliest on record, things going with a swing in the Town Hall, music being supplied by Disc Jockette Mrs Betty Ford and bands 'Agatha Christie' and Rowlands Ragtime Band. The first night of the two nights' Ball is given over to the election of the 'May Queen' and May Princess. Three times previous winner of the May Queen award, Miss Jeannie Dobbys, this year took May Princess while May Queen 1980 is Miss Fiona Sloggie.

The second night sees the emergence of Prince Charming. Roy Buckett took the award this year with Peter Coutts as runner-up.

An excellent commentary, crisp and clear, was recorded by Mrs Rene Rowlands and was subsequently broadcast by the Falkland Islands Broadcasting Station. Raffles were held and W. May won a bag of flour, Buntly Porter won a reproduction of paintings by Sonia Paul, Rab McRae won a Map of Wrecks, Brian Summers won a Hamburger Set and D. Cantlie won a bag of sugar.

NEWS OF A BIRTH

June 6th 1980 to Mr Tim Miller & Mr Claud Molkenbuhr,
Murrell Section, Green Patch: 21 PIGLETS.

(Side of bacon to P.O.Box 60 please!)

Stop Press: Governor Hunt has announced that he has signed a deportation order which will mean the expulsion of Chilean Francisco Burgos, the man who killed Tony Kirk.

FLASHBACK

Part 3 of the account of the unveiling of the Falkland Islands Battle Memorial taken from the F.I. Magazine and Church Paper, April 1927.

At 5.30pm a football team from the warship had the satisfaction of defeating a team representative of Stanley by the decisive margin of 6 goals to 2 and the men of the warship were later entertained at a dance in the Town Hall given by the members of the Defence Force.

The principal event, however, of this first day was the brilliant ball at Government House where such pleasure was afforded to so many by the generous hospitality of the Acting Governor and Mrs Beattie. The ball can only be portrayed as without parallel in the social life of the Colony and to be remembered for long years by all who were privileged to be present at it.

The day of the unveiling ceremony dawned without great promise but the weather conditions justly described as typical at no point threatened to cause serious inconvenience. The hour for the ceremony was fixed for 11 o'clock in the forenoon and well before that hour a steady stream of spectators were to be seen making their way along Ross Road and its continuation by the sea front past Government House to the site of the Memorial, the immediate approaches to which were lined by the men of the Defence Force to the number of sixty. Within the enclosure was drawn up on the north side of the monument a fine body of more than forty ex-servicemen including old volunteers who served with the local force at the time of the battle.

The general public massed in an open paddock sloping upwards away from and opposite to the south face of the monument with the schoolchildren and their teachers in front of them on a bank rising from the side of the road leading past the enclosure to the North Camp.

On the road the guard of honour of seventy naval ratings under two officers furnished by HMS Capetown took up position. (PART 4 in the next edition).

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SOUTH AMERICA-POLITICAL

By

H.V. WATSON

Part 3

Drake and Hawkins were the first to appreciate the vulnerability of the coasts of Chile and Peru quite apart from the shipping.

In 1585, Spain and England were at 'open war'. English seamen frequently took on much larger and heavier Spanish vessels. Spain had refused access to her South American possessions to English merchants. This adamant attitude in refusing co-operation for trade to the indigenous populations caused the smouldering fires of indignation to ignite. What should have been peaceful exploration turned into pillage and plunder by English seamen, and every Spanish ship an object for destruction. The first real test of strength in sea domination by opposing large forces of ships began with victory over the Armada. In 1805, the trial of strength on the sea came at the battle of Trafalgar when the combined Spanish and French fleets met an ignominious end.

The colonists born in Latin America, commonly referred to as Creoles, and the Spanish immigrants, were divided in loyalty. One side realising the opportunity to break the hold of Madrid appointing their officials, and the other firmly holding to their loyalty of the mother country.

The advent of the Napoleonic wars fermented the separatist inclinations producing various movements differing widely from each other. The rights of man were widely expressed in Cadiz by the popular orators among whom were many colonial delegates. During the Napoleonic wars, the intensity of loyalty to the patriots or the House of Castile varied in many parts of South America. In 1810, the Creole junta of Caracas reversed course and declared themselves loyal subjects of Ferdinand VII. And so it was in many areas.

(Part 4 in the next edition).

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS IN THE HOUSE OF LORDS

12th June 1980

Lord Buxton of Alsa asked Her Majesty's Government whether they can report on the outcome of recent talks with the Government of Argentina on matters concerning the Falkland Isles.

LORD TREFGARNE: My Lords, I must apologise for the length of this answer. As was stated in another place on 8th May, my Honourable friend the Minister of State, Mr Ridley, met an Argentine delegation led by the Under-Secretary of State at the Argentine Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Comodoro Cavandoli, for wide-ranging and exploratory talks in New York on 28th and 29th of April.

A Falkland Islands Councillor, Mr Adrian Monk, attended as a member of the United Kingdom delegation. The exchanges were cordial and positive. Each side was able to reach a better understanding of the others position. We made clear that we remained convinced of our sovereignty. No decisions were taken though it was agreed that contacts on day-to-day matters between the Islands and Argentina should be expanded. Each delegation is reporting back to its Government. We hope to continue these exchanges.

LORD BUXTON OF ALSA: My Lords, thanking my Noble friend for that answer, may I put one very important question to him? Bearing in mind that the lack of initiative and enterprise in the Falkland Islands - except for sheep farming - derives from uncertainty and indecisiveness by successive governments throughout the century, will this Government now extend the fishing limits to 200 miles round the Falkland Islands and Dependencies? In my view, that would be in the best interests both of Britain and Argentina, the more so because those waters are being heavily exploited and over-fished by Eastern Bloc fleets, including Russians and Poles.

LORD TREFGARNE: My Lords, dealing with the point made by my Noble friend, fishing and the exploitation of resources by third parties round the waters of the Falkland Islands were discussed in the recent talks in New York. We continue to keep under close review the question of extending Dependent Territory fishing zones, including those of the Falkland Islands and Dependencies, to 200 miles, but there are no plans to do so at present.

LORD GORONWY-ROBERTS: My Lords, May I ask the Noble Lord whether he is aware that we on this side of the House are certainly sensitive to the delicate nature of these talks and that we find what the Noble Lord has just had to say in response to the question of the Noble Lord, Lord Buxton of Alsa, encouraging. It is satisfactory that there is good feeling between Britain and the Argentine, two long-standing friends who look forward to even closer co-operation in solving the problems of the Falkland Islands.

LORD TREFGARNE: My Lords, I am obliged to the Noble Lord for that helpful intervention.

MAY WEATHER 1980

Average Temperature....4.5 degs.C
Highest Temperature....10.4 degs.C
Lowest Temperature Minus 4.1 degs.C
Total Rainfall.....78.0mm
Average Daily Sun.....2.2 hours
Average Wind Speed.....13.8 knots
Highest Wind Gust.....55 knots
Gale Force Wind Hours..19 hours
Wind of 10knots or less..304 hours
Ground Frost Occasions...16

SUMMARY

Much wetter and slightly warmer but with less sun and wind than is usual in May.

B*I*R*T*H*S

To Mr & Mrs Trevor Browning of Stanley, a daughter, AMANDA MARIE, on June 6th weighing 6lbs 11oz.

To Mr & Mrs Bryan May of San Carlos, a daughter, DONNA MONICA, on June 10th weighing 7lbs 3oz.

FALKLAND CO-OPERATIVE INDUSTRIES: Falkland Co-operative Industries report the need for more hand knitters plus machine knitters to keep up the rate of production.

Hand knitters are paid from 12 to 15p per ounce and machine knitters 10 to 15p. Hand spun wool is in great demand and 40 to 45p per ounce is paid for this. A new consignment of Spinning Wheels is expected shortly.

One or two machine knitters could use machines at Home Industries shop and are offered elementary instruction. This would be from 2-4pm only and payment would be by piecework.

Anyone interested in making a bit of pocket money, knitting or spinning, should contact Mrs Syd Miller on Telephone 91.

DOUBLE DISCO: Owing to the popularity of Val Berntsen's Disco in entertainment starved Stanley, Val has decided to make his Disco a fortnightly feature instead of once per month as at present.

Val and wife Cecilia, took over ownership of the Town Hall Cinema and included a monthly Disco after the film. Val's next Disco is scheduled for the first Saturday in July.

MEDICAL AND SANITARY REPORT 1/1/78 to 30/6/79

In this recently published report, a whole lot of interesting statistics are contained within its pages. Some are reprinted:-

HOSPITAL GARDEN: Due to the unstinting efforts of Mr Abbie Alazia and Mr Ernie Rieve, the hospital garden continues to flourish as shown by the following figures:-

Vegetables lifted from the Hospital Garden:

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>LBS</u>
1973	7,900
1974	9,726
1975	9,500
1976	9,373
1977	9,157
1978	10,567

Camp Medical visits for the 18 months:- Bluff Cove (No figure), Darwin 12, Douglas Station 6, Fitzroy 7, Green Patch 6, Johnsons Harbour 5, Lively Island 2, North Arm 8, Port Louis 6, Port San Carlos 5, Rincon Grande 1, Salvador 6, San Carlos 8, Sea Lion 2, Speedwell (No figure), Teal Inlet 5, Walker Creek 5, Beaver Island 5, Carcass Island 3, Chartres 6, Dunnose Head 4, Fox Bay West 7, Fox Bay East 6, Golding Island 1, Hill Cove 6, Keppel Island 2, New Island 2, Pebble Island 6, Port Howard 6, Port Stephens 7, Roy Cove 6, Saunders Island 4, Sedge Island 1, Weddell Island 4, West Point Island 2.

A total of 700 X-rays were taken in the 18 month period.

Dental Report: Number of attendances Stanley 1832, Camp 1481.

Fillings in permanent teeth Stanley 2026, Camp 2259.

Fillings in temporary teeth Stanley 444, Camp 365.

Extractions in permanent teeth Stanley 96, Camp 81.

Extractions in temporary teeth Stanley 35, Camp 18.

The following vaccinations were given in the 18 months:

Smallpox 50, BCG 36, Measles 131, Trivax 92, Tetanus 87, Polio 141, Typhoid 7, Diphtheria 2, Cholera 6, Rabies 2.

The Medical and Sanitary Report can be obtained from the Office Manager, Secretariat, Stanley priced at 50 pence.

From the Veterinary Office

The bout of horse 'flu which recently affected most of the horses on Stanley Common appears to have died down but it is advised that the voluntary quarantine restrictions in force are maintained for another month or so.

Unfortunately, one horse was shipped from Stanley to Hill Cove and it appears that this animal was carrying the virus although not showing symptoms of the disease, because horses on the farm now have the 'flu.

Farms neighbouring Hill Cove are strongly advised to prevent all movements of horses to and from that farm until the disease has disappeared.

R.S.WHITLEY; M.R.C.V.S.

DAYS NEVER TO BE FORGOTTEN

By Des Peck (Boy of the Gang) (Many years ago)

I wonder how many people in the Islands today know what difficulties there were in landing supplies at Cape Pembroke Lighthouse many years ago? Like today, there is always a great swell near the Lighthouse, and especially in the Gulch landing area, so there was always a great risk to everyone when engaged in this work, and nobody had any life-saving equipment either, so it could have been disastrous for everyone.

Firstly, weather reports etc., would be passed over the telephone to the Master of the "Penguin", and if agreed, they would set out with a big scow load of coal (2cwt sacks), 40-gallon drums of oil, food supplies etc., but after leaving, the wind and swell would get up and they would have to return and wait for a more favourable day. However, this day was reasonable, so off we went, some 15 men and myself. On arrival, there was an increase in the swell but Howard, the Master, decided to take the scow in.

We were now sitting on the sacks, and he cast us off as soon as we got to this spar which was laid across from rock to rock; and then Bert, his brother, would throw the rope over this and pay it out so that the scow could ride the swell and we could go safely in. But the frightening thing happened. Bert missed the spar and we were left to the mercy of that swell - sometimes nearing those ugly rocks with the swell bashing over them - but a miracle happened. The swell had a heart and tossed us right back to the starting point, so Bert, with rope in hand, had it safely over this time and we could go in with safety.

As soon as we tied up alongside that wee jetty, work commenced so as to unload and get out again before the wind got up. Two men would be left to sling the cargo, others to man the winch (which was very high) and the sling loads would land right at the top of the cliff. The remainder of the men would have to carry these huge sacks on their backs through deep sand to a shed by the Light a distance of some 80 yards or more - real hard going on a few sandwiches too!

As the shed was small, these bags had to be well stacked up in there, so steps had to be made with these bags to walk up on. Those big drums of oil took some rolling to the shed in the deep sand as well. However, as soon as the scow was empty, we were off again; pulling on the rope to get us safely back to the spar. Captain Howard Ratcliffe would be there waiting for us, so we were soon on board with the scow tied up alongside, thanking God that we had all been spared again that day.

Brothers Howard and Bert were key men to say the least, so despite bad conditions we all felt safe with them.

Des adds: The Crane (winch) was dismantled long ago but it's there to be seen, also the wee landing place, and that ugly Gulch as well. On the finest of days there is always a swell there. Des's poem 'LUCKY ESCAPE' IS PRINTED OVERLEAF.....

LUCKY ESCAPE

Poem composed by DES PECK.

We set out on the Penguin
Towing a loaded scow
Bound for Cape Pembroke Lighthouse
The swell, nearly to the bow

The Gulch is always dangerous
That's why there is a long spar
Which was laid to put a rope over
To check the scow going too far

The next thing we knew, Bert shouted
"Don't move! Sit tight where you are!"
The dreadful thing had happened
Bert had missed this long spar

The swell was really nerve racking
Lighthouse Keepers stood aghast
Would the scow get safely in
Or would this be her last

Lucky for us, the swell had a heart
And tossed us back, right to the start
This time Bert, with rope in hand
Had it over the spar, and we could safely land

My mates have now all passed on
But when I think of that Lighthouse Tower
How near to death, we all were
And all for a shilling an hour.

A*D*V*E*R*T*I*S*E*M*E*N*T*

T H E P H I L O M E L S T O R E

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WE CAN ALSO SUPPLY many other items such as portable chest refrigerators which incorporates ice-making inside the cabinet, and hinged lid. These also operate off the same containers of gas and can also be used with electricity.

For tents etc: FABRIC PROOFER; MIDGE SPRAY:- This is to spray on the body to repel all stinging insects.

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CHANEL

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PERFUME

Glasses Glasses Suits Shirts

SNORKEL JACKETS (Make sure they are marked MAN ALIVE

FOOTBALL BOOTS WORKING BOOTS THIGH & KNEE LENGTH RUBBER BOOTS

Riding Boots in Leather (only sizes 6 & 11 left).

EXCELLENT BOOKS: Scenery of the South 6Op. POSTCARDS of Wildlife and Stanley. Satin Bannerettes with the poem on about the Falkland Islands (VERY POPULAR TODAY). MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS: Guitars,

Electric Organs, Violins, Electric Mandolins, Learners Guitars,

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THE "IDI" GOSSIP COLUMN

Hiya all. Dis message am bin relayed to yo' all by mah good friend VP8JO who is de all time great honky for gettin' yo' amachurs in de fluster. Yassir, I'se not a'livin' in de ole Arab country like what de ole BEC bin tellin', I'se bin hidin' heah on de Kidanoo Islin jus ousside de Port Willum in de ole Falklin' Islins. I'se bin gettin' on jus fine wid de ole radyo ham. I'se bin keepin' abreast o' de ole LegCo meetin's an' all. What dat ole senile honky sayin' about wantin' no oil? I'se a bin dreamin' o' dat ole brush head an' I can see dat he is juss one o' de ole 'keep it like always' honky trash. He is a' jumpy dat de ole bifsteck will leap up in de pricings. Hush my mouth an' I do declare dat de oil will boost de economy. It sure was heartnin' to hear de ole Finanstal Sektry talkin' about de good ole Plant wid de Transport Company. Yessir, dey all shout about it now wid de gesturings and fine words but we knoo all 'long dat dat ole scrap from de Johnstons was wastin' the finanstes. I'se right glad I'se kin say 'Tol' you all long ago's'. It was de ole Falklin Tory Guvnmint dat wanted de road and de broom-brooms. I'se knoo all 'long dat dis place will gets noways wid goddamm Tory poiticks. I'se is preparin' de ole Amin for Guvner elekshun capign spich, so yo' all out dere lissen in to de VP8JO (Secretl oprated by de Postij Chief) an yo' kin heah my offrin's.

ALTERNATIVE LISTENING

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.....John also says that a Broadcasting Management Board should be inaugurated "The value of such a board, with positive terms of reference, must be obvious". Yes, if it doesn't fall into the same trap as the old advisory committee - primitive outlook.

Regarding what must surely be a thorn in the flesh of the BBC's financial bods, "Calling the Falklands", John writes: "It is essentially a weekly record request programme and I understand that attempts to inject a more substantial content - reflecting issues which might be of interest to Falklanders - has met with some resistance.

Because of the variable reception, which can make listening to music especially irritating, I surveyed listeners about whether they would prefer the programme recorded, and sent to Stanley for local transmission. Opinion was sharply and almost evenly divided, the other view being that poor reception was endurable, because this programme was a unique and personal link with the United Kingdom."

Also: "The impression given is that the current broadcasting hours are the absolute minimum and could, with little extra effort, be expanded to satisfy some of the representations made to me by listeners."

On the Newsletter of Friday June 20th, an announcement was made saying that the Falkland Islands Broadcasting Station will be on the air from 4-30pm instead of from 6-30pm as per normal. This is a great step forward albeit an experimental one at present. John Collard, who came to the Falklands in early 1979 to advise on broadcasting, uses BBC -type humour (very good) in a nice little snippet:- (Quoted from Edmund Burke) "Because half a dozen grasshoppers under a fern make the field ring with their importunate chink while thousands of great cattle, reposed beneath the British Oak, chew the cud and are silent, pray do not imagine that those who make the noise are the only inhabitants of the field....."

Copies of the Report on the Falkland Islands Broadcasting Service by J.M.Collard of BBC Radio Leicester can be obtained from the Office Manager at the Secretariat.

CHRISTIE SHUFFLE

Local group, Agatha Christie, who has survived despite many personnel changes since 1978 have recently lost the services of guitarist Ray Robson who has returned to Camp to work. Agatha Christie had hoped to play at the Annual Fancy Dress Ball on Saturday the 21st and indeed, the Fancy Dress Night Friday the 20th of June but drummer Peter King was hit by the 'flu bug.

A report on the Fancy Dress Ball will appear in the next issue.

ALSO REPORT

A report on the Technical Co-operation visit of Captain Andy Alsop has recently been published for public information and is available from the Office Manager at the Secretariat. A report on this offering will be featured in the next issue.

NEXT ISSUE

An in-depth look at the Alsop report; a report of the Community League's June meeting; Fancy Dress Ball 1980 report; and, especially for Terry Reive, results from the Johnnie Walker Darts Tournament (sorry it's been so long Terry!) and of course the rundown on the happenings in the current Legislative Council Sessions. Ignore all imitations, read the TIMES!!

STOP PRESS

Mr Adrian Monk has been awarded the O.B.E and Mr Eugene Williams has been awarded the B.E.M. Mr Gerald Cheek has been appointed Acting Director of Civil Aviation.

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BLIMEY, IT'S THINNER!

The more observant among the TIMES readers will have noticed that this issue is one page less than normal. The TIMES will be back to its 5 sheet size with edition 9/80.

EARLY RADIO PROVES POPULAR

The recent decision by the Falkland Islands Broadcasting Station to begin transmission at 4.30 in the afternoon instead of beginning at 6.30 has seemingly met with good response by members of the public.

A 'skeleton' schedule has been inaugurated and encompasses material for all tastes ranging from Country & Western Music through to Sixty-Minute Theatre productions.

THE JUNE WEATHER

Average Temperature.....3.1 degs.C
Highest Temperature.....8.6 degs.C
Lowest Temperature.....-3.7 degs.C
Average Daily Sun2.01 hours
Total Rainfall.....56.0mm
Average Wind Speed.....16.5 knots
Highest Gust Recorded....73 knots
Gale Force Wind.....35 hours
Wind 10 knots or less....196 hours
Ground Frost occasions...23

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COALITE COMETH

One of the Director's of the Coalite group of companies, Mr Alan Beasley, recently made a visit to the Colony. In a radio interview, Mr Beasley said that the purpose of his visit was "connected with the Stanley House and Hostel contract". "It was my purpose as a Director to meet many of the company...(F.I.C.)...employees, meet the new Governor and generally to get to know a great deal more about the island".

Mr Beasley brought two colleagues with him.

Coalite took over the Charrington Group in 1977 and the Falkland Islands Company were part of that group.

BAH'AI FILM SHOW

The Bah'ai's of Stanley held a free film show in the Town Hall, Stanley, on the evening of July 4th. The main film centred on a visit to the Amazon followed by two shorts including one featuring Dizzy Gillespie, the renowned trumpeter.

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Double packs of scented soap with a pattern on.

A very large supply of SNORKEL JACKETS will be here on this shipment - and at bargain prices as well. IN STOCK: A few carpets, sizes 3 x 3 yards, circulars 7'6" and 6' plus picture rugs etc.

LADE HOUSE LEASE

His Excellency The Governor is fast becoming a veteran of the airwaves. On Tuesday June 24th Mr Hunt broadcast an announcement concerning Lineas Aereas del Estados (LADE) and their hopes to lease some land and erect a dwelling.

"I should like to talk briefly about the application made by LADE for the lease of a plot of land in Stanley on which to erect a house for their manager. This has given rise to a lot of feeling locally and I am sure that many of you would like to know the full background and the position we have now reached.

As you all know, the British and Argentine Governments signed an agreement in 1972 for a regular air service between the Falkland Islands and the Argentine mainland. Under that agreement, LADE undertook to be responsible for the air service, to open an office in Stanley and to provide the necessary personnel to staff it. The agreement stated that the composition of the LADE team would be as agreed in the Special Consultative Committee. This is an important point because it means that LADE cannot increase its staff here without our agreement. The present LADE complement in Stanley is three: the Vice-Comodoro and two assistants. LADE have not asked for any increase in this number.

The LADE manager has been living in a house at 3 Race Course Road since 1974. LADE bought this house from ESRO and the Government leased to them the $\frac{1}{4}$ -of-an-acre of Crown Land on which the house stands. This lease is for a period of 49 years. As long ago as 1977 it was proposed that LADE should be leased another plot of land on which to erect a manager's house. Executive Council approved the conditions for the lease in June 1978 but it was not until late last year that the draft lease was completed and handed over to the then LADE manager. In March this year, LADE returned the draft lease to us with one or two proposed insertions by their legal advisers. We were quite happy with these except for one which seemed to us to have possible sovereignty implications. Our legal advisers, both here and in London, confirmed our view and so we returned the lease to the Argentines rejecting this particular proposal. After further consideration, the Argentines agreed to drop it but at the same time they said that they would have difficulty in signing a lease that contained a clause which made explicit reference to the laws of the Falkland Islands. We took legal advice again on the implications of dropping this clause and we were assured that it made no difference as it went without saying that any lease that we issued in the Falkland Islands was obviously governed by the laws of the Falkland Islands. So we have now agreed to drop this particular clause and I shall be signing the lease on behalf of the Falkland Islands Government within the next day or two.

As you will gather from what I have said, this has only been done after the most careful scrutiny and consideration. Signing the lease does not give away, or erode our position on, sovereignty to the slightest degree. We have complete control, under the terms of the lease, of the type of building to be erected, the duration of the lease and its termination. The lease as agreed is for 25 years and is for about $\frac{1}{4}$ -of-an-acre. The plans have to be approved by the Board of Health and I understand that the house is to be a modest pre-fabricated structure. If at any time within the next 25 years the 1971 Communications Agreement shall cease - and either Government can terminate it by giving 6 months notice - then we can terminate the lease. Upon termination, either in this way or at the end of the agreed 25 years, the Falkland Islands Government can take over the house on payment of compensation amounting to the market value at the time. Under the lease, this market value will be decided, in the event of disagreement, by two arbitrators; one appointed by myself and the other by LADE. If they cannot agree within 3 months they appoint an umpire and if they fail to appoint an umpire either party may apply to the Supreme Court of the Falkland Islands for an order appointing such umpire whose decision shall be final. If at any time LADE break any of the covenants contained in the lease then the Falkland Islands Government may re-enter the premises and terminate the lease (Cont over).....

GOVERNOR'S SPEECH CONT'D.

forthwith. I am satisfied that there is nothing in this lease that is against the interests of the Falkland Islanders. On the contrary, by bringing in a pre-fabricated house, LADE are helping to relieve the chronic housing shortage in Stanley, and legally, not to allow them to do so could put us in breach of the air service agreement.

I hope that this explanation has put some minds at rest and killed some of the wilder rumours that have been circulating about the LADE house. Goodnight".

(Transcribed from cassette recording)

DEATH

In Lincoln, England:

Marie Catherine BAILEY Aged 21
Marie was the youngest daughter of Willie and Phyllis MacBeth.

WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE INJUSTICE
IN THESE ISLANDS? SHOULD THEY ALSO
QUIT? A Poem composed by DES PECK

This is the Falkland Islands calling
So I hope you're all tuned in
Because what is happening here today
Is nothing but a crying sin

What happened to Superintendent Terry
Highly respected by us all
Did he tread on someone's toes
To bring about his fall

Your determination to find dear Ian
Was an example of your excellent work
You did your job efficiently
Which some wanted you to shirk

For many years you served us well
As fair as anyone could be
You should have stuck to the roots
old boy
And not oppose the top of the tree

So although you got the C.P.M.
For your service and efficiency
It would have been more fitting
To be honoured with the O.B.E.

No doubt you're an expert plumber
As everyone in the Colony knows
But where will we find another man
To wear, and fit those clothes?

I composed this poem because I understand that the Public were blamed for his dismissal, whereas the Public knew nothing about it until later on. I am sure the Public generally, want him re-instated by what I have heard, and all agree, he is sadly missed today.

DES PECK

FUN FAIR

The Stanley Social Club held a Fun Fair on Saturday 28th June in the Parish Hall.

SALLY THE CALENDAR GIRL

The School's of Stanley .. recently announced that as a result of the art contest held in connection with the International Year of the Child, the Falkland Islands will be represented on the 1981 UNICEF calendar with a painting by Sally Robertson who comes from Port Stephens.

F.P.T.A.

The Infant and Junior School's Friends and Parents Teachers Association is planning to hold a sale of work in the school from 2-30pm on Saturday August the 9th, and stalls hoped for are: White Elephant, Childrens Work, Books, Toys, Side-shows, Cakes, Fresh produce, Bottles, Raffles and refreshments.

ST.MARY'S WHIST DRIVE

The Whist Drive meetings held in St.Mary's Annex on Wednesday's has proved to be a very popular event. Result of the 25th June Drive:-

- LADIES: 1st Mrs D.Cheek
- 2nd Mrs E.Clifton
- Booby Mrs B.Murphy
- GENTS : 1st Mr S.Smith
- 2nd Mrs R.Duncan
- (as Gent)
- Booby Mr E.Kenny

STANLEY BADMINTON CLUB

The second night of the SBC's Annual Fancy Dress Ball 2-nighter went off very well. Upon entering the hall one could see a row of candles arranged along the front of the Stage and these, together with an orange spotlight beamed on the centre of the floor, provided adequate light for dancing.

Seemingly, the group "Agatha Christie" is now defunct with the departure of Ray Robson and are now billed as just 'A Country & Western Group'. 'Flu prevented them performing on the Fancy Dress Night but they managed to play for the last half-hour on the Saturday, the rest of the night's music being supplied by radiogram.

12 Grosvenor Road
Whalley Range
Manchester 16 8JP
England
4/6/80

Dear Dave,

As a reader of your excellent paper, I do not know why Mr W.Etheridge considers not to sell same. We are kept in touch with all the most interesting things that go on out home through your printing and publishing of the TIMES. I wouldn't like you to stop your excellent work on our behalf.

My Mother-in-law, Mrs Violet Johnson of 14 Davis Street, Stanley, has ordered the F.I.TIMES for us for many years now. Should you decide to leave our Island Home be sure someone takes over please!

We left the Falklands in September 1948 and settled in Manchester 2 years later. We married in September 1953 and now my husband, Bill Johnson, is sailing somewhere in the Mediterranean on a Manchester Liner named 'Manchester Zeal' and hopes to call on Phyl and Stan Kiddle in Wicklow, Eire. The Kiddle family have lived in Eire for some 10 to 12 years now. Stan used to be in a Plastics factory in England and had the chance of promotion to Manager for the same firm in Wicklow and he has progressed really wonderfully over the years. Last year he was presented with a Gold Watch for 29 years service with Macard's Plastics.

We were able to visit Mrs Eva Buckley, my mother's sister, in an old folk's home at Ingrow Green near Keighley, and found her quite cheerful despite the fact that she is now confined to a wheelchair. She will be 78 in August and has suffered much due to strokes.

My daughter Valerie is going on a European holiday next week and will be calling on Mrs Sheila Ford - formerly Sedgwick - in Belgium.

Yours Sincerely,
OLIVE JOHNSON (Mrs).

ED: Thanks very much for your letter Olive and I hope some of the names mentioned by you will jog some Islander's memory.

Vestervangen 28
DK-8620 Kjellerup
Denmark
13/6/80

My name is Jesper Dall-Hansen and I'm a Danish boy of 15, nearly 16 and I would like to get a pen-pal from the Falkland Is.

I have received a brochure about your islands this morning from the Chief Secretary, Port Stanley, and I'm very grateful for that one but I had also asked about penpals but it didn't say anything about penpals. I'm moving to the U.S. now for $\frac{1}{2}$ a year so the one who might be interested in being my penpal must write to this address after the 10th of July:

JESPER DALL-HANSEN
c/o THAMS,
532 MIGUEL PLACE,
FULLERTON,
CALIFORNIA 92635
U.S.A.

My hobbies are: Writing letters to my penpals all over the world, athletics, swimming, travelling and Disco music. Please remember to use Air-Mail!

1A Teats Hill Flats
Cattedown
Plymouth
England
4/6/80

Dear Editor,

Will you please publish this brief note.

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.....I love those dear hearts and those gentle people that live in (my) old home town. They will never knife you down because they are British and for Christ's sake stay British. Don't let the Chilean spearguns with a knife or shall I say cut your guts out. By By for now.

Yours faithfully,
JOHNNIE COCKS

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL:

The Legislative Council Sessions commenced on Tuesday June 17th and proved to be quite a lively meeting judging from the tape recorded proceedings subsequently broadcast by the Falkland Islands Broadcasting Station. Highlight of the meeting was when one Councillor attacked the administration for not keeping in touch with life in Camp whereupon the Financial Secretary, Mr Harold Rowlands O.B.E. gave the Honourable Member a right royal rollicking! This stemmed from the Financial Secretary's proposed revision of the FIGAS tariffs. One of the more interesting factors of the LogCo meetings is the Questions for Written Reply slot, and reprinted here are some of the more interesting.

HON.D.S.EVANS: Could Government please say which companies have applied for oil prospecting rights for offshore areas around the Falkland Islands and onshore as well, if any such application has been made.

CHIEF SECRETARY: It is assumed that the Honourable Member is only interested in applications of fairly recent date, say within the last year or so. During this period no applications have been made to the Falkland Islands Government which would, in any case, only be competent to deal with the applications concerning areas within the 100-fathom line. However, during the latter part of 1979, a group headed by Mr Gerald Carroll and Lord Lymington applied to the Foreign and Commonwealth Office for offshore oil exploration rights in areas around the Falklands. No applications for onshore prospecting rights have been received during this period.

HON W.E.BOWLES: Will the Administration consider a reduced tariff by FIGAS for carrying fresh fruit to Camp settlements.

CHIEF SECRETARY: The Administration is very conscious of the importance of the availability of fresh fruit in Camp settlements and of the comparatively high cost of freighting it to such areas by FIGAS. These rates are made to appear even higher by the fact that it is cheaper to bring fresh fruit by air from Argentina to Stanley than to send it on from Stanley to Camp settlements by FIGAS. But it should be borne in mind that LADE charge a specially low rate for such produce. If Honourable Member's consider that a similar subsidised rate should be charged by FIGAS then it is suggested that this point should be raised in the Select Committee on the Estimates, which will, undoubtedly, be making a thorough examination of FIGAS fares and freight rates.

Presumably at the same time, Honourable Members would wish to consider the rates for freighting fresh produce from the Camp to Stanley.

HON.W.E.BOWLES: What is the Administration's present view on the introduction of Video tape and Television.

CHIEF SECRETARY: While the Administration views with great interest the current vogue for the importation of television and video-cassette equipment by certain commercial concerns and private persons, there are no plans for any official involvement in this field at this stage. Naturally, any development which may tend to improve the quality of life in the Falklands is welcomed, especially in view of the need - to which the Shackleton Report drew attention:-"for greater stimulation and more recreational facilities especially in the Camp".

As recommended by Shackleton the Administration is keeping in mind the possible benefits to our population of the technological developments in the fields of television and video cassettes. To this end, John Collard of the BBC, was also asked to look into this subject. He emphasised some of the problems, in particular that of incompatibility between the various systems available and urged that with constantly improving technology and the possibility of reductions in the required capital outlay, it was well worth Government keeping the situation under review.

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.....The Administration will continue to do this.

HON.S.B.WALLACE: Is it still planned to build new Royal Marines barracks, if so, when and where.

CHIEF SECRETARY: With regard to the proposal to build a new Royal Marines barracks in Stanley, we have recently been informed by the Foreign and Commonwealth Office that a site has been selected, but decisions on timing, finance etc. have still to be taken. Until these other decisions have been taken we are not able to publicise the location.

HON.T.J.D.MILLER: Have any oil firms or associated companies applied for licences to prospect or survey for oil within 200 miles of the Falklands, South Georgia and the Dependencies in the last twelve months, and what were the Administration's replies.

CHIEF SECRETARY: During the period specified one company headed by Mr Gerald Carroll in association with Lord Lynington and others made an application for exclusive offshore oil exploration and drilling rights. Since the areas involved were beyond the 100 fathom line, application was made to the Foreign and Commonwealth Office which turned it down as they do not, in principle, grant exclusive rights and are not prepared at the present time to authorise exploratory drilling. No applications for licences to prospect or survey for oil within the 100 fathom line have been made to the Falkland Islands Government during this period. More information has been received from the Foreign and Commonwealth Office indicating that the Carroll groups application is to be given further consideration and a meeting for this purpose is to be held early in July.

HON.T.J.D.MILLER: Will the Administration request Y.P.F. in future to issue bills of sale to customers in English and ask them to use some common sense and refrain from using the words "Islas Malvinas" on their letters and "Poblacion Malvinera" on the bills, both of which annoy people considerably.

CHIEF SECRETARY: Yes. The Administration will request Y.P.F. to use English on their bills and other company communications as suggested by the Honourable Member.

HON.T.J.D.MILLER: How much is Government paying as rental for Stanley House, who pays for upkeep and maintenance and does the rental include use of gardens and produce.

CHIEF SECRETARY: Government has agreed to pay the Falkland Islands Company £200 per month for the rental of Stanley House with effect from the date of occupation which is likely to be early September. As we are proposing to spend some £10,000 on redecoration, refurbishing and minor repairs and alterations before the house is put into use as a Hostel, we hope that very little will need to be spent on upkeep and maintenance for some time thereafter. However, if expenditure of this sort is required it will be Government's responsibility. The gardens and their produce are the subject of a separate agreement whereby we take possession with effect from the 1st of July, this being a convenient date from a horticultural point of view, and from that date the gardener will work under the direction of the Education Department Staff concerned and he will continue to be employed by the Falkland Islands Company but Government will re-imburse the Company with his salary. Honourable Members will be aware from the oral reply given to question number 11/80 in Council that since the reply to this question Number 12/80 was printed, the Chairman of the Coalite Group has questioned the validity of these arrangements.

HON.T.J.D.MILLER: Is the property known as Estate Louis Williams now owned by an Argentine citizen; if so will that person be given a period of time to sell the property to British ownership. Failing this, will a Compulsory Purchase Order at a fair price be made by the Falkland Islands Government for later re-sale if required.

CHIEF SECRETARY: Until the due processes of appeal have been exhausted it would be premature to attempt to answer this question.

Extracts from Councillor's closing speeches will appear in the next issue of the TIMES in August.

FALKLAND ISLANDS COMMUNITY LEAGUE

Another meeting of the Falkland Islands Community League was held in the Refreshment Room of the Town Hall on Wednesday the 25th of June. Although the evening was ice cold weatherwise, around 26 Members were present barring the Secretary who could not attend.

The Treasurer, Mr Terry Peck, mentioned the subject of the Swimming Pool and remarked that apparently, the FICL had intimated that they would be interested in 'taking over' the whole swimming pool project or, at least, that is what the Governor had apparently heard. Mr Peck had mentioned before that he thought that what would be a good idea would be to use the funds in the swimming pool kitty to renovate and re-equip the Gymnasium. A 'feasibility' study into the possibility of actually doing something regarding the Phantom Swimming Pool would be undertaken by three members of the League.

The Governor's speech regarding the L.A.D.E. House was commented upon and a point brought up was one mentioning that the Governor had not mentioned whether with the advent of LADE's new 'prefabricated structure' they would in turn hand back the present home of the Vice Comodore.

Another topic mentioned was one brought up by Mr Val Berntsen, proprietor of the Town Hall Cinema in which he said that he felt he was getting rather a raw deal as far as allocation of films from the film library went. This stemmed from when Mr Val Berntsen was supposed (according to a system of odds & even film numbers) to screen the film 'One flew over the Cuckoo's Nest'. Val said that as it was an 'even numbered' film he was entitled to screen it but in fact, he was suddenly informed that he was on 'odd numbers', consequently making Val ineligible for screening the film. Val said he had been to see the Chief Secretary on the subject.

The meeting ended around ten o'clock, somewhat coldly as the Refreshment Room heating was only barely functioning - again.

THE IDLE GOSSIP COLUMN

I expect I'm not the only one who is counting the days heralding the end of 'Ayatollah's' term of office in Administration Villas. But, the question arises as to who will take the persons place? First and foremost will be the members of the Dildo Lodge of the Masons, they being the ones who built the brick wall within the administrative section. Secret handshakes, frequent absences at various Church services to clear the conscience and an innocent exterior is all the experience and ability required. Salary will be paid in the scale Damn Big and the workload will be practicaaaaaally (tongue in cheek) zero! It was pointed out to me the other day that there are only about 14 persons who receive a Government Pension who are actually resident in the Falklands at the moment. Perhaps the ones who say 'What a lovely place' 'Oh, it's such a beautiful bit of Gods Earth' 'I've made so many darling friends' etc should only get $\frac{1}{2}$ of their pension entitlement if they quit the Colony. Another way of making a bit more cash would be to charge these small yachts a fiver or so a month instead of letting them tie up for free. It's easy for mini-Chichester's to come here, get work, save up hard cash and whip it away with them. All take, not enough give. Congratulations must be extended to the Stanley Co-Op for getting in a plentiful supply of 'slush anchors' anti-skid shoe attachments. Last years supply sold out in record time and as they are well worth the £3.10 per pair or whatever, it is inspiring to realise that with the new supplies one can walk up past Harold Bennett's hill without falling over! Finally, notes on apologies for the coming week. Sorry yet again Terry. No Johnnie Walker results yet again! But your name is mentioned on Page 8 in the Stanley Darts Club statistics!! Oh, I nearly forgot, anyone willing to subscribe to the T.C.T. Biscuit Fund is asked to purchase 15 packets of choccy bikkies and hang around the Moody Street Coselcy Building on certain Thursday's of each month. (Couldn't resist that one Tom!). Until the next time.....cheers!

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STANLEY DARTS CLUB

Team positions up to and including June 30th 1980.

CHAMPIONSHIP LEAGUE

ISLANDERS.....11 points
 ASTRONAUTS.....11
 ROSE 'B'.....9
 ROSE 'A'.....8
 GLOBE WANDERERS.....2
 MARINE 'A'.....1
 FLEETWING FLYERS....1

CHALLENGE LEAGUE

NANCY TRAWLERS.....8 points
 VICTORY BEAUTIES.....6
 SPARROWS.....5
 VICTORY ANGELS.....2
 MARINE 'B'.....1
 MARINE 'C'.....1

Individual results up to the end of the Preliminary League fixtures:-

MOST POINTS

James Lang.....29
 Les Biggs.....29
 Paul Bonner.....28
 William Whitney..27
 Gary Hewitt.....27
 James Lee.....26
 Terry Reive.....25

MOST TONS

Les Biggs.....14
 Pat Lee.....14
 James Lang....12
 Terry Reive...11
 James Lee.....11
 Paul Bonner...10
 M.Harrison....10

MOST FIRST DART STARTS

P.Blezard.....11
 V.Bedsull.....9
 T.Pettersson....8
 A.Gould.....8
 M.Harrison.....8

MOST 'TON' PLUSSES

J.Lang.....10
 H.Ford.....7
 M.Allace.....6
 W.Allazia.....6
 T.Reive.....6

MOST 3-DART FINISHES

J.Mackie.....7
 T.Reive.....5
 W.Whitney.....4
 G.Alliday.....4
 P.Lee.....4

MOST BULL CENTRES

T.Pettersson....3
 W.Whitney.....3
 D.Hansen.....3
 J.Shodden.....3
 D.Rozee.....3

Information taken from a Newsletter report.

BIRTH

In the K.E.M. Hospital, Stanley, on JUNE 24th, to Mr & Mrs Jan and Len CLIFTON, a son, MELVYN, weighing 7lbs 5½oz.

MV.FORREST ITINERARY

(The itinerary is subject to alteration at any given time)

18-22nd July: Stanley. 23rd July: Depart Stanley.
 25th July: Arrive Fox Bay. 26th July: Arrive Port Stephens.
 27th/28th July: Call at Weddell and Beaver Islands. 29th/30th July:
 Arrive at Dunnose Head settlement. 1st August: Arrive Fox Bay.
 2nd August: Depart Fox Bay, arrive North Arm. 3rd-6th August: Stanley.
 7th August: Depart Stanley, call at Fitzroy, arrive North Arm.
 8th August: Depart North Arm, arrive Stanley. 9th-14th August: Stanley.
 15th August: Depart Stanley for Fitzroy and return. 16th-19th August:
 Stanley. 20th August: Depart Stanley. 22nd August: Arrive Port Stephens.
 23rd-25th August: As required. 26th August: Arrive Port Edgar.
 27th-28th August: Port Edgar/Port Stephens. 29th August: Depart Port
 Stephens 31st August: Arrive Stanley.

BETTER LATE THAN NEVER : Owing to this issue being a special 'rush-job', the serials Flashback and South America will be appearing in the August issue (9/80) as will the look at the Alsop Report.

P.A.T.A. PROBLEMS: Following recent guffaws among Councillor's regarding the Plant & Transport Authority, it looked as though things were taking another turn for the worse for the organisation as a week or so ago there were only three Land Rovers in working order within the Public Works Department and the Plant & Transport Authority. The failure is blamed on the general age of the vehicles inherited from Government although the Police have been through 2 gearboxes on their 6-month old long wheelbase Rover.

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DIRECTOR GOES

Director of Public Works, Mr Alan Mason, departed the Colony with his wife on Wednesday July 23rd after completing his tour as head of the Public Works Department and Vice-Chairman of the Plant & Transport Authority.

At a few ceremonies in his honour, some presentations were made. The Stanley-Darwin road construction gang presented Alan with a pipe and the Plant & Transport workers gave him a tankard which was suitably engraved by Warrant Officer II Mr Ron Buckett, PATA's Mechanical Adviser, and his wife, Jean Mason, was presented with a cigarette lighter. The Public Works Department gave Mr Mason a drinks party and also presented him with a farewell gift.

During his tour as Director, Mr Mason has undoubtedly pulled the Public Works Department up by the bootstraps and has set a high standard for his successors.

Mr & Mrs Mason will retire in Leamington Spa, Warwickshire, after a holiday in Africa.

Buildings Superintendent Mr Norman Laughna has been appointed Acting Director of Public Works until a replacement arrives from Britain.

EYE SPECIALIST TO VISIT

A recent Medical Department announcement said that arrangements are in hand for a visit to the Falklands by Optician Mr Kenneth Harwood from Guildford in Surrey, for an approximate 5 week period starting from October the 8th.

The announcement also mentioned that as it was hoped that these visits would become a regular occurrence (once every 2 years) the Medical Staff would no longer be conducting eye tests.

BADMINTON CLUB A.G.M.

The Annual General Meeting of the Stanley Badminton Club took place on the evening of Thursday July 17th.

The following persons were elected to serve on the Committee for the club year which ends on June 30th 1981:-

Chairman: Mrs Rene Rowlands; Secretary: Miss Rosemarie Allan;
Treasurer: Mrs Nikki Luxton; Members: Miss Vanda McDonald and Mr D. Ryan.

Subscriptions for a year remain at £4 for adults and £1 for juniors.

DISCO DANCE

The Stanley Schools held a Disco dance at the Parish Hall on the 11th July at which the sum of £24 was raised. The dance started at 7pm and wound up at 11.30pm.

BIRTH

In Buenos Aires, Argentina, to Mr & Mrs Lloyd HIRTLE of Stanley, a son, LEONARD JOHN.

CHEERFUL CHARLIE CLIFTON CLINCHES CUP AND CAUSES GLOBE GLEE

It was cheers all round as popular Charlie Clifton, Landlord of the Globe Hotel won the coveted dart's trophy 'The Governor's Cup' in the annual competition for this prize held in Stanley recently.

The event was covered for radio with live commentary from the Town Hall by Messrs Joe King and Terry Betts. Results on Page 2.

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GOVERNOR'S CUP DARTS TROPHY 1980

WINNER: Mr Charles Clifton; RUNNER-UP: Mr Stewart Morrison.
3rd: Mr Charles Mosley; 4th: Mr Peter Goss.

LADIES ROSE BOWL

WINNER: Mrs Pam Summers; RUNNER-UP: Mrs Margaret Goss.

Footnote: Mr Terry Reive was the runner-up in the Johnnie Walker Darts
Championship 1980. Royal Marine McVay was the first-prize winner.

LETTERBOX

REV.R.H.GILDING
2 CHURCH CORNER
POTTERNE
DEVIZES
WILTS. SN10 5QY.
8/7/80

Dear Mr Colville,

I read with interest your letter in "Stamp
Collecting" of June 5th and agree with what you wrote. In fact, I
applied to join the F.I. Philatelic Study Group and started to collect
F.I. seriously, especially as my son has just arrived there for about
a year.

You stress the need "to help spread the colony on the philatelic
map a bit more". What surprised me was that members of the forces serving
in the F.I. seem to have to use GB stamps on their letters home through
the BFPO (Ships).

As far as Naval Party 8901 (the Royal Marines) is concerned, I
cannot see that there is any question of security involved, although I
suppose one would have to check this with the authorities; there is no
exchange problem (both are in sterling). If they were encouraged to use
F.I. Postage Stamps it would increase the knowledge of the F.I.'s elsewhere
and also provide a little financial aid to the Falkland Islands Post Office.

I suppose I might write to the BFPO about it.

All best wishes etc:

RICHARD H.GILDING

Chaplain RNVR (Rtd).

(The Reverend Gilding is the father of Naval Party 8901's Commanding Officer).

REQUEST FOR HELP

A contact in the United Kingdom in conjunction with a Member of Parliament,
is seeking any information on the following lines:

1. Any INCIDENTS connected with Argentina, such as firing on the research
vessel, planting a flag in Stanley, and any difficulties with supplies
and mail, any trouble getting permits for anything (such as the young
man who was for some time refused more than three months away from the
Islands for a training course).
2. Anything on the way the fishing by Polish (etc) fleets is being done.
3. Anything on the Argentines continued occupation of the Thule Islands.
4. Any information about aircraft that have in the past, or recently,
been doing any day or night flights over parts of the Islands. (Not
F.I. official flights).

Any information should be sent to the TIMES, P.O. BOX 60, for onward
transmission. No names may, or I should say need, be included if so
desired. Probable UK Television coverage plus press action is waiting
on more info being supplied. All info supplied will be sent direct to UK
and will not be reproduced in this paper.

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CHILEAN ROCKEFELLER

A man interested in purchasing some of the ex-Johnston Construction
heavy plant arrived recently in the Falklands and discussed business
with PATA's Chairman Mr Harold Rowlands O.B.E. and the Mechanical
Superintendent. Possible targets for the Chilean gentleman are the
two Caterpillar Scrapers (one 631 and one 630) which have been lying
idle for some two years or more. These machines are too heavy to be
of any use in the Stanley-Darwin Road Project.



THE IDLE GOSSIP COLUMN

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Well, Hello there! Blimey an actual photograph. At long last sez he grinning sideways up his left sleeve. Yes, it is hoped to reproduce many more shots in future editions, and, believe it or not, plans are afoot for slapping out a buckshee edition celebrating the TIMES 3rd Birthday which rolls along in November of this year. It seems such a long time ago that Dave Ryan relinquished Editorship, although after suffering some 'Can't claim for this, can't claim for that' in the Tax Office, it's easy to see why it has to be a mug who takes on the running of a paer..er..paper. (Can't claim for misprints either):

Let's hope things don't slide too much now Father has gone off into Codger's Retreat. I think he enjoyed it but I expect he found it harder to make an Islander jump at the snap of a finger than a Negro chap worrying where his next crust was coming from. It was overheard that one OSAS official said 'It took six months to teach him to call me Sir!' Who wants to work in South Africa?

The Post Office must have had a fit. The Queen Mother is being released on a genuine sheet of stamps. Sob, sniff, how folk will pine for those marvellous sheetlets. They had some good uses apart from postage purposes if one was careful not to poke the fingers through the perforations! And I hope that a certain Councillor at the LegCo sessions wasn't trying to be a Les Dawson Mark II when he referred to 'blackballing', the term is 'Black Blot'.

England is a nation of shopkeepers quoth Napolcon and I'm sure he would say 'Not tonight Josephine' if asked to sit on one of the 'Falkland Islands is a nation of Committee's' committees. I wonder how many Committees there actually are in existence in the Falklands at any one time. Answers next edition. Not much to chew over this time, still, one does have slack periods.

ALTERNATIVE LISTENING

NOAH NADGER TAPES:

'A Dose of Punk'

'Nadgeriffic!'

'The Clean'

'Back to Subnormal'

'Noah Holds Barred'

Tapes available by sending a blank C60 cassette for each recording required to P.O.Box 60, Stanley.

Coming soon: THE CASE OF HAREWOOD HALL; CLEAN II by Noah Nadger.

Also available: The Dregs of Dee-Time.

P.NUT TAPES - THE FIRST FALKLAND GENERAL RELEASE CASSETTES.

PENFRIENDS CORNER

From time to time, a heap of requests for penfriends arrives in the TIMES's mail and it is hoped that someone, somewhere in the Falklands endeavours to drop a line to the folk requesting a letter. Thanks are due to the Chief Secretary's Office for passing requests to the TIMES.

"I have today been reading your letter in "Stamp Magazine" regarding Philately in the Falklands. For some years I have tried to make contact with a collector in the Falklands who would be willing to enter into a correspondence with me and to exchange Falkland Islands issues for those of Great Britain.

I am 48 years old, married and a Bricklayer by trade. I collect, in addition to F.I., G.B., Channel Isles, Australia, Canada, New Zealand and Tristan da Cunha.

I am willing to send any duplicates of these countries also to anyone willing to exchange with me.

My best wishes to you and your readers.

GEOFF BOSWELL, 8 BELGRAVE COURT, HIGH ACRES, KINGSWINFORM, WEST MIDLANDS DY6 8PP, U.K.

"I'm a thirteen year old girl who is looking for penpals. My interests are stamps, coins and horses. I live 30 miles from Ottawa, Canada's capital city. I will write to a girl or boy of any age.

NYNETHA PORTAL-FOSTER, P.O.BOX 358, RUSSELL, ONTARIO KOA 3BO, CANADA.

"I'm a Romanian girl aged 26 and I'm very interested in the Falklands. I'd love to correspond with people there and I'm interested in music, travel, languages, literature and flowers.

I collect postcards, stamps, records, toys and handicrafts.

I will answer all letters.

MISS XENIA SHERBANN-MOGUESS; 102 DESROBIRII ST., 7000 BUCHAREST 16, ROMANIA, EUROPE.

"I should like very much to correspond with boys and girls from the Falkland Islands. My name is Bert Kamphorst and I am a 28 year old boy studying to become a teacher. All letters will be answered.

BERT KAMPHORST, POSTBUS 96, AMERSFOOT, HOLLAND.

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THE ALSOP REPORT

Extracts from the report on the Technical Co-operation visit of Captain A.D. Alsop of Loganair Ltd., to the Falkland Islands.

In general terms it is clear to me, having had twelve years operating experience with Islander aircraft and now a three-month introduction to the Falklands, that the Islander is a type ideally suited to the Falkland environment. It is the landbased equivalent of the Beaver floatplane, which has served the Colony so well for so many years. Being unaffected by sea state and relatively little affected by icing conditions, it is capable of providing an appreciably more reliable and regular service than has hitherto been given by the floatplanes. Because it is twin-engined the level of safety should also rise. (I believe that many of the alleged safety aspects of flying a floatplane over water are considerably overstated. - If a Beaver ever force-landed at sea away from one of its normal sheltered landing areas, the survival of its occupants until rescue could be effected, after many hours, would be a far from routine affair).

It became obvious to me, on inspecting the Islander after its arrival in the Falklands, that little forethought had been given to the ordering of specific customer options for the aircraft. Many of these seem to have been ordered "from the catalogue" without reference to commercial operators of this type in the field.

Many thousands of pounds sterling could have been saved by not ordering equipment which was not only useless in the Falklands but which was actually detrimental to the efficient operation of the aircraft. (For example, the inward opening baggage door. - At a cost of several thousand pounds all external access to the baggage hold has been prevented!)

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No.1

CLUES ACROSS

1. Marks.....(6)
4. Two-footed animals....(6)
7. Pancakes (Colloq.)....(9)
9. Bullets.....(4)
10. Bravo.....(4)
11. Barely.....(4)
13. Wanders.....(4)
15. Coin.....(3)
16. Girls name....(3)
17. Kinds of tree.(5)
18. Male name.....(3)
19. Racing Tip....(3)
21. Concludes.....(4)
24. Parched.....(4)
26. A tyrant.....(4)
27. Swarm.....(4)
28. Stuttered.....(9)
29. Dapper.....(6)
30. Arrogate.....(6)

CLUES DOWN

1. Creeps.....(6)
2. Fruit.....(5)
3. Wet.....(5)
4. Pair.....(5)
5. Card game....(5)
6. Burn.....(6)
7. Burns slowly.(9)
8. Relieved.....(9)
12. Ran easy.....(5)
14. Rebel.....(5)
18. Strained.....(6)
20. Crushed fruit...(6)
22. Heeds.....(5)
23. American Tommy....(5)
24. Ring.....(5)
25. Entries.....(5)

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ANSWERS WILL BE FOUND ON PAGE EIGHT

ITEMS FROM THE FALKLAND ISLANDS GAZETTE JUNE 1980.

APPOINTMENTS: Lee Small, Constable, Police Force.

Mrs J.Blackburn, Teacher, Education Department.

Mr G.Cheek, Acting Director of Civil Aviation.

RESIGNATION: Mrs J.Davies, Clerk, Public Service.

BIRTHDAY HONOURS 1980

Her Majesty the Queen has been graciously pleased to approve the following appointments: ADRIAN BERTRAND MONK, Esquire, J.P., to be an Officer of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire; and EUGENE WILLIAMS, Esquire, to receive the award of the British Empire Medal.

LETTERBOX

The Falkland Islands Office
 2 Greycoat Place
 Westminster
 London.
 10/7/80

Dear Mr Colville,

With reference to Dennis Robert's letter on South Atlantic Fishing in the F.I. Times of June 1980, issue number 6/80, we would be pleased if you could publish the reply to that letter from Air Commodore Frow which appeared in the Times on 28th April.

Yours Sincerely,
SUKEY CAMERON

ED: Anything to oblige. (I still remember your 'F.I. Photo' taken on a bike, I'll do anything for someone with legs like that!:) Here is the reply from Mr R.G.Frow:-

FALKLAND FISHING

From the Director General of the Falkland Islands Office.

Sir, On Monday (April 28) in New York, a new round of talks on the Falkland Islands will start between Britain and Argentina. This Office hopes that the talks will result in agreement on offshore development, particularly of fisheries.

Your correspondents, Mr James Johnson, MP (March 22), Mr White (March 26) and Mr Roberts (April 3) have all sought to clarify the question of whether Falkland Islands fish resources are worth pursuing, particularly by the British industry.

This remains an open question but what is not in doubt is the vastness of the resources in the area. Since Lord Shackleton's 1976 Economic Survey of the Falkland Islands, which identified immense krill resources, enough to supply the annual protein needs of China, numerous studies have confirmed his findings. In 1977 the United Nations Food and Agricultural Organization published a three-part study on krill and very recently the White Fish Authority has concluded a study of fish resources based on these as well as West German and Argentine studies of the area. This week, the Soviet Union signed a fisheries research and exploitation agreement with Argentina, following those already in being with West Germany, Japan and Spain, whose interest is mainly hake, Antarctic cod and blue whiting.

There is no doubt that other countries find Falkland Island waters fruitful. Last year, 150 Comecon fishing vessels visited Port Stanley, the capital of the islands, which are surrounded by a three-mile limit only.

We hope that Her Majesty's Government, whatever the nature of the talks with Argentina, will bear in mind the recommendations of the 1977-78 Expenditure Committee of the House of Commons, that "when arrangements for the Falkland Islands are being considered, the fishing potential of the waters around them must be fully taken into account in any negotiations about their future". (The Times (London) April 24 1980)

BATTLE MEMOIRS Sent to the TIMES by
 Harry Sarney.

It was a nice summer's morning on 7th December 1914 when Admiral Sturdee arrived in Port William with his fleet: HMS Invincible, HMS Inflexible, HMS Caernarvon, HMS Kent, HMS Cornwall, HMS Bristol and HMS Glasgow plus the armed liner 'Macedonia'. There was the old Canopus laying in Whale Bay.

'Ready for action, commence coaling at once' came the signal on the morning of December 8th to the Canopus from the lookout on Sappers, 'German ships in sight'. The message was relayed to Admiral Sturdee who was shaving in his cabin who said "Just you wait a bit, I've a score to settle with the two German ships Guesnau and Nurnburg"; and they were within range of the guns of HMS Canopus.

Inside the old slaughterhouse owned by the Falkland Islands Company were

(Cont. over.....)

Harry Sarney's Battle Memoirs continued from previous page

.....Harry Sarney, Johnny Detleff and Abner Berntsen who were killing mutton when HMS Canopus opened fire on the two German ships and the Wireless Station head man's wife ran into the slaughterhouse shouting "The Germans are here"! All the ships from Admiral Sturdee's fleet gave chase and all returned safely barring HMS Kent. They thought she was sunk because she hadn't been able to keep up with the rest of the fleet due to lack of fuel thereby forcing her to cut down speed and get left behind. However, HMS Kent returned and a children's party on board was held the following Sunday. She looked awreck with holes in her side big enough to take a horse and cart.

Two days after the Battle the men landed to bury the dead. The funeral took place from Christ Church Cathedral with 8 coffins. 2000 Naval ratings, Falkland Islands Defence Force members and locals made their way to the cemetery with Admiral Sturdee, Governor Allardyce and Parson Seymour and the brass band of the Royal Marines from HMS Invincible. The tail end of the procession was passing the Jubilee Villas while the fore end was passing the 'First & Last'.

After, there were some sailors pushing mutton down the Public Jetty on a truck ready to be put on board HMS Glasgow and the sailors were singing this song:-

Falkland Island Mutton
I wish I was no glutton
I roast it boil and toast it
Baked it fried it and minced it.

After the Battle, they drank the pubs out of the good old beer.

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RIFLE ASSOCIATION NEWS

Written for the TIMES by Hon.Secretary Stan Smith.

This week perhaps would be appropriate to mention something on the forthcoming National Rifle Association 1980 meeting held at Bisley Camp, Brookwood, Surrey, this coming week. This year we are fortunate in having a team to represent the Falklands in the Junior Team Events.

After being in indifferent health for a couple of weeks, we are happy to say that Tony Pettersson left Stanley on 10th July by F.28 and he arrived at Gatwick Airport safely on Saturday the 12th and was met on arrival by Ron Betts, a team member who now resides in Southampton.

These two members were due to arrive in Bisley Camp early this week, where they will link up with the other members of the team, namely: Owen May, Robin Henricksen, Keith Summers and Eru Fuhlendorff, after the settling-in chores are completed, it will be off to the short range for a practice, then on Thursday 17th it is hoped to hold a practice on the Century Range shooting at 300, 500 & 600 yards, a target having been reserved some weeks ago, this enabling them to adapt to Bisley conditions and for any sight adjustments that may be necessary before the first individual competition commences on Friday the 18th which is called the Admiral Hutton, shooting 10 rounds at 900 yards.

From Friday onwards we look forward to receiving scores for all events, with Thursday 24th & Friday 25th being the highlight on the main events for the Falklands team when the Junior Overseas, Junior Kolapore and Junior Mackinnon will be competed for, these being Team Events.

All scores to hand will be broadcast on the Falkland Islands Broadcasting Station in the form of "Bisley News Flash".

SUBSCRIPTION COSTS FOR 12 ISSUES OF THE F.I.TIMES VIA SECOND CLASS AIR-MAIL:
United Kingdom and Commonwealth; Republic of Ireland; Other Nations: details
from Elizabeth Goss (Mrs), Kent Road, Stanley.
Inland and Argentina: £2-20.

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SHEEPDOG TRIALS 1980

Saturday the 12th July was pretty chilly for all bar the sheep and dogs taking part in this year's Sheepdog Trials. Although snow showers had occurred during the early hours of the night, the weather remained reasonable right until the end of the 1980 Trials. Last year's winner and runner up, Mr Tony McMullen could only manage runner-up position this year with 'Cavic' as Mr J.Forster's 'Speck' took the trophy.

RESULTS

- 1st: 'SPECK'.....J.Forster
- 2nd: 'CAVIC'.....T.McMullen
- 3rd: 'PAM'.....J.Forster

Entry number 4 'BUTCH' (R.McKay) was called off.

1st Prize: Challenge Shield to be held for one year presented by the British-American Tobacco Co plus a prize of £20 and a small Shield (inscribed by the Tobacco Co.) to be held permanently.

2nd Prize: Silver Cup to be held for one year and £10; 3rd Prize: £10.

Dog Collars and chains were also presented to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd prize winners at local trials held at Darwin and Hill Cove by the Falkland Islands Company.

Mr Sydney Miller O.B.E. presented a commentary subsequently broadcast on the F.I.B.S.

PAST TEN YEARS WINNERS

- 1979 T.McMullen
- 1978 L.Morrison
- 1977 L.Morrison
- 1976 L.Morrison
- 1975 P.Short
- 1974 J.Forster
- 1973 C.Ford
- 1972 C.Alazia
- 1971 R.Evans
- 1970 L.Blake

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CROSSWORD ANSWERS: ACROSS: 1. Stamps; 4. Bipeds; 7. Slapjacks; 9. Ammo; 10. Euge; 11.Only; 13.Errs; 15.Sou; 16.Pam; 17.Pines; 18.Ted; 19.Nap; 21.Ends; 24.Parched; 26.Nero; 27.Teem; 28.Stammered; 29.Dressy; 30.Assume. DOWN: 1.Steals; 2.Melon; 3.Soppy; 4.Brace; 5.Poker; 6.Stream; 7.Smoulders; 8.Suspended; 12.Loped; 14.Riser; 18.Tensed; 20.Pomace; 22.Notes; 23.'Sammy'; 24.Arena; 25.Items. ©1980 T.W.BINNIE

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SOUTH AMERICA POLITICAL By H.V.WATSON.

Simon Bolivar, a Venezuelan and creator of the state of Colombia, became a dictator with the pompous title of 'Libertado de la Patria'. Bolivar set about a war of extermination against the Spaniards who failed to answer the call of the independent patriots. In doing so he disgraced the principles he professed to be fighting for, with the result that in 1813, Venezuela, 'Little Venice', was retaken by the loyalists.

In the South, the revolutionary movement had exhausted itself in the La Plata states. A movement that was as bloody as in the North with the bulk of the people indifferent to the revolution.

On May 28th 1810, the junta declared the Province independent of Seville but, strangely enough, the junta ruled in the name of Ferdinand VII. There was a faction ready to invite Ferdinand's sister to Buenos Aires as Regent. She was the Infanta Carlota who was married to a Portuguese prince.

In December, the junta of Buenos Aires sent General Belgrano to secure the recognition of the new government in the district of Paraguay. It was a failure. Paraguay took its fate into its hands and in 1814 elected an executive, Dr.Jose Gaspar Thomas Rodriguez da Francis. His role was bloody and ruthless. Buenos Aires eventually played an important part in the destruction of the common enemy in all the provinces held by the royalists. But the junta met with serious opposition in Upper Peru (Bolivia) when General Balcarce was beaten back from Bolivia by the Spanish royalists into Argentina. Nevertheless, at Tucuman he defeated them. When Ferdinand VII regained his throne in March 1815 he sent a great expedition of 25 warships, sixty transports and a total of 10,000 men under General Morillo to suppress the dying efforts of the colonial uprising. He failed to effect a landing at Buenos Aires on La Plata, so he went north to Venezuela. He made a tactical blunder which could have given him military supremacy. Bolivar eventually defeated Morillo and captured San Fernando. He even had a trained British legion assisting in this cause of liberation, men of whom he was extremely proud and trusted implicitly. TO BE CONTINUED.

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Extracts from Captain Andy Alsop's FIGAS report.

(Cont. from Page 3).....

Had a staff member of FIGAS shown as much enthusiasm as a lay member of the Future of FIGAS Committee did in going to Orkney during his leave period to witness Loganair's operation there, small but useful items of equipment could have been included in the specification in place of the superfluties.

Specific items, apart from the baggage door (which I feel must be replaced by the standard item at the earliest opportunity), include the following:

WINDSCREEN DEICING PANEL: At my suggestion this has already been removed to prevent damage to the fuselage caused by the panel "flapping" in the frequent gale force winds. With 99% of all flights within the Islands being conducted under "visual flight rules" the normal hot air deicing of the windscreen is more than adequate for the task.

FUEL GAUGES: These at present read in U.S. gallons. Fuel is delivered by the supplier, Y.P.F., to the FIGAS in litres, metered by the FIGAS bowser in IMP gallons, measured in the aircraft in U.S. gallons and features on the aircraft load sheet in Kilograms! I believe that the aircraft gauges should read in kilograms or, perhaps, litres, and that the possibility of trading in the spare U.S. gallon fuel gauges for ones callibrated in kilograms should be investigated. This would avoid some of the confusion.

WING TIP FUEL TANKS: I accept that the reason for specifying these was to allow for possible emergency evacuation to the South American mainland. The price paid (in terms of reduced payload) is, however, very high, as these tanks are not required for flights within the islands (particularly as fuel can be made available for occasional use out at one or more of the more distant "camp" settlements). I wonder if it was realised when ordering this option that the payload of the aircraft would be reduced by approximately one half of a person (which more often than not translates as one whole person!)? Should a second aircraft of the type be ordered in the future I recommend that the tip tanks should not be fitted.

PROVISION OF LIFEJACKETS: I believe that the normal airline practice of providing a lifejacket for every person on the aircraft when flown over water makes good sense and recommend that lifejackets be ordered for the Islander. (Although slightly outside my brief I feel bound to comment on the laxity of some of the FIGAS attitudes to safety and survival matters. Specifically, that lifejackets are still not worn by occupants of Beaver aircraft despite a recommendation to that effect by a recent accident investigation team. Similarly with access to the liferaft and with the provision of jettisonable doors.) History shows that floatplanes in the Falklands do occasionally overturn on the water. Passengers should be equipped to survive this. I believe that passenger resistance to the idea of wearing a lifejacket would be quickly overcome. (Thousands of North Sea oil workers are flown to and from their work every day wearing full exposure suits despite the fact that the helicopter firms flying them have much better safety records than does the FIGAS.)

Individual airstrips, in the order first landed at by Islander VP-FAY are listed below:

Darwin/Goose Green; Chartres; Dunnose Head; Johnsons Harbour; Port Louis; Green Patch; Teal Inlet; Douglas Station; Port San Carlos; San Carlos; Pobble Island; Golding Island; Kepple Island; Sedge Island; Carcass Island; Saunders Island; Hill Cove; Roy Cove; Fitzroy; Bleaker Island; Sea Lion Island; North Arm; Swan Island; West Point Island; Port Howard; Rincon Grande; Salvador; Cow Bay Beach; Port Stephens; Speedwell Island; Walker Creek; Fox Bay East; Lively Island; Volunteer Beach; New Island; Weddell Island; Fox Bay "Central"; Beaver Island; Bluff Cove; Grand Jason; Steeple Jason.

Although rather outside my brief, I believe that one way to diversify the Colony's economy, right now, would be to encourage tourism. The demand is already there, but can only be satisfied by efficient internal communications.

Copies of the report by Captain Alsop can be purchased from the Secretariat, Stanley.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL: MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT (ABRIDGED)

COUNCILLOR BOWLES: The remarks made on the Stanley Rates and the effect on the Cost of Living which I made earlier in the meeting I see has now been slightly overtaken by a better tariff in the Income Tax Bill and also the increase in Old Age Pensions and I would like to thank our Financial Secretary for this long sighted view he has taken on this subject.

I think this time we should look back for a minute and review the 1970's. We started off with the withdrawal of RMS Darwin and the introduction of the air communications to the mainland, which speeded up our mail and passenger service to a very high degree. The YPF Agreement on liquid fuels coupled with Gas del Estado and those people who preferred gas, was also augmented. Our new Power Station was a welcome project and although it's giving us reason for concern at least the bed was laid for a new engine as and when required in the future. The Stanley Airport and Fire Services I think was one of the major jobs which was done during the seventies and we have to thank Her Majesty's Government for this achievement. The replacement Beaver aircraft for FIGAS was a large item, and in the late decade, the Islander. The Stanley School Hostel and the first stage of the Colony roads programme, of the construction of a road from Stanley to Darwin linked to the Plant & Transport Authority, was another major step forward. Unfortunately, the oil jetty never made it.

Many people left the Islands during the 1970's, regrettably some for good, and we must not forget our good people who were laid to rest during this period of time. I'd like to turn now and try and look into the future, which is what we're here for.

During the 1980's I would forecast that we should complete the Stanley School Hostel, and look forward to the prospect of the investigation into a deep water jetty, coupled I think with Alginato Industries. I think they might just bob up again. The reorganisation of FIGAS and the Islander service will improve matters tremendously by communications with the Camp, and we'll have to work hard to get this one under way.

I'm sure too during the 1980's the completion of the Stanley-Darwin road should take place and we hope a housing scheme can be opened up for Stanley.

I'm still confident that we should train more local people for key posts in the Civil Service. The possibility of our First National Bank of the Falkland Islands has also been talked about, and I would suggest a facelift and repair to the Town Hall, Gymnasium, Public Jetty and other Government properties. I would also hope that during the 1980's the Youth Club Hut will be completed. We must also look forward to new industries. We've only got our wool to rely on, but there are possibilities if we help as much as we can our other revenue raiser in tourism, Salmon ranching, Home Industries, perhaps a restaurant and another hotel, you never know. Julian Fitter's boat venture I think should be given fair wind and possibly, a small inshore fishing project. I look forward to the 1980's with optimism and the hopes the future will be prosperous.

Economic relations with the mainland could prove beneficial to both sides. Especially large-scale projects, connected with the sea and seabed. And let us remember that although we may like to think of Britain as home, these Islands are our country and we are fully entitled to it; so let's pull together to keep it British, stable, prosperous and above all ours.

COUNCILLOR GOSS: We've all, in the past, said a lot about the past and we've said a lot about the present, but I would like to look a little more to the future. I think in 1981 we have elections coming up, and I think we should look at changes in our Constitution. I think the community is far too small for two Councils. There's a terrific amount of duplication of work and paper (which is expensive) in going through this. We should perhaps consider four members to Legislative Council; one West, one East and two for Stanley, no East or West Constituency. The two with the most votes get in. And all four members of Legislative Council to sit on Executive Council not two as it is now.

Wool is not very prosperous at the moment, or very encouraging, the sale of wool, and the fact that countries like New Zealand have started to, in a sense, "pile" wool, there's going to be a stockpile or surplus of wool to come on to the market next season.....Continued on Page 11.....

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.....so even if we got reasonable prices, the prices won't be high.

COUNCILLOR WALLACE: In replying to this Motion of Adjournment, I'd like to return to a theme which must be more on minds right now and that's the role of the Falkland Islands Company in the Islands. I'd like to make one point clear: my remarks are intended to express my personal concern that the influence, or the effect on the Colony, the way in which the Falkland Islands Company are now controlled and directed by people not resident in the Falklands, with, - and we've seen this in the last couple of days - an unconcern bordering on contempt for the aspirations of the people or the future well-being of the Islands. I do not in any way, wish to imply criticism of the local management of the Falkland Islands Company. We must divorce the individual in this case from the organisation. There was a certain time when the Falkland Islands Company played a vital part in the Colony's development. Such large concerns were, after all, part of the Colonial scene; but as we grew and developed, the situation has changed. It is still I believe necessary for one fairly large entity to operate many of our commercial sector activities. What is increasingly worrying, and unacceptable, is that the FIC is no longer the friendly, protective animal it may once have been. Instead we have a parasite. A situation where it is a small part of a large, profit-making machine. Not that there's anything wrong with making a profit, but when it is simply used elsewhere, it is lost to us. When such a profit is in addition made in ways which are detrimental to the community, it's doubly worrying. It would be interesting to learn what profits have in fact been re-invested in the Islands, and if any new capital - and I emphasise new capital - has been forthcoming recently.

Although this company's activities could affect all our lives, we have absolutely no control over its policies. That is what I find most worrying. We should, I feel, as a first step, consider ways in which we can be assured of a very much greater say in any policy making. If there are no ways to achieve this now, we should try and enlist the support of an appropriate British Government to enable us to see what action will achieve the desired result. The Falkland Islands Government must have greater power to control the ownership and use of land. This has been pointed out several times during this meeting.

I would in future like to see an annual item in the Budget to build perhaps one-eighth of a mile of road in Stanley. This Year's approved amount will enable the road gang to continue its good work.

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STEPHANIE CLERK

Miss Stephanie Couatts, aged 17, has recently started work in the Public Works Department as a Clerk. Two posts had been recently advertised as Mrs Jeannie Sheridan left the department and Mrs Noreen Keenleyside leaves in the near future.

CHE COAT BAND

A new group has been founded in Stanley called the "Che Coat Band" which has as its members: Dave Colville, Vocals; Simon Goss, Lead guitar; Charlie Keenleyside, Bass guitar and Pete King on drums. It is hoped to make a couple of public appearances before Charlie Keenleyside departs for Britain in September.

BIZNISS?

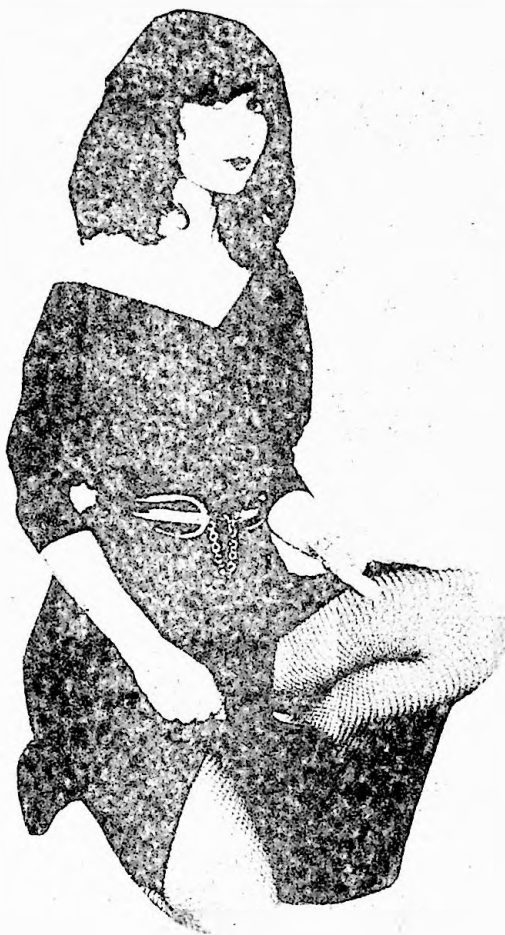
It was a pity to see the disappointment registered on one Polish chap's face in the Secretariat recently. The bod, from one of the Polish trawlers, had a polythene bag full of towels for sale. Approaching one upstanding Government official, he said "Bizniiss"? and rattled his bag suggestively but soon scuttled down the steps when the official said "Oh, this is Government". A case of throwing in the towel?

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WOMENS LIBERATION FIGHT MP'S

The trillion-strong Women's Liberation Movement recently fought a ruling by Members of Parliament that no female MP's would be allowed to hang around the Commons wash rooms ready to laugh at the first Member to emerge with undone flies.

Although the Women's Libbers failed to reverse this ruling, the Rt.Hon. Quentin Matrayers MP, (pictured left) a keen supporter of the Movement protested by wearing a creation made popular by Maggie Thatcher, standing on one of the backbenches and performing a remarkable version of the Beguine whilst wearing a Mickey Mouse hat.

He was immediately moved to the House of Lords and was last seen in the whereabouts of Jeremy Thorpe.

The Conservative and Unionist Party have intimated that they will use this tactic of protest in the next round of local elections and, when asked to comment on this latest

Tory ploy, Lord Biggan of Troutbridge said "How the hell should I know? I'm only here for the Peer!"

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SHEEPDOG TRIALS

At the Clackmannanshire Shhopedog Trials held in Inverkilty, Scotland, four sheepdogs were found guilty and three were given probation.

BUZZWORD GENERATOR

Impress your friends when writing letters. Open up the eyes of the verbal dunderheads, use the Buzzword Generator. All you do is pick a number from each column and use in a sentence. For example: 1, 4, 7 gives you : "Total digital projection". Impressive eh?

<u>Column 1</u>	<u>Column 2</u>	<u>Column 3</u>
1. Total	1. Organisational	1. Flexibility
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3. Parallel	3. Reciprocal	3. Mobility
4. Functional	4. Digital	4. Programming
5. Responsive	5. Logic	5. Concept
6. Optical	6. Transitional	6. Time-phase
7. Synchronized	7. Incremental	7. Projection
8. Compatible	8. Third-generation	8. Hardware
9. Balanced	9. Policy	9. Contingency
10. Integrated	10. Management	10. Options.

Moral: WATCH YOUR LANGUAGE!!

Thanks to Natty Jack for this item.

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Fifty Irish S.A.S. men broke into Dublin Zoo recently, shot 5 Gorilla's and released fifty Ostriches. (Ass Press).

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ALSO "ASTONISHED" His Excellency the Governor, Mr Rex Masterman Hunt, has recently broadcast another speech concerning the Falkland Islands Government Air Service (FIGAS). The speech, broadcast as part of Radio Stanley's Tuesday News Magazine, touched upon the recruitment of Captain Andy Alsop; the speech is reproduced as follows:-

Good evening. I last spoke to you about FIGAS towards the end of May and I think it's high time that I brought you up to date on the difficulties we've been having since then in trying to recruit an Islander pilot.

When John Ayers left us in June we pressed the Overseas Development Administration (ODA) to appoint Andy Alsop because he was the only experienced Islander pilot who had local knowledge and was immediately available. And of course, we knew that he was strongly supported by a large body of Islanders.

After some delay, ODA interviewed him on the 27th of June and sent us a telegram saying that they were prepared to appoint him for 2 years subject to his passing a medical examination, and that he had agreed to this, although he had started by insisting on a 1 year contract extendable by three-monthly periods at his discretion.

Correspondence between ODA, Andy Alsop and ourselves took place from then on until the 12th of August, when ODA confirmed his agreement to a 2 year contract and said that they had in fact booked flights for himself, his wife and 5 children to leave London on the 25th of August, yesterday, arriving here tomorrow. Then, on the 19th of August, we had a Telex from Andy Alsop saying that he was astonished to find that his contract was for 2 years when he had been under the impression that it would be for 1 year, extendable at his discretion.

Frankly, I cannot understand, how at that late stage, he could have been under any misapprehension about the terms of his contract. We had repeatedly told him that while we were prepared to accept his conditions, the final decision was with ODA, as it was they who had to foot the bill for most of the expenses connected with the contract.

Yesterday, we had a Telegram from ODA to say that Captain Alsop had withdrawn because they would not budge on a 2 year minimum contract.

The position now is therefore, that unless Andy Alsop changes his mind and settles for 2 years, we are looking for another Islander pilot.

The ODA are already investigating possible candidates but they will not be able to complete interviews before mid-September. I don't know how long it will take for the successful candidate to reach us after that but ODA hope that it will not be later than the end of October. He will then of course have to spend some time on local familiarisation before he can be authorized to carry passengers. We thus face the prospect of having the Islander non-operational for at least another two or three months. I am sorry to have to tell you this but the only alternative would have been to give in to Captain Alsop's demands, and I must say that with 7 passages to pay for, I cannot blame ODA for their reluctance to do so.

I should like at this point to pay tribute to the Acting Director of Civil Aviation, Gerald Cheek; to our two pilots and to the FIGAS ground crew for keeping the Beaver's flying over the last three months and for meeting all emergencies and normal passenger demand...Continued on P.8....

Very shortly, in about a month's time, another boat will become a familiar sight in Falklands waters: this time it will be the red painted hull of the Motor Yacht 'Copious'. The term yacht may evoke thoughts of some sleek hulled sailing boat with high bermudan rigged masts and spinnakers pulling in the wind, but this is not 'Copious'.

The 73.27 gross ton 'Copious' was built as a Motor Fishing Vessel by Herd & Mackenzie, shipbuilders of Buckie, Scotland in 1950. 70ft long with a 20ft beam and with a draught of 8ft 6in, she is powered by a Gardner 8L3 152h.p. engine with a cruising speed of 7½ knots. In 1975 she was converted by her present owners, Copious Enterprises Ltd of Wimbledon, for use as an ocean going charter yacht, and has proved herself on recent expeditions up the Norwegian coast to Spitzbergen. The largest shareholder in the owning company, and also her skipper, is Mike Tuson, Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society, who started his sea experience with the Royal Engineers in the 1950s.

'Copious', which is due to leave Port Hamble in the Solent for the Falkland Islands on 5th September, has been chartered by Falkland Wildlife, the imaginative scheme of Julian Fitter, to take tourists to visit some of the most interesting wild life areas in the Islands.

On 12th August, together with Griff and Gladys Evans and Les Halliday, I was able to spend a few hours on board and make a short trip out to the Isle of Wight and back. I can report that 'Copious' looks strong and practical, that she is comfortable and very seaworthy; above all she appears to be very safe.

In addition to accommodation for the crew of 4, there are three comfortable two berth cabins forward and a further two double cabins for passengers are under construction aft, making a total passenger compliment of 10; there seemed to be an ample supply of wash basins, heads and even a hot fresh water shower on board. For a small boat, the galley and saloon seemed impressive, with a bottle gas oven, more cooking ranges than are normally found in ones kitchen at home, a refrigerator and an ice box; from the supply of herbs and spices, it would seem that the passengers will eat well. The Upper Saloon is also well laid out with radio, two tape recorders and a well stocked paperback library.

I was impressed with 'Copious', and thought that she was the ideal boat to get Falkland Wildlife underway.

'Copious' is due to arrive in Port Stanley on about 28th October, after her passage out via Portugal, Dakar, Recife, Rio de Janeiro, and, possibly, Montevideo. She should be ready for her first tourists on 5th November.

One of the tours is scheduled to start on Wednesday 17th December, when a group organised by 'Twickers World' of Twickenham Travel Ltd, England, arrive at Stanley Airport on the L.A.D.E. flight. They will be led by Roger Perry MA FRGS, a writer and naturalist who was formerly with UNESCO. Mr Perry, who is a specialist in wildlife conservation and has been a director of the Charles Darwin Research Station in the Galapagos Islands for six years last visited the Falkland Islands and Antarctica in 1975. After an afternoon in Stanley, the tourists will leave for their round-the-Islands voyage early on the morning of 18th December (Thursday), their first call being at Lively Island; they will then travel clockwise with Christmas Day being scheduled for Westpoint. They depart on New Year's Eve for Buenos Aires, arriving back in London on Monday 5th January.

The cost of the holiday is £1,650.

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DEATH

26th July: Harriet Watson, daughter of Mr & Mrs Robert Watson of Stanley.

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DO WE NEED A FALKLAND ISLANDS OFFICE?

When is a Briton not a Briton? Answer: When he is expected to pay for his sovereignty claim.

For some time now, howls of dismay have been filtering down here over the fact that the closure of the Falkland Islands Office in London may occur if lifesaving funds are not forthcoming.

For those who do not know what the Falkland Islands Office is, the following is reprinted from the UPLAND GOOSE journal, June 1980:-

The Office was set up to provide the United Kingdom Falkland Islands Committee (UKFIC) and its associated organisations with its own office and staff in London to incorporate a member's organisation to which sympathisers in Britain and the people of the Falkland Islands could subscribe, ultimate control of which would rest with the individual members: to provide Falkland Islanders visiting Britain with facilities akin to a High Commission: to act as an information centre for anyone interested in the Falkland Islands: and to stimulate the commercial implementation, in accordance with the wishes of the people of the Falkland Islands, of recommendations made by Lord Shackleton's economic survey.

The following are the principal organisations served by the Office:-

- United Kingdom Falkland Islands Committee (UKFIC) - Policy making.
- Falkland Islands Research and Development Association (FIRADA) - Finance and Development.
- South Atlantic Fisheries Committee (SAFC) - Promotion of a fisheries industry.
- The Friends of the Falkland Islands (FFI).

It is interesting to note that the Falkland Islands Government are preparing to send some cash aid to the FIO, a thing that should have been a standing entry in the Colony's Estimates for years; still better late than never!

The question of whether or not the FIO and sub-organisations really work is open to judgement. Perhaps it is a good idea to have people who buttonhole MP's etc., but it is a question of 'Is it worth it?'

Various HM Government spokesmen have repeatedly assured Islanders that a sellout will be non-existent to a point of boredom; Nicholas Ridley said that he has got to the stage where he repeats the 'no hand-over' statement in his sleep; and surely the people of the Islands are relatively secure in the knowledge that British the Falklands will stay.

Perhaps the FIO would be better appointed by turning their attention to one of closer economic co-operation with the South American mainland aimed at cementing better relations with Argentina. Then again, why stop at Argentina? What about Chile, Brazil, Uruguay etc.?

In reality, it should be the responsibility of the Administration here on the front doorstep who should pump out Falklands information and the like. Perhaps more realistic methods of bringing the Falklands to the eyes of the world should be looked into; Press and T.V. coverage rather than expensive, non-productive Commonwealth jollies.

The Argentines are probably sniggering away; their planes land here twice a week; they push the sovereignty claim so much each year - just enough to stir the coals - and they are perhaps secure in the knowledge that they will get the 'Malvinas' eventually, not because the Falkland Islands Office in London will fold up but because there will be no Falkland Islanders left in a decade or so.

A staunch supporter and campaigner concerned with the wellbeing of the Falkland Islands, Major Ronnie Spafford, recently wrote a letter to the Chairman of FIRADA (Mr Bill Hunter-Christie):

Dear Bill,

I hope you will understand if I give notice that I feel obliged to tender my resignation as Chairman of the Publicity Sub-Committee and from membership of the Publicity Sub-Committee. I have given the matter much thought and I write this letter with much regret.

May I suggest that this resignation takes effect from 1st September, 1980, permitting time for any other arrangements to be made as necessary. I am writing a similar letter to the Chairman of the

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.....U.K. Falkland Islands Committee.

Major Spafford writes: "The reasons for my decision can be summarised basically that I feel unable to ensure that the task is carried out effectively without the support of Sallingbury.

The contract with Sallingbury, who are consultants and have given great support especially on P.R. work, has been terminated with effect from 1st September, 1980, because there are no longer any funds at the Falkland Islands Office to pay them. I have tendered my resignation with much regret because Publicity has always been, and still is, one of the key factors in establishing and maintaining support for the Islanders in this country.

When the U.K. Falkland Islands Committee was set up 12 years ago, part of the aim was to make known the views of the Islanders in the United Kingdom, and to a large extent, through much hard work over the years, this has been achieved; however links with the Media and Publicity in general, of necessity, are ongoing and continuous if they are to be of value, and this is especially important at the present time, and over the next few years, when many problems remain to be solved to the future advantage of the Falkland Islanders.

It will be a sad matter for the Falkland Islanders if our established links with the Media now have to be severed, but until sufficient cash is forthcoming to pay Sallingbury no other option is available."

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FALKLAND ISLANDS TEAM RESULTS

Individual scores:-

ADMIRAL HUTTON:	Henricksen 47, Fuhlendorff 40.
CONAN DOYLE :	Henricksen 45, Pettersson 46, Betts 43, Fuhlendorff 43.
CAMBRIDGE :	Henricksen 47, Betts 43, Fuhlendorff 38.
CENTURY :	Henricksen 48, Pettersson 46, Fuhlendorff 43.
DONEGAL :	Henricksen 45, Betts 46, Fuhlendorff 42.
TELEGRAPH :	Henricksen 43, Betts 44, Fuhlendorff 41.
DAILY MAIL :	Henricksen 46, Betts 46, Fuhlendorff 43.
ALEXANDRA :	Henricksen 46, Pettersson 47, Betts 47, Fuhlendorff 40. Summers withdrew and left camp.
CORPORATION :	Henricksen 40, Betts 39, Pettersson 42, Fuhlendorff 35.
WIMBLEDON :	Henricksen 45, Betts 46, Pettersson 43, Fuhlendorff 42.
TIMES :	Henricksen 46, Betts 47, Fuhlendorff 43.
GLOUCESTER :	Henricksen 71, Betts 70, Fuhlendorff 59.

More results of Bisley 1980 are on Page 7.

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JUNE '80 LEGCO QUOTE:

The important point is, I think, is that Government Departments exist for the public service.

Loyalty to senior members of departments by the administration should not be carried to the extent that service is seriously curtailed.

Facts should be faced and Council Members must bear a measure of blame for FIGAS troubles - for not speaking out frankly and fearlessly in the public interest.

Councillor Adrian Monk.

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Provisional Ships calling dates:-

RRS JOHN BISCOE: November 5th & 17th; December 9th; March 5th & 25th.

RRS BRANSFIELD: December 5th; December 19th; February 13th; March 29th.

PENFRIENDS WANTED

"I am a 15 years old boy from Sweden and I would like some penfriends from the Falkland Islands. My hobbies are the exchange of stamps, postcards and magazines. My favourite group is ABBA."
BO HJALMARSSON, PL 41227, S-705 90 OREBRO, SWEDEN.

"I would like very much to correspond with people on the Falkland Islands for the purpose of friendly correspondence. One of my hobbies is to correspond with people in foreign countries."
MR MILTON FINKELSTEIN, 15 VINCENT STREET, NEWARK, NEW JERSEY 07015, U.S.A.

THANKS

Captain John Ayers, formerly with FIGAS, wrote recently from Oxford and said "Thanks to all those Islanders who wrote to him and Monica prior to their departure from the colony; their letters were very much appreciated." John's address: 2, THE CROFTS, WITNEY, OXON. OX8 7AD.

THE JULY WEATHER

Total Rainfall.....	30.3mm	
Average Temperature.....	1.2°C	
Lowest Temperature.....	Minus 5.6°C	
Highest Temperature.....	6.1°C	
Average Daily Sunshine....	1.8 hours	July 1980 was colder,
Average Wind Speed.....	13.9 knots	drier, less windy and
Highest Wind Gust.....	55 knots	less sunny than usual.
Gale Force Wind Hours....	16	
Wind of 10 knots or less..	260 hours	
Ground Frost Occasions....	25	

POST OFFICE NEWS

Business has been brisk at both the Stanley and Fox Bay Post Offices following the release of the 11p stamp commemorating the 80th birthday of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth, The Queen Mother.
The portrait of Her Majesty is taken from a photograph of her attending the 1971 Ascot Race Meeting.

The 11th of August saw the release of another issue, this time the Birds of Prey release, designed by local wildlife artist, naturalist and author, Ian Strange. The issue is a four stamp set with a total face value of 54p. The stamps are:- 3p Striated Caracara (Johnny Rook), 11p Red Backed Buzzard, 15p Crested Caracara (Carancho), 25p Cassins Falcon. Official First Day Covers sell at 70 pence, whilst FDC's of the Queen Mother issue retail at 25p.
(From an item by Lewis Clifton of the Philatelic Bureau.)

SHIP SHAPE

As of Friday August 8th, the Customs & Harbour Department have cleared a total of 207 ships within Falkland Islands waters. Last years total was 208 ships.

VALS CINEMA

Mr Val Berntsen is expecting some films to arrive from Buenos Aires for showing at Vals Cinema in the Town Hall. Some titles are: Queen's Commando's; 24 Hours in Munich; War Is Death; Return of The Dragon; Sunday Woman and The Poseidon Adventure.
The Films are in English with Spanish sub-titles.

Dear Dave,

I refer to the April issue, namely the poem by Des Peck. I would like to add to the theme. (It was a pleasure to meet Des at the last U.K. F.I. Re-Union.)

I liked the thoughts in verse, friend Des,
And I know at least you can see
That behind the smiles and bribes on offer
Lays a Dictatorships treachery.
They say 'Beware of Trojans bearing Gifts',
For it's written in history
The fools who had thought they had won the day
Fell soon to treachery.
Another story comes to mind,
A tale of greed in times of old,
The Son of God, betrayed by his own
For just thirty pieces of gold.
By taking Argentine gifts and bribes,
And sending Islanders to B.A. schools,
'Tis but an Argentine brain-wash job
Designed to win over fools.
By schooling our young in B.A. schools
The resistance will eventually fold,
For information recently sent to me
Shows the brain-washing taking hold.
The elders will die, as the old always do
The brain-washed young will take their place,
That will be the day, friend Des,
We find the Argentines won the race.
It is a constant fact of life
Some cannot see past their nose,
To awake too late one morning
And find they are over-run by foes..
Will Islanders get the top jobs?
Will Islanders run the place?
Surely it seems more likely
Our own will take second place.
Will contracts go to our boys
Or will B.A. firms get the cream,
If anyone thinks HE will be top,
Wake up, it's only a dream.
Friend Des, I know that you can see
The writing on the wall,
But there are too many of those among us
Who won't see it until they fall.

C.I.DAVIS

PENFRIEND WANTED

"Please excuse me that I will ask you in this way in the name of my little daughter, Carola. She is nine years old and collects stamps, especially stamps from your country. Now I will ask you whether it is possible for you to send her some stamps.

I am sure you know a little girl or a little boy from your country who collects stamps too. We would like to send her/him stamps from Germany."

FRIEDRICH BACHMANN, DECHANTSHOF 30, 4194 KLEVE-HAU, W.GERMANY.

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BISLEY 1980: F.I. TEAM RESULTS

JUNIOR OVERSEAS TEAM:	1st	U.S.A.	395
	2nd	Falklands	394
	3rd	Hong Kong	389
Falklands team individual scores:		Henricksen	100
		May	100
		Pettersson	98
		Betts	96
JUNIOR KOLAPORE TEAM:	1st	Hong Kong	
	2nd	Falklands	
JUNIOR MACKINNON :	1st	Falklands	365
	2nd	Guernsey	363

The individual scorings for the Falklands team in the Kolapore and Mackinnon shoots were received and are as follows:

KOLAPORE: Pettersson 138 points Betts 145 points
 May 138 points Henricksen 142 points

MACKINNON: Betts 92 points Henricksen 92 points
 Pettersson 93 points May 88 points

Hong Kong came first in the Kolapore with 565 points, just 2 points ahead of second-placed Falklands.

NOBEL CUP: Challenge Cup presented in 1928 by Imperial Chemical Industries (ICI) Ltd., to be awarded to the teams in Junior Kolapore, Junior Mackinnon and Junior Overseas.
1st: FALKLANDS with 1,322 points.

QUEENS: Robin Henricksen attained a final score of 282 and was in a final position placing of 70th, which is very good considering that only 12 points separated Robin from the winner who clocked 294 points; this must have been an exciting, tough competition.

Thanks go to Stan Smith, Honorary Secretary of the Falkland Islands Defence Force Rifle Association for supplying information on results.

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FOREIGN SECRETARY, LORD CARRINGTON IN BRASILIA 31/7/80:-

With regard to the Falkland Islands there is no doubt about British legal claim and right to the Falkland Islands and we have made it clear all the way along that it's the wishes of the people of the Falkland Islands which will be the determining factor in British policy but during that view we are of course quite ready to talk to the Argentinians.

Howard Brierly We would like to get rid of the Falkland Islands though. Is that not so?

Lord Carrington I don't think that is true. I think that what is preventing the development of the Falkland Islands at present is the feeling of uncertainty, and if the uncertainty is removed I've no doubt that there would be a very large amount of investment in the Falkland Islands.

The South American BBC Correspondent then asked Lord Carrington if there was any question about handing over the Falkland Islands to Argentina to which the Lord replied with a very firm NO!
Taken from a BBC World Service broadcast.

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EARLY BROADCASTING FINISHES

The recent spate of early afternoon broadcasting from the Falkland Islands Broadcasting Station came to end on August 29th (Friday). The whole idea of starting at 4.30pm was met with good response from people in Stanley and those scattered through the Falklands on the various farm settlements. The idea was started by Broadcast Secretary Mrs Queen, (who leaves soon to return to the India she knows so well) and Mr Mike Peake, Senior Technician, who stood in for Broadcasting Officer Mr Patrick Watts who was on attachment to BBC Radio Leicester.

.....I am confident that they will be able to carry on providing the same high standard of service, until we can get the Islander operational again.

In the meantime, Eddie Anderson will continue to keep the Islander serviceable by giving it a weekly air-test and, weather permitting, he will arrange this on a Thursday so that he can combine it with a mail drop.

You may remember that in my last broadcast I mentioned that Mr Cooper had written to me to say that he did not expect his report on the accident at Hill Cove to be ready before mid-July. I regret that the timetable has slipped but I have now received copies of his draft report.

Under the regulations, people concerned must be given the right to comment on the reports findings before it can be made public. Mr Cooper is now awaiting these comments and I assure you that the report will be published as soon as we receive it in final form.

Finally, I should just like to say a word of sympathy to all those who have worked so hard over the past months to implement Mr Cooper's safety recommendations for improving the airstrips. I know it must be frustrating that the strips are still not in use but I am sure that any work done now will not be wasted, and will lead to a quicker and more widespread introduction of the Islander service as soon as we do get our third pilot. Goodnight".

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EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING

The Executive Council met on Tuesday August the 19th. All Members, with the exception of the Honourable Bill Luxton, who is on overseas leave, attended this meeting.

Amendments to the Old Age Pensions Legislation was an early item discussed. Amendments updating existing legislation will be submitted to Legislative Council for their consideration. The object of the Bill states that any pension awarded to a female contributor shall cease on the marriage or re-marriage, unless it is proved that her husband is not qualified to receive a pension.

Another Bill to go before Legislative Council will be the Working Mens Compensation Ordinance. This is designed to bring local law into line with Labour Organisations Convention 17, concerning workmens compensation for accidents.

Executive Council agreed that the embarkation tax at Stanley Airport should be increased from £2 to £3, and this increase will take effect from the 1st of September. Payment at the Airport should be made in Falklands Pounds or Sterling.

A meeting of Joint Council was held on the 20th August and endorsed several of the previous days recommendations. Executive Council is due to meet again on Tuesday 16th of September.

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CHARTER VESSEL

Denton Wharf will be accepting cargo for the next visit of the A.E.S. between the 1st and 12th of September and she will load sometime after this date. The expected sailing for the Falklands is the 20th of September.

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THE CASE OF HAREWOOD HALL - PARTS 1 to 6

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CATAONIC ENTERTAINMENTS, P.O. BOX 60, STANLEY.

Upon hearing recent announcements over the one and only radio station, most listeners will realise that in this British South Atlantic Colony the word 'unemployment' could be interpreted as one of the social diseases from which we do not suffer.

In the June (Budget) session of Legislative Council it was announced that savings on expenditure of certain departments was due to lack of labour and consequently a smaller wages bill. Some people are now wondering how much longer we can survive with the staff shortages which have manifest themselves in recent months, but instead, perhaps we should try to find ways of halting this situation.

This problem is, of course, linked with another acute shortage - that of housing in Stanley, even though the population is ever decreasing.

It may be argued that the rapid decline in the Falkland population is the reason for so many job vacancies, but surely the time has come to argue that one of the reasons for the population decline is due to the unique employment situation that we have here. For example, the job of Apprentice Gardener at Government House was recently advertised and the wage offered for a fifteen year old was around £40 per week.

Compare this with one of the many clerical vacancies in the Public Service recently advertised. One stated that an eighteen year old Treasury Clerk would be paid £2,052 per annum (around £40 per week) in the infamous scale 20 - the scale in which a good percentage of Civil Servants find themselves. The successful candidate is expected to assist at the Treasury cash desk occasionally, and although was tempted by the 'special responsibility award' carrot, his or her basic pay would be virtually the same as any first year apprentice gardener, carpenter, plumber or whatever.

A recent applicant for a post in the Post Office was offered the fantastic sum of £2,217 (around £43 per week) - not bad you might think for a teenager but that applicant was a married man with three children!

Good luck to the teenagers if they can earn just £3 per week less than older workers but does it give them any sense of values and, what is more important, does it give any incentive for mature people to make a career in the Public Service? Do we need to wait for another review by our Salaries Commissioner to come and tell us that the gap in Public Service Salary Scales is too wide (or perhaps he is the joker who has caused them to be so!) and until the gap is narrowed there can only be continued disenchantment among the Scale 20 Servants whose only carrot is the £2,700 or so at the top of the scale while others are enjoying higher salaries and months of paid leave in Blighty every five and in some cases every three years of loyal service. Here we could ramble on about CSAS, that dirty word that causes yet more 'aggr' between FIG and short term expatriate officers, especially when this handsome incentive paid by the Overseas Development Administration is not only paid for the first tour of duty in an 'Underdeveloped' territory, but to those who make their home in places like the Falklands.

The staff shortage is not always due to lack of suitable applicants, indeed there is evidence that suitable applicants for posts have been turned down - not because of the inability to perform the duties expected of them but because as individuals they are disliked by those who are responsible for recruiting - a most disconcerting factor in the employment scene when one thinks that the struggle to speak one's mind and differ with the establishment without fear of the consequences is something we link with dissidents under totalitarian regimes - not with a community begging to stay British!

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FIRE DEATH/MARINE MISSING

On the 21st of August, a call was received by the Police that a fire had occurred in North Arm, in the Bunkhouse, resulting in the death of Mr James Keith Biggs. His body was discovered in the Common Room and not in his bedroom as the firefighters had supposed. Recently, Marine Addis disappeared from the North Arm area and air, land and underwater searches have proved fruitless. Marine Addis was aged 19.

Answers at foot of this page

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CLUES ACROSS

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- 13. Reach
- 15. Fruit
- 17. Actuate
- 20. An Alloy
- 23. Contract
- 25. Marshlands
- 26. Doorstep
- 27. Work
- 28. Opine
- 29. Shirker
- 30. Erected

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CLUES DOWN

- 1. Fox
- 2. Freehold Estate
- 3. Adam's first wife
- 4. Quenched
- 5. Dislodged
- 6. Hercules' Lion
- 7. Bondsman
- 9. Anoints
- 14. S. African Buffalo
- 16. Cage
- 17. Livulge
- 18. Conduit
- 19. Create
- 20. Weigh
- 21. Adjust
- 22. Legendary hero
- 24. Roman apparel
- 26. Frickle

FALKLAND ISLANDS COMMUNITY LEAGUE

The monthly meeting of the Falkland Islands Community League took place in the Town Hall Refreshment Room on Wednesday August 27th at 8pm. Topics discussed were the Swimming Pool Project which was followed by a lengthy discussion regarding the standards of education in the Stanley Schools. The meeting finished at around 10pm.

CHE' COAT BAND BOW OUT

Rock group, The Che' Coat Band, played their last gig at Val's Disco on the night of August 30th. The band will now dissolve after the departure of Bass Guitarist Charles Keenleyside who goes to the UK shortly. Recordings by the band are available by contacting a band member. The remaining three members hope to carry on in the future with self-penned material where possible.

CROSSWORD ANSWERS:

ACROSS: 1. Ritual, 4. Slogan, 7. Pall, 8. Also, 10. Seal, 11. Ink, 12. Tire, 13. Length, 15. Damsion, 17. Induce, 20. Fewter, 23. Pact, 25. Fen, 26. Still, 27. Tome, 28. Deem, 29. Truant, 30. Reared. DOWN: 1. Russel, 2. Udal, 3. Lith, 4. Slaked, 5. Oust, 6. Nemean, 7. Peon, 9. Oils, 14. Gnu, 16. Mew, 17. Impart, 18. Duct, 19. Effect, 20. Ponder, 21. Trim, 22. Roland, 24. Toga, 26. Seta.

For this edition of the Idle Gossip Column it was decided to spare you ordinary decent folk the photograph that accompanied the heading of this column in Issue 9/79 - until the next time!!

Crikey! Two Headmaster's required plus one 'Camp Education Supervisor' ?? I have heard however that the Camp Education Supervisor's post is a new creation to satisfy the whims of a certain person who has apparently been trying to wangle such a post since his/her arrival within the Education Department, but is there a need of such a supervisor? It remains to be seen.

Now that the experimental stage of the early broadcasting scheme is over, and after its having met with a relatively welcome response by both townies and campers, they stop it! Daft I call it. Can you imagine a conversation between a BBC chap and someone connected with FIBS?

"How many hours a week do you broadcast, must be quite a lot eh?"

"Er, well..about 36 hours in all, but we do have extended hours when the Darts is on."

"Hmm. What's your stereo reception like?"

"Wassatt?"

"Forget it. Who controls the Broadcasting side of things, I suppose you have an advisory committee?"

"Oh no, we don't have one of them. They might improve things and we don't want new fangled ideas to upset Falklands tradition."

"Who runs it then?"

"Well the Postmaster is in overall charge I guess."

"BBC trained? An amateur enthusiast with a keen interest? A non-participating chappie with a genuine interest in radio?"

"Er..I can't answer that. I like my job too much."

"What about Sundays..er..at what time do you transmit?"

"We open at 6 in the winter."

"Well done. That is early but shows enthusiasm."

"No, No, 6 o'clock at night!"

"Tell me no more, it sounds like crap to me. Goodbye; and by the way, you are constantly infringing Copyright Convention aspects."

"Er..splutter.."

Seriously, perhaps it is time the Administration put long serving Broadcasting Officer, Mr Patrick Watts, in complete control of the broadcasting station instead of its being tied up with the Post Office, and bets are now being taken that a Broadcasting Advisory Committee, Management Board or whatever fancy title is given to such a body, is not set up for a good couple of years yet.

Rumours filtered through the other day that a couple of Russian trawlers were outside the 3-mile limit and were refused entry into Port William. I was told by a good authority that this rumour was untrue. For a minute I thought that Thatcher Milk Snatcher had been on the hotline shouting about Afghanistan. It's good to see that the nasty aspects of world life pass the Colony by.

Times are changing fast. I noticed a slogan chalked up in the Concrete Snogging Box (Hardy's Corner) which said 'No kissing allowed' which was considerably more refined than a previous slogan I saw in there....on passing!

Ha, ha, ha, ha, ha, ha, ha, ha, and various other sniggerisms concerning the Phantom Islander Pilot Andy Alflop. It was obvious right from the start that he was playing around with Loganair and the threat of 'coming to the Falklands' was just a private game he was playing. Full marks to ODA for telling him to sign for two years or push off. Fancy the Falkland Islands Government being willing to accept his terms? Perhaps the Civil Service Assocn. should start dictating their terms, then they might start getting a fair wage. All Government has to do is cut out overseas leave completely and give every Government Public Service worker a 100% pay increase, reorganise the mediaeval Salary Scales and perhaps then they will not keep crying about labour shortage. They should have realised by now that the wages are pathetic. A series of strikes within the Public Service would soon make waiting for the Salaries Commissioner and his magic money wand a thing of the past!

CHILDREN'S FANCY DRESS 1980
Organised by the Stanley Social Club

RESULTS

0-3 years:

- 1st Roslynd Harris as Bo-Peep
- 2nd Joanna and Johnathan Summers: Bride & Groom
- 3rd Shane Blackley as The Governor

4-6 years:

- 1st Carl Harris/Corina Goss: Donald Duck & Goofy
- 2nd Troyd Bowles as Asterix the Gaul
- 3rd Hamish & Elizabeth Davidson: Angel & Devil

7-10 years:

- 1st Eli Sheridan as the Pink Panther
- 2nd Amara and Lucinda Watts: Quality Street couple.
- 3rd Michael & Jill Watson : Indian and Squaw.

11-14 years

- 1st Anita Tomlinson as a Tree.
- 2nd Pauline Biggs as a flower.
- 3rd Rosemary Short, Michelle Binnie and Kier Miller as Snap, Crackle & Pop.

Prizes were presented by Mrs Hunt, the Governor's wife.
Judges: Mr D.Colville, Mrs J.Laughna and Father Monaghan.
Congratulations must go to everyone concerned with this years Children's Fancy Dress which provided for a very entertaining afternoon.

BIRTH : In Punta Arenas, Chile, on 12th August to Susan and Juan AMPUERO, a son. Susan was formerly Susan Ross.

DARTS

Final League results:-
KENDAL CUP : Rose 'B'.
GLOBE SUPPORTER'S SHIELD: Astronauts.
CHALLENGE : D : The Sparrows.
ROSE HOTEL CHALLENGE SHIELD: Nancy Trawlers.

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Why can't locals do the jobs executed by OSAS recruits?

South America Political -- the continuing story by H.V.Watson.

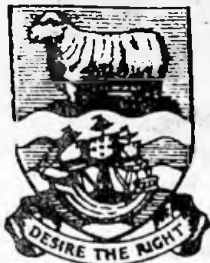
A book about the Sulivans, a family with Falkland connections.

Terry Binnie's Timesword Number 3 and The Idle Gossip Column.

The next edition will be prepared as soon as material warrants.

SUBSCRIBE TODAY: Details from Elizabeth Goss, Kent Road, Stanley.

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NO AID TO FALKLAND ISLANDS OFFICE.

Councillors met on Wednesday September 17th at a joint Legislative/Executive Councils Meeting to consider once again the request from the Falkland Islands Office in London for support from the Falkland Islands Government in terms of financial aid.

Councillors sympathised with the Falkland Islands Office - at the moment threatened with closure due to lack of funds - and recognised the great amount of work put in by the office on behalf of the Islanders and their interests.

The Councillors decided however that the Falkland Islands Office had purposes which were not necessarily identical to those of the Falkland Islands Government and that it was "right and proper" that the Office should continue to be financed entirely by voluntary contributions.

BOARD OF ENQUIRY

The mystery behind the disappearance of Royal Marine Addis at North Arm a few weeks ago still causes bafflement to the investigating bodies.

The inquest into the circumstances surrounding the missing Marine was adjourned by the Coroner who is naturally enough reluctant to pursue the inquest without a cadaver.

A Board of Enquiry was set up on Monday September 22nd comprising Mr Doug Morrison the Deputy Chief Secretary, Warrant Officer II Ron Bucket, and Major R. Gilding, Commanding Officer of the Royal Marine Detachment who is also the presiding member of the Board. Proceedings commenced in the Conference Room of the Secretariat building and the Board heard evidence from witnesses off the M.V. Forrest, the vessel being at North Arm at the time of the incident, and evidence from Royal Marines.

Later on in the week, the Board travelled to North Arm to hear witnesses at the settlement and pursue their investigations.

BURGOS BACK OVER BORDER

Chilean Francisco Burgos, after completing his 9-month jail sentence for the manslaughter of Mr Tony Kirk earlier this year, was deported from the Colony and left the Falklands from Stanley on Friday September 19th accompanied by Mr Malcolm Binnie acting as escort.

At Comodoro Rivadavia, the Argentine Federal Police were expected to accompany Mr Binnie and Burgos to the southern part of Argentina where Burgos would then be transferred across the Chilean Border.

CHILEAN CELEBRATIONS

The Chilean workers living in the old ESRO building by the road to Moody Brook in Stanley, were helped in their efforts to celebrate Chilean Independence Day by some 100+ guests. The Governor and his wife attended the celebrations.

The 'knees-up' held on Saturday September 20th was said to have been one of the most excellent events to be held in Stanley for years.

BUILDINGS SUPERINTENDENT

Mr D.J. Turner, the Buildings Superintendent who will be taking over from Mr Norman Laughna, is expected to arrive in the Falkland Islands on October 8th.

The Public Works Department are apparently still having difficulty in finding a replacement Director of Public Works to fill the chair vacated by Mr Alan Mason who retired recently, one candidate employed within the U.K. Civil Service being unable to take up the post due to difficulties with release from his U.K. job.

P.T.A. MEETING

On Wednesday September 17th a well attended meeting was held in the Stanley Senior School to elect a new Parent Teacher's Association Committee.

ALGINATE HOSTEL PURCHASE

Recently, Government announced that their offer to purchase the dwelling in Racecourse Road, Stanley, belonging to Alginat Industries had been agreed to and accepted by the firm. Government have now allocated the building to the Education Department who will utilise the place as a hostel for female pupils from Camp.

The terms of the allocation are similar to those governing the lease of Stanley House, a building in Stanley owned by the Falkland Islands Company and leased to the Education Department as a hostel for boy pupils, in which it is made clear that the buildings will be used only until such time as the School Hostel proper (currently under construction by F.I.C. subsidiary Transocean Construction) is finished.

Alterations to the Racecourse Road hostel are already under way.

BISCOE SAILS/A.E.S. ON WAY/COPIOUS COMES

British Antarctic Survey's Royal Research Ship 'John Biscoe' sailed from Southampton, England, on Tuesday September 23rd, calling en route at Rio de Janeiro and continuing to Antarctica before her first call to Stanley which is calculated as being November 5th.

The charter vessel the "A.E.S." sailed from Gravesend for the Falklands on Sunday September 21st which should bring her here on or around October the 20th. The A.E.S. is said to be carrying 1,203 tons of cargo with 17 or so vehicles being secured upon her deck.

Information has been received via telegram that the ship 'Copious', heralding the start of "Fitter Tours", left the United Kingdom for the Falklands on the 14th of September.

SOUTH AMERICA - POLITICAL By H.V.WATSON.

Continuing the story.....

The acquisition of a number of English ships permitted the formation of Chile's first Navy under the command of Admiral Lord Cochrane. A brilliant seaman of outstanding qualities who had the misfortune to be dismissed the Royal Navy but later was reinstated and became an Admiral in the British Navy.

An Army was assembled which could be described as seaborne and was given the name of "Ejercito Libertada del Puru". It embarked in Cochrane's vessels. This South American war was a protracted event with losses on both sides that were quite considerable. In 1824 the final engagement led by General Jose de Sucre demolished all Spanish royalist resistance.

General San Martin was earlier disgusted by his experience in both Chile and the Argentine so resigned all his titles and offices in September 1822. He retired to Europe in bad health and lived the rest of his days in seclusion. His philosophy for the betterment of the people failed to materialise. He foresaw that death and destruction was the future path and that he and others had cleared a way for future despotism. History, unfortunately, has proved him correct. He was in basic agreement with the setting up of a Spanish-South American Empire through the agency of the Infanta Carlota, and worked hard for this constitutional monarchy against Bolivar's concept of one South American Republic. Many readers of Argentine history will know that this was an idea shared by another Dictator in 1945.

The restoration of the Spanish monarchy with Ferdinand VII by the Holy Alliance, saw the revolutionary government inclined to make large allowances to the colonies. Its power was becoming increasingly endangered and their support against France. The interference of this Holy Alliance separated Great Britain from other powers. In 1823, the President of the United States of America, James Monroe, introduced in his message to Congress the so-called Monroe Doctrine - frequently reiterated since then in utterly different circumstances (in the United Nations), to the effect that the United States would view any attempt on the part of European Powers to conquer territories or interfere with politics on American soil as unfriendly. The United States would regard any attempt at the restoration of the status quo as contravening this doctrine. This was a direct threat to Spain to "Keep Out". Spain had not recognised the independence of her colonies, and neither had the U.S.A. Many concluded from this that the U.S.A. had designs on being the only instrument of political force on this continent. TO BE CONTINUED.

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Ashland Place
High Street
London W.1

Dear Mr Colville,
I enclose a cutting from the (London) Daily
Telegraph of September 5th. A.CUTLER.

INCREASED RISK OF HYDATIDOSIS

Fifty per cent of dogs tested in an area of mid-Wales were infected with hydatidosis, a disease which can be passed on to people, it was revealed yesterday. It causes large cysts to develop in human internal organs.

Tests carried out several years ago showed that 25 per cent of dogs examined were carrying the disease. But recent tests in a particular area showed a doubled risk, Dr Neville Bailey, medical officer for Powys, told the county's health authority.

San Carlos
Sept. 15th.

Dear Sir,

I thought you might possibly be interested in the newspaper cutting (and possibly my addition) perhaps for publishing if you have room.

MRS N. MONK

Ed: Certainly. Anything welcome, and Mrs Monk's cutting concerns the wedding of her and Councillor Monk's son Peter.

MONK - FISCHER

Ellen J. Fischer and Peter B. Monk were married Saturday in St. Michael's Chapel in Piscataway on August 30th. A reception followed at the Sheraton Regal Inn in Piscataway.

The bride is the daughter of John J. Fischer of 417 Oak Ave., River Edge. The bridegroom is the son of Mr and Mrs Adrian B. Monk of San Carlos, Falkland Islands. Joan C. Luksik was matron of honour. Bridesmaids were Lauren A. Vicker, and Sally Monk. Best Man was Alan Gilmore. Ushers were Charles Kelly and Gary Nan Te. Alan came over from Ireland for the event, together with 6 of Peter's friends from England. They had all been with him at Cambridge.

Mrs Monk is a graduate of the Academy of the Holy Angels in Demarest and Rutgers University. She is with Engelhard Industries in Newark. Her husband graduated from Cambridge University in England and is a doctoral candidate in Biological Mathematics at Rutgers University.

After a trip to Cape Cod, the couple will live in Edison.

*Congratulations Peter, and here's to your Doctorate!

UKFIC/FIRADA MEETING

A joint meeting between the United Kingdom Falkland Islands Committee and the Falkland Islands Research and Development Association was held in Britain on August 22nd. This event was reportedly held in order that Falkland residents currently on leave in the United Kingdom could attend. Who turned up? David Barton, Terry and Joan Spruce, a man named Captain Vincent and a woman named Mrs Still. The question asked was Where are Tim and Sally Blake? Where is Bill Luxton? Do they care? Where are the others currently on leave in the U.K.?

Are the Falkland Islanders worth helping? Frankly, I believe that the real people: the shepherds, the navvies, the jetty gang, the shop-keepers, the old people and the young - all the Kelpers that really matter, are worth helping. Perhaps the 'Idle Gossip Column' might have a few cracks to make about the non-support and the non-attendance.

The F.I. (office in London has lost its spark and needs to be thoroughly revitalised. But this cannot happen without cash - at the moment it is dying - slow strangulation. A. NONNY MOUSE.

Ed: Point taken. It should be pointed out as well that although Islanders are forking out cash to literally pay for their sovereignty umbrella, there are many genuinely interested non-Kelpers who do pay into the UKFIC or FIRADA or whatever and spend a lot of time with things concerning the Falklands. Perhaps revitalisation is a good idea, sponsorship could be a possibility: "John Player Kings helps Keep King Penguins British".

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Into The World Of Septimus Higginbotham
Chapter One

Young Septimus Higginbotham gazed idly down at the rather scuffed toecap of his left shoe. His mind was a jumble of thoughts though the reflection in the forefront of his mind was one laying before him all the past events of his last few weeks at Stanley Senior School, a period that had ended just two weeks previously.

Higginbotham (of the McScriven-Higginbotham alliance which emigrated from Dundee to the Falklands in 1867) gazed up John Street to Hardy's Corner where a clutch of nubile giggled over a Chilean worker and his attempts not to speak English and sighed heavily. He would never manage to pick up one of those pits, he thought savagely; the trouble was, he couldn't afford to buy them a stiff Fanta-on-the-rocks at Stanley Social Club as he was as yet unemployed. If only he hadn't been caught in his effort to answer a call of nature in a newly dug portion of a rose bed which was under cultivation by Class Z at the School Hostel Site. That's what had made Authority put Septimus on the LSD, (Left School - Dunce) the infamous blacklist which warned prospective employers about certain traits in the pupils of the Schools last term.

He was not a dullard by any standard, he was just not with it at the time when he was allowed to sit for his 'O' level examinations. He was one of 5 chosen that year to sit for 'O's. He admitted to himself after receiving a measly Grade B for Nuclear Physics that had he not been thinking about Gladys Gandorchuff and her unique way of walking, akin to a platypus duck with rickets, he would have ended up with a Grade A.

If only I could get a job with Government I'd be in clover, he often thought, although 11 applications for jobs had gone unanswered. They must think that all applicants had to supply a stamped addressed envelope with their resumes before they'd deign to answer. Huh! He snorted up a remnant of a chest cold and sat down heavily on the grass by the road.

"Hey Seppy, how's tricks?" came a voice

Septimus looked around and saw Boris Snoggrins with yet another 'hot-piece' clinging on to his arm walking towards him.

"Oh, 'ello Boris. Just bored as usual, still no job."

"Cheer up Seppy. Life ain't too bad yer know!" Boris smiled a satisfied variety and pinched his escorts backside affectionately.

"Say, Seppy, have you met Melita? I picked her up in the Library last Friday."

Septimus laughed inwardly. Picked her up in the Library eh? He had heard she had been lent out on more occasions than a Dick Francis best-seller. "Yeah I know Melita. I don't know how you manage to pick the birds up Boris. You ain't got a bike at all, or a Rover, so she must be one of those rare birds that like using their legs now and again!"

"No, no, not at all Sep. You've just got to have the right approach. I don't go yapping on about goddam football or the best way to strip down a Suzuki engine, I talk about Salary Scales, Overseas Leave and other things, especially OSAS."

Septimus looked rather bewildered. "Sounds interesting-I don't think!"

"It works though," retorted Boris, "And it impresses the females."

"P'raps", said Septimus, "Although I wish I had a bloomin' job".

"Have you written to Government?"

"Yeah. Only 11 times though, it's carly days yet".

"What sort of job you after then?"

"I'd like to be Development Officer."

"Ha,ha,ha,ha..don't you know that that is a position for 'old Pals' who're down on the bones of their backside? They'll be waiting for some old faggot who should be in a coffin to apply before they open up that post again!"

"Well,er..there isn't much else....."TO BE CONTINUED

ITEMS FROM THE FALKLAND ISLANDS GAZETTE. Vol LXXXIX August 1980.

- APPOINTMENTS: Ian White, Pilot, Aviation Department.
Jacqueline Stewart, Clerk, Public Service.
Peter Felton, Teacher, Education Department.
Jennifer Felton, Teacher, Education Department.
Stephanie Coutts, Clerk, Public Service.
- PROMOTIONS: Robert Gilbert from Electrician to Electric Mechanic, P.W.D.
Jacqueline Gant from Nursing Sister to Matron, Medical Dept.
- COMPLETION OF CONTRACTS:
Maureen Shaw, Teacher, Education Department.
Sandra Clifton, Clerk, Public Service.
Mary Fullerton, Housekeeper, Government House.
Richard Stevens, Assistant Teacher, Education Department.
- RE-APPOINTMENTS:
Sandra Clifton, Clerk, Public Service.
Mary Fullerton, Housekeeper, Government House.
John Fowler, Headmaster, Education Department.
- RESIGNATIONS:
Sharon Halford, Clerk, Public Service.
Charles Mosley, Police & Prisons Department.

COST OF LIVING: The findings of the Cost of Living Committee for the Quarter ended 30th June 1980 showed a percentage increase over 1971 prices of 234.98%. The average increase over the last four Quarters is 214.9% and a further wage award of 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ p per hour was payable with effect from July 1st 1980.

HYDATID ERADICATION (DOGS) ORDER 1975:

The Governor has appointed the following to be Inspectors for the purpose of this order:- D.Donnelly & Mr R.McCormick-Port Howard, B.Thorsen-Teal Inlet, N.Watson-Long Island, E.Heathman-Estancia, R.Newman-Green Patch Settlement and K.Kilmartin-Bluff Cove.

RESTAURANT: An application has been made by Mr Donald Davidson, Malvina House, 2 Ross Road, Stanley for a Restaurant Licence for the premises known as Malvina House.

A D V E R T I S E M E N T S

ARGENTINE COLLECTOR INTERESTED IN PURCHASING BANKNOTES AND MEDALS OF THE FALKLAND ISLANDS.

WRITE: Daniel Villamayor, C.C.No.63, Sucursal 26, 1426 Buenos Aires.

The Che' Coat Band - "Born To Be Wild". Good quality recordings including Alright Now, Highway Star, Black Night, Flight of the Rat, 40 Days & 40 Nights, Strange Kind Of Woman. Mono principally but stereo recordings can be obtained by special arrangement. For details please contact either Dave Colville or Peter King, Stanley.

The Case of Harewood Hall. 6 episodes of the play as broadcast on the Falkland Islands Broadcasting Station. Starring George, Doreen and Tracey Beckham, Len McGill and Dave Colville. Written by Dave Colville with Ad-Libs by the other rabble and Engineered for FIBS by Mike Peake. Incidental Music from Holsts Planet Suite and Sound Effects by the BBC. Free for 180 minutes worth of blank cassette tape. Catatonic Entertainments, P.O.Box 60, Stanley.

WANTED: Wooden Spoon in excess of 15 feet long. Apply to G.B.
(any night at Val's Cinema.)

Dear Sir, In the Autumn we are publishing a new book by Peter Collister about the Sullivan family and the part they played in the crusade against the Slave Trade. We think your readers may be especially interested to know of this book as Admiral Sir Bartholemew Sullivan's son Commander James Sullivan was the first Briton to be born on the Island. PUBLISHERS: Rex Collings, 6 Paddington Street, London W1M 3LA.

Ed: Any reader know if that's why 'Sullivan House' in Stanley is so called?

ENGAGEMENT NOTICE : Mr & Mrs Tom McGhie have pleasure in announcing the engagement of their only daughter Susan to David, youngest son of Mr Tony Pole-Evans of Saunders Island. Susan is from Roy Cove.

F.I.COMMITTEE FUND RAISER

The Falkland Islands Office in London, threatened with closure due to lack of funds, wiped the sweat from its brow..or should do..with the knowledge that the 'Fun Fair' held by the Falkland Islands Branch in the Parish Hall Stanley realised a sum in excess of £1200 which means that after expenses, £1000+ will be available for dispatch to London.

HAVE A GANDER AT THIS:

Approximately 3000 geese have been banded in different parts of the Falklands over the past two years and a large number of people have sent in goose-spotting cards over the last months. These results give information on the goose movements within the islands.

Upland Geese marked in the Darwin/Goose Green area have been seen at Walker Creek, North Arm, San Carlos and Stanley Airport. The latter has been the longest movement recorded so far. Geese from Cape Dolphin have gone to Port San Carlos, San Carlos and Douglas Station. They have gone to Hill Cove and Port San Carlos from Pebble Island. Geese from Cape Dolphin have gone to Port San Carlos, San Carlos and Douglas Station. Spring Point geese have been seen at Hill Cove, Port Stephens, Punnose Head, Carcass Island and Fox Bay West. Fox Bay East birds have travelled to Dunnose Head and Fox Bay West. Finally, a bird marked on Swan Pond, Port Loius, *travelled to Green Patch.

Much the same pattern of movement has emerged for Brent Geese. Brents marked at Gosce Green have travelled to Walker Creek, North Arm, Bull Point, San Carlos and Stanley. Cape Dolphin birds have been seen at Teal Inlet, Salvador, Douglas Station, Darwin, Pebble and Port Howard. Those banded at Spring Point have been observed at Fox Bay East and Hill Cove.

We are continuing this study, so please continue sending in POSTAGE PAID goose cards, and when possible note any symbols or numbers seen on neckbands. Further supplies of these cards are available from the GTU. Even marked dead geese qualify for a mention.

*Erratum: The settlement is Port Louis, and not as mistyped.

ANY STAMPS?

A lot of letters arrive at Post Box 60 from people with an interest in Falkland Islands Stamps. It is good to see an interest in Falkland Islands stamps from people throughout the world especially as the interest in stamps usually leads to an interest in the other aspects of the Falkland Islands way of life. One such person is Mr Bill Watling of Sydney, Australia who writes: " I started collecting Falkland back in the 1940's when I first met my old pal Dudley Styles. We used to live in the same town - Potters Bar - and met at the old Potters Bar Stamp Club. I went to Australia in 1949 and have lived there ever since. I gave up stamp collecting in 1953 and did not start again until 1979. I spent all my cash during this period travelling all over the Pacific region; went to Japan, Hong Kong, Singapore and many other places two or three times. However, having been bitten by the 'Falkland Bug' I have been going flat out catching up. My collection is now catalogue complete to the present issue, and is 99% complete used. I am getting involved with the printing of the 1938 set and am buying used examples as much as possible. I am also buying the Falkland Dependency overprints and any other Dependency used material between the years 1944 and 1953. I already have a set of overprints from South Shetlands showing the S.S.4 Cancel just before the fire, and I have a set showing the S.S.3 Cancel just after the fire." If anyone in the Colony has old used stamps to help Bill's collection, drop him a line viz:- BILL WATLING, 30, Darley Road, Bardwell Park, 2207 Sydney, New South Wales, Australia.

Bill is a member of the Falkland Islands Philatelic Study Group.

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THE IDLE GOSSIP COLUMN

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Hello, good evening and welcome to another in the long line of indefatigable Idle Gossip Columns although this time juicy stuff seems to be in short supply. Firstly, the photo reappears by special request of Mrs Fanny Golightly of Acacia Avenue, Bolton who said "I swoon everytime I see that handsome visage, more please." Right, who can refuse a request like that? Anyway, preliminaries over, time for business. So, the Agricultural Department is due for expansion. Why not employ a full-time administrator instead of paying out for a part-timer. Perhaps an 8 hour chap would soon get 'ked-up' with it!!

Looks as though something called a Broadcasting Advisory Committee has been set up (according to a letter from The Governor to the Editor) but no names are known of members as yet. To quote from the letter "The Administration have already selected, and I have approved, its members and invitations to attend the first meeting will issue shortly. The Committee will, of course, have the power to co-opt interested citizens for specific topics."

In a weekly mail not so long ago, it was interesting to hear from John Ayers, the bloke who was ousted from his FIGAS position by those who thought the sun rose and set via various orifices of Andy Alsop. John included an interesting piece concerning a near collision with the Beaver and a Chilean Piper Navaho (or Navajo depending on your religion). It seems as though the Navaho pilot had had no clearance from any Air Traffic Control and missed sending the Beaver hurtling down to the diddle-dee by 107 feet. I never heard much about that incident..in fact nothing. A quick cover up job that alright! John said that the incident occurred in MARCH. Perhaps nothing was said to avoid red faces at the next Colobus Club Bring-Your-Own-Sarnies do. John would also like to pass a message of thanks to JESSIE BOOTH for helping his daughter Michelle with her shorthand. John will also be writing a critical appraisal of the Alsop Report which will be featured in a future edition, if the Editor survives being put through the Narrows!

Talking of going through the narrows, someone went through a couple of cop-shop windows. The person was said to have had a smashing time of it but was disappointed at first when he wasn't allowed to get "some of his MSL back" from the Hospital.

Interesting to see that the Stanley Social Club has closed its doors once again. One member..or I should say ex-member, before departing on a training course to the U.K. said that the main downfall of the Stanley Social Club was the admission of girls as the lads with an IQ of below your friendly-neighbourhood-snail were always trying to impress the wenches. Seems as though a Head is after a Gold Star from Government, causing personnel to walk out of their job. R/T or not R/T, that is the question!! Until the next time.....

THE WAY AHEAD? By H.V.Watson

After the demise of President Jose Peron on the 1st July, 1974, his widow Maria Estela Martinez Peron, his second wife, was inaugurated as President. Many doubts existed, and were aired, as to whether this woman, politically uneducated, could achieve very much. She managed to hold the position of power for under two years, during which time, the political and economic stability were no less evident than in the period of her husband's resumption of office.

Pressure to resign in the latter part of her time in office was resisted. But the writing was on the wall. On the 31st March, 1976, she was deposed by military intervention. The following Commanders-In-Chief of the Armed Forces assumed power:-

General Jorge Rafael Videla
Admiral Emilio Eduardo Massera
Brigadier Orlando Ramon Agosti

In the first two years of power the junta's energies were spent rooting out the subversive elements in the population and a drive to cut inflation. Inflation was cut; but at a great increase to the national debt. Huge financial borrowing from the United States of America and International agencies halted the spiral and reduced inflation substantially. The immensity of the loans and subsequent repayment is another matter.

The process of National Reorganisation within the Cabinet left only two areas for civil occupation; these were the ministries of education and economics. Unrestrained government violence against those of the classified subversive element - and others, is amply revealed by General Iberico St. Jean, who was reported to have said: "First we shall kill all the subversives; then we shall kill all their collaborators; then their sympathisers; then those who are indifferent; and finally, we will kill all those who are timid".

How many people have suffered death, torture or been incarcerated without a trial in this purge will probably run into thousands in the final analysis.

What of the United Nations Charter on Human Rights to which a government of Argentina was a signatory? A political convenience for impression?

Jorge Videla retired from 'active duty' in 1978 and became President with the authoritarian presence of the Armed Forces within the Cabinet.

Constitutional governments were overthrown by force 1930, 1945, 1955, 1962, 1966 and 1976. Provisional administrations which were not constitutional were deposed in 1943, 1944, 1955, 1970 and 1971.

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THE WORST WINTER FOR MANY YEARS (1980) Composed by Des Peck.

With a temperature seven degrees below zero
And icicles appear large and small
Some hanging down from the windows
While heavy snow continues to fall
There's a gale blowing from the Eastward
And in it very heavy snow showers
In drifts it's piled up very high
And only in a matter of hours
No doubt it's been a hard winter
The roads like a sheet of glass
So for the last six weeks or more
We have hardly seen any grass
The farmer's have had a trying time too
Trying to free and save their sheep
Lots take shelter in the valleys
Where snow is many feet deep
They are usually located by blowholes
Although under the snow they're quite warm
But they also lose their coats and lives
Due to this terrible storm
Yes, it's been a real hard winter
Thank God we have not suffered in vain
The wind has now changed to the Northwest
And the forecast says: drizzle and rain.

EXCHANGE WANTED

I would like to advertise for someone who would be willing to exchange banknotes in uncirculated condition, stamp booklets and pre-1935 Falkland Island locally mailed envelopes and postcards. I am also interested in local script money and trade tokens of any existing kind. I am willing to exchange similar items of numismatic or philatelic nature, books on any topic or clothing, as long as it does not violate your custom laws.

I have been a student of numismatics and philately for over thirty-five years and am presently a retired City of Chicago Police Sergeant on pension, who sought a warmer climate to reside in.
EDWARD L. MULLER, 3242 E. CAPT. DREYFUS AVENUE, PHOENIX, ARIZONA 85032 U.S.A.

I am compiling a catalogue of pre-1951 picture postcards of the Falkland Islands and Dependencies, including Falkland-related exploring expeditions. To date, I have identified 233 such cards which I have divided into 60 "series." However, in my opinion, there are at least another 200 cards of this fifty-year period (1900-1950) out there somewhere waiting to be discovered.

I will not only be grateful to any of your readers who can send me back and front reproductions of such cards in the reader's collection, but will make prompt reimbursement for the cost of reproduction and postage. I will also be happy to try to answer questions about a particular card or series. Senders will receive recognition in the catalogue when published.

The resulting catalogue should be of real interest to Falkland Island collectors and historians. Please move right from your reading of this appeal to your collection and send the copies along to me.

My wife and I are planning a trip to the Falklands February 20-25, 1981, and hope we can meet some of the suppliers of information at that time. However, please do not let our impending visit dissuade anyone from sending photocopies of cards now.

HENRY HEYBURN, 5918 LELAND ROAD, LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY 40207, U.S.A.

Information wanted concerning all aspects of the Falkland Islands for school project. Anyone who can help, please write to: CATRIONA MONCRIEFF, R.M.B. 3145, GEORGE DOWNES DRIVE, MANGROVE MOUNTAIN 2251, NEW SOUTH WALES, AUSTRALIA.

Penfriend Wanted for KRISHAN GOYAL, G.P.O. BOX 220, JAIPUR-302001, INDIA.

Languages: Hindi, English and French. Hobbies: Stamps, Coins, Souvenirs etc.

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STIFF NEWS

Received a few weeks ago from Stiff Records of London, the new Album by Desmond Dekker called 'Black and Dekker'. This album contains re-workings of his greatest reggae hits including the famous 'Israelites', 'It Mek' and '007', and should jog the memories of Dekker's fans from around the early seventies. Stiff also give details of a new 'weirdo' band called the PLASMATICS. In the final minutes of their stage act "Ritchie Stotts, the band's guitarist, who incidentally is very tall, has a blue-rinse Mohican hairdo and wears a nurses uniform, leads the Plasmatics to a frenetic musical crescendo. Meanwhile, Wendy O. Williams, who has just blown up a Cadillac De Ville or similar automobile with three sticks of dynamite, chainsaws a number of guitars in half with a buzzsaw. The guitars and buzzsaw are all miked through the P.A.....The resulting cacophonous sound sets the scene for the band's final act. As the members of the band file offstage, the rhythm guitarist Wes Beech, hangs himself stage left. The Plasmatics do not play encores! Single: Butcher Baby/Tight Black Pants. Issued in white and blood flecked vinyl. BUY 76
Album: New Hope For The Wretched. Produced by Jimmy Miller. SEEZ 24.

STIFF RECORDS + LONDON

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VANDALISM CAUSES PATA CONCERN

A spate of wilful damage to plant and equipment belonging to the Plant & Transport Authority has occurred of late, another incident taking place on the night of October 19th.

A tractor with McConnell arm attachment, being used by Mr Malcolm Binnie and his road repair gang on the Airport Road had been moved and driven a short distance and the pin helping secure the arm to the tractor had been removed and thrown into the mud.

Other incidents over the past few months have included the theft of a toolbox complete with tools from a site hut on the Darwin Road at Pony's Pass, the cutting of brake cables on a Public Works Department lorry, tampering with a JCB 7B excavator, the theft of a complete door handle fitting from a Land Rover parked outside the Powerhouse Workshop, the theft of an interior mirror from a Drott Excavator et al.

The spate of theft and vandalism is a worry to PATA because of the organisation's already 'under the water' financial position, and the extra replacement costs and repairs needed to correct the results have been high.

BRIDGE ACCIDENT

Recently, a Land Rover (F434), being driven by a Chilean worker went over the side of Moody Brook Bridge resulting in extensive damage, most of which is said to have occurred when the vehicle was hauled back onto the road. There were no injuries.

A.E.S. GETS LOST

The Charter Vessel 'A.E.S.' was the cause of some confusion lately when no-one seemed to know just where she was. Due in Stanley to offload the usual 3-month supplies of foodstuffs etc from Britain, bad weather conditions had hampered the ships progress which was not helped by the vessels radar giving up the ghost.

The Captain - on his first voyage to the Falklands - reported at one stage that after taking depth soundings, his boat was in a mere 30 feet of water. The position of the A.E.S. seemed uncertain so Captain George Betts of the m.v. Monsunen elected to sail and try to pinpoint the vessel. The Monsunen voyaged to Cow Bay and made contact with the A.E.S. and it appeared that the boat was off the Cape Pembroke Light.

Eventually, the skipper of the A.E.S. reported that he was 30 miles SSW of Cape Pembroke and, because of heavy seas, was unable to turn his ship and steer for Stanley. This problem was eventually overcome and the ship duly berthed for offloading.

TROTTER'S TINY TOUR

Tory MP for Tynemouth, a Mr Trotter, made a visit to Stanley recently together with his female secretary in what was described as a 'private' visit.

Trotter had intended visiting Chile but this was deemed unwise by the MP following recent condemnation of the Chilean regime's Human Rights Policy, reportedly non-existent.

PLASMATICS + MADNESS + THE RUMOUR + DIRTY LOOKS + ALL ON STIFF

OPINION

I refer to the October issue of the 'Times'. I refer to the section concerning the UKFIC/FIRADA meeting held in Britain, and the comment made by A.Nonny Mouse.

How do you expect Kelpers who are resident in the U.K. to attend such meetings when they do not even know they are being held? I can assure you that I for one am very interested in all information. Who is interested in giving it to me? I had an article printed by Dave Colville asking for certain information that would have been put into full press coverage here, but the result from your end was disgusting, I received NOTHING. Before Kelpers yell about their plight and others not helping they have to first put their own house in order and do as much for themselves as possible.

Allow me to enlarge. Why have they allowed their passports to be changed from a standard British one to one again marked with a 'C'? Do they not realise that in effect it puts them in the same position as the other colonials who used to be in the same position but now have no automatic right of entry to the U.K. At any time that rule could be pulled on you, and your case is weaker with the new-type passport. Another point, do not quote any agreement from politicians - how many times have you been let down?

Why do you accept the White Card? Do you not see that it is a further step backwards? If you refused to travel on it, either the Argentines would have to let you through on your passport, or the U.K. would be forced to have an air route via Uruguay. This would not stop trade with the Argentine but would take away from them the stranglehold that Wilson's Government put so firmly around your necks. That is slightly unfair to Wilson; it only happened because you sat back and let it happen. The press here is mostly ignorant of what goes on in the Falklands, only major things get to print.

I have personally been to the Falkland Islands Office many times, and I have been to the Foreign Office a couple of times. I find most important information that would cause good press coverage is kept well under wraps. I was asked by an M.P. to dig out information for regular press release, and it was possible he could arrange a half-hour TV programme. All kinds of things needed airing and digging up. Not one piece of information from anyone your end has been forthcoming. You must realise that the Falkland Islands Office is in a somewhat difficult position, and can only go so far. The Foreign Office is the Civil Service and it is a fact that they have misled the House on more than one occasion. This seems to suggest that if you want your interests taken care of then you must do a lot more for yourselves and not sit back hoping someone is doing it for you. That may seem rude, but it is a hard fact of life. Get the Kelpers your end digging up good press material. What is needed is anything which is working against the Islanders, in any way, and anything that is NOT being done which should be done. It was envisaged by the M.P. I mentioned that a small or large column could be written every week about the Islands and the problems, etc, which would keep the Islands within the general public mind. Most people here do not even know where the Islands are, and most who know of them think they are in Scotland.

Ask yourselves how come no regular press coverage is given. Who is to blame? I tried to supply the solution to your end for the regular information required, but your end turned out to be as bad as this end. There are many ideas to be put forward, there are many points needing airing. If you or anyone is REALLY interested how about DOING something - help with information for a regular press campaign. I live in Greater London, I have access to the appropriate departments, and access to press. I will do anything to help, but the effort must come from your end, and it must come before it is too late. This kind of thing takes a little organising, but once started could be very useful. There are some things I would like to mention but they are best said by letter. How about someone interested in getting the ball rolling writing and we can get started.

MR.C.DAVIS, 5 YORK ROAD, ILFORD, ESSEX, ENGLAND.

PENFRIENDS/STAMPS WANTED

Anyone wishing to supply STEVE LEAVEY with Falkland Islands issues of stamps as they become available for prompt reimbursement, please contact Steve at: 19 YORKE WAY, HAMBLE, HANTS, SO3 5LP, ENGLAND.

17 year old Hampshire girl wishes to correspond with boys in the Falklands (or girls) and anyone wishing to drop her a line should write to: ANDREA PRITCHARD, C/O Vanessa Colville, 96 Barfleur Close, Stow Estate, Highlands Road, Fareham, Hants, England.

I am looking for people in the Falklands willing to correspond with me to help me in studies of the Falkland Islands. I need maps, books, plants, post cards ; everything available for a complete study of the life, history and scientific activity in these lands. Also geographical, ethnological material, artifacts, legends, folklore to understand better the life of the people. I'm looking for some penpals to correspond with and exchange stamps, postcards, artifacts; books etc, also drawings and paintings.

MRS.M.POPESCU, SOS ALEXANDRIEI 102, BL.L29, Et.5, Ap.25, Sector 5, 76525 BUCHAREST 51, ROMANIA.

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TABERNACLE CHURCH COUNCIL

A general meeting was held by the Tabernacle members recently to discuss amongst other matters the question of future Tabernacle policy.

The response to the request for all members to be present was very pleasing.

Currently, the Church is not in a position financially to recruit a Minister from outside the Colony; however, it was agreed by all present that services should continue, the worship to be conducted by members themselves. In the future, it is the intention that on the first three Sundays of the month an Evening Service will be held, the fourth Sunday's service taking the form of a Morning Family Service held jointly with the Sunday School.

The Sunday School will continue to meet each Sunday at 10 a.m.

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FALKLAND ISLANDS OFFICE LIFELINE

In a recent Newsletter item on Radio Stanley concerning the Falkland Islands Committee two interesting pieces of information were included as follows:- A telex was received from the London Office yesterday reading as follows:- "Governor's letter informing us of unanimous Council support for the Office but short of financial aid is disappointing. However steps we are taking will ensure the Office can survive, if on a somewhat limited scale, providing maximum voluntary support is forthcoming from the Islands."

A short while ago Messrs Jacomb & Hoare made a loan of £2,000 with no strings attached, in order to keep the Office going until more funds became available. This gesture is very much appreciated by the Committees here and in London since Messrs Jacomb & Hoare own no land or any sheep in the Islands. £1,400 was remitted to London this week by the Local Committee so it is hoped that this will help keep the Office afloat pending results from their efforts in Britain.

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SEPTEMBER WEATHER

Average Rainfall	2.78" (70.5mm)	Wind of 10 knots or less	104 hours
Average Temperature	3.6 degs C	Gale Force Wind	27 hours
Highest Temperature	12.4 degs C	Ground Frost Recordings	18 occasions
Lowest Temperature	Minus 2.8 degs C	Average Daily Sunshine	3.5 hours
Average Wind Speed	18.7 knots	SUMMARY: Wetter, windier and less sunny	
Highest Wind Gust	52 knots	with average temperatures.	

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POSTAL DARTS COMPETITION

The arrow slinging residents of North Arm are seemingly well satisfied with the resulting success of their 'Postal Darts' competition utilising 2-metre radio sets to relay results. Mr Stewart Morrison and Mr Nutt Cartmell of Goose Green suggested the Postal darts tourney and Mr Ken Halliday of Fox Bay East thought up the knockout side of the competition.

Bernard Peck of North Arm and Eric Goss of Goose Green also played leading roles in the organisation of the competition. Plans are under way for another competition next year.

ENTRIES: GREEN PATCH 9, FITZROY 13, FOX BAY EAST 2, CHARTRES 12,

GOOSE GREEN 20, PORT HOWARD 11, NORTH ARM 36. The draw was made

at North Arm on September 26th and relayed to all would be competitors by 2-metre set the same evening. The farms had primarily held elimination competitions and two representatives were put forward for the final stages.

RESULTS

1st Round: Tooty Morrison (Goose Green) 2
 Ken Halliday (Fox Bay East) 1

L.Ford (Fitzroy) 2
 T.Philips (Green Patch) 0

(Colin)...T.Ford (Fitzroy) 2
 Mrs J.Halliday (Fox Bay E.) 0

D.Clarke (North Arm) 2
 F.Marsh (Chartres) 1

T.Lowe (Port Howard) 2
 P.Hutton (North Arm) 1

P.Goss (Green Patch) 2
 J.Ford (Goose Green) 1

L.Smith and L.Marsh (Port Howard & Chartres) received byes.

Quarter Finals: Tooty Morrison 2 L.Ford 1
 T.Ford 2 L.Smith 0
 D.Clarke 2 L.Marsh 1
 P.Goss 2 T.Lowe 0

Semi Finals: Colin (Tooty) Ford 3 Stewart Morrison 0
 Peter Goss 3 David Clarke 0

FINAL

COLIN FORD (Fitzroy) 2 PETER GOSS (Green Patch) 1

Special congratulations go to Colin The Toot as he is just 15 years old! Results etc from details supplied by Mr Bernard Peck.

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DOGGONE IT

On Friday October 10th, two dogs belonging to recently deported Francisco Burghos escaped from their custodian and ran into Camp where it was reported that they were savaging sheep.

Mr Fred Ford and Mr Ron Rozee, PATA Fitters working at Pony's Pass, saw the dogs attack the sheep and Mr Ford, PATA's Senior Mechanic, reported the fact to the Agricultural Officer. Attempts to catch or shoot the dogs failed at first but they were later ensnared.

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GENERAL NEWS

PLEASE SIR!

The posts of Headmaster at both the Stanley Senior and Infant/Junior schools which were advertised recently due to the expected departure in the near future of the current Headmaster's (Mr F.O'Reilly - Senior School and Mr P.Gaskins - Infant/Junior School) have now been filled.

After interviews with candidates in early October by a selection board of 7, Peter Gilding was appointed Headmaster of the Senior School and John Peatfield Headmaster of the Infant/Junior School.

Peter Gilding has been a master at the Senior School for 12 years and specialises in the teaching of Science. He was also responsible for the inauguration of the School Photography Club which gives frequent and interesting displays of their 'historical picture renovation' work on the FIC's West Store notice board in the foyer.

John Peatfield is fast approaching the end of his first tour in the Falklands but will be returning in February 1981. John arrived in the Falklands in October 1978 together with his wife Ann who is also a teacher at the Infant/Junior School.

WOT? NO DRINKS BAS?

Lieutenant Basil Morrison of the Falkland Islands Defence Force has been appointed Adjutant. Basil joined the FIDF 16 years ago and has held the ranks of Corporal and Sergeant, being promoted to Lieutenant in 1979.

LOCUM-OTIVE

Dr. Henley has joined the staff of Stanley's King Edward Memorial Hospital as a locum before journeying to Antarctica around February.

CAPE-ABLE

Due to staff shortages at Cape Pembroke Lighthouse, a couple of members of Royal Marine Detachment Naval Party 8901 have been doing shift work at the light in recent weeks.

Mr Reg Silvey has been appointed Keeper. Mr Basil Biggs is Principal Keeper with Mr Fred Butler as his No.2.

YOUNG BLADES

Two recent arrivals for the Grasslands Trials Unit, whose HQ is in Stanley, are Mr Alan Watson, an Agronomist who will be assisting Pasture Agronomist Miss Margaret Burkett and Mr Angus Robertson who will be taking over from where Mr Peter Maitland left off.

Mr Watson is a graduate of Newcastle University with Angus graduating north of the border at Edinburgh University.

SHIPPING EXPECTED

Three ships of the Costa Line are expected to visit Stanley during the early part of 1981 viz:-

- 17th January : ENRICO C (Carrying approximately 800 tourists)
- 30th January : EUGENIO C (Carrying approximately 1000 tourists)
- 11th February : FEDERICO C (Complement unknown).

Royal Research Ship 'John Biscoe' arrived at Bird Island on October 21st and proceeded to South Georgia; at the time of writing it was expected to call into Stanley on or around November 5th, with the Royal Research Ship 'Bransfield' scheduled to make her first call to Stanley around December the 5th.

The Argentine ship 'Cabo San Pio' is due to arrive in Stanley on November 20th. The San Pio will be replenishing Y.P.F. fuel stocks as well as carrying replacement gas cylinders.

GENERAL NEWSDUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARDS

On the 15th October, a short ceremony was held at Government House when the Governor, Mr Rex Masterman Hunt, presented Duke of Edinburgh Awards (Bronze) to 8 young people of the Falkland Islands. Unfortunately, only 3 award winners were able to be present at Government House varying reasons barring the other 5 from attendance. The awards went to:

Mr Roy Buckett; Mr Neil Clarke; Mr Colin Ford; Mr Christopher Harris; Miss Jackie May; Mr Neil Rowlands; Mr Roy Smith and Mr John Thain.

The Duke of Edinburgh Awards Scheme was organised in the Falklands primarily by Mr Philip Middleton, a schoolteacher at Stanley House.

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

Executive Council met on Tuesday October 14th at Government House with all members being in attendance bar Councillor Bill Luxton who sent his apologies.

Among matters discussed was an application from a person who once worked in the Islands as a contract Camp schoolteacher from 1970-73. He wishes to mount an expedition to the Falklands with a view to carrying out salvage operations on various wrecks around the Falklands. The ExCo advised the administration on various matters concerning conditions under which grants to wrecks should be made. The applicant will be informed of the conditions under which his proposals may be accepted.

Council also made recommendations on the subject of quarantine facilities for dogs in the Falklands, the recommendations expected to be implemented by the Agricultural Department in the near future.

C.P.A. CONFERENCE

Councillor William Bowles returned to the Falklands on October 9th from Lusaka where he had been representing the local branch of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association at their Annual Conference. A speech made by Councillor Bowles, under the title 'Law of The Sea' is as follows:-

"Mr Chairman, Honourable Delegates, Ladies and Gentlemen. Our Islands are situated 300 miles off the mainland of southern South America. The area is comparable to that of Wales, and our population is a mere 1,853 approximately. Our main export is wool, and we import all our essential goods including inflation, although we do not consider that essential.

Our support for the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association is paramount and its primary concern of the right of self-determination makes us proud to be a member. We have made many friends through the CPA and we know we have your support.

The Law Of The Sea is, naturally enough, a concern to all of us. Being surrounded by the rough south-west Atlantic ocean, the Law Of The Sea is of great concern to the inhabitants of my country.

The new system, under the Law Of The Sea Conference, is a two-pronged problem which some delegates from small Commonwealth countries, though probably not as small as ourselves will have faced. There is a difficulty of taking full advantage of a new system without either the administration or the technical expertise at our fingertips. In other words, our Government service is too small - and will always be so because of our population - to be sure of effectual control of foreign and multi-national companies wanting to exploit resources of the sea and sea bed. Our country is claimed by a foreign power and we want to remain within the Commonwealth. We have no second language and self-determination's our objective and we will fight for it."

(The Councillor's speech appears in edited form and was transcribed from a radio recording).

NEW CHAPS

Mr Derek Turner and Mr John Broderick arrived to take up posts within the Public Works Department as Buildings Superintendent and Director respectively.

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Mrs Maria Sandison, Clerk, Public Service
Mr George Butler, Filtration Plant Operator, P.W.D.
Mr Terence Hansen, Filtration Plant Operator, P.W.D.

Completion of Contract:-
Mr Gerald Morrison, Filtration Plant Operator, P.W.D.

Transfer:-
Mr William Duncan, Filtration Plant Operator, P.W.D., to
Engineer, m.v. Forrest, Customs & Harbour Department.

Resignations:-
Mr Lee Small, Constable, Falkland Islands Police Force.
Mr Robert Stewart, Engineer, m.v. Forrest, Customs Dept.
Mrs Kathleen Clarke, Cashier, Treasury.
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Hooee, grilsh, and blechhh. Three words to describe a recent Newsletter offering. To all ham radio enthusiasts throughout the world who could, in all honesty, happen to tune in when FIBS is on the air with it's Newsletter - IT AIN'T ALL LIKE THAT - HONESTLY!! Poor old Giles Kershaw of Transglobe could be heard squirming in his chair. Thank the lord decisions were made not to play the recording as per usual on Staurday morning. Anybody hear anything about Poles pinching our poor little Penguins? I had heard stories about them being taken by the Commie crab-catchers for use as waiters in Warsaw. Documentation of these happenings can be read in the book 'King-napped' by Robert Louis Zladisnovsky, Trawler Captain People's Hero. It's still funny how when the Community League was started up by a few that murmurings of 'Bloody Commies' were flitting around. No-one bats an eyelid when the Red Swine drop their nets in Falkland Waters!! A clean-cut example of Government servility was pretty cut up over the appearance in the October issue of the TIMES (11/80) of a Civil Servant's Association circular. We hope his frilly panties have now dried out and the Ediot (an affectionate term for the Editor) has assured me that he found the circular on the road by the Secretariat corner; well, that's all the information the Editor will give although he said he will succumb to torture administered by a blonde in a wet-suit...hmmm..no wonder he doesn't go out much!! Anyway, the Civil Servants crop up again after a 3p per hour rise to other workers. Why does Government insist on waiting for this Salaries Commissioner or whatever he's called to come out for? Give them their cost of living NOW! It's definitely going to be a case of the Ritchie robbing the poor!! (I thought that was a good line). The whole point regarding the cost of living is made ridiculous by the ever-widening gap between awards made to Civil Servants and the bods on hourly pay. Say what you like about Civil Servants, we all take a crack, but they are worker's as well and not to be 'kept under' by the threat of no efficiency bar etc. The cost of living must rise like hell in the next review. Buy a can of a certain soft drink in the West Store and it will rush you 33p!! Thirty three bleedin' pence for a few fluid ounces of carbonated water and chemicals. Doesn't sound too bad until a quick conversion gives a reading of 6/7d in old money. Come back Tizer and Corona - all is forgiven. A lot of people moan about the Idle gossip column and its lack of paragraphs. Well, the Editor only allows me up to number 70 on the stencil scale so I has to cram it in (as the Bishop said to the Wildebeest) and paragraphs are few and far between. Now that a certain Superintendent connected with buildings has left the Colony people are reported to have been going ape and holding parties as they can now get an extra cup from the FWD supplies. Gone is the time when you had to wash out your cup before your guest could have a drink, gone is the time when you had to scrape off the garden fork in order to test your spuds to see if they were cooked. I even heard about an ex-Director of Public Works saying to Sergeant Cliff Meredith who was out here earlier in the year and who had asked for an iron "We don't allow luxuries." And that is a TRUE happening! Seems as though ODA are still committing the error of failing to give a complete picture to recruits of what to expect in the Falklands. One recent arrival is said to have spent two days looking for a Baker! Such is life. All that remains to say now is best of luck for all you do in the future to Al, Jean, Bilbo and Fanny and keep reading the Kollim! Until the next time.....

PUBLISHERS NOTE: It is mentioned at this stage that any person contemplating suing the F.I.Times for this column will, in the event of winning the case, be richer by £9, 4 guitars and half of an Income Tax bill (1979) with a 5% penalty attached.

EDITOR'S NOTE: That publishers note was a lie, the case winner would receive only £8, 2 guitars and a snorkel parka with no pockets left.

AUTHORS NOTE: This is getting far too silly and will now cease until Page nine of the December issue. Goodnight.

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CLUES ACROSS

1. Rather vague about sheep? (6)
4. Victim of Mac the knife? (6)
9. There's one about the Beagle Channel (7)
10. Optimistic sound made by flyer (not Beaver pilot) (5)
11. When there's no wind, it's automatic (5)
12. Meet Rex in state of utter confusion (7)
13. Tango's a pain for some Argentinians! (11)
18. Norman gives name to port favoured by Poles and others (7)
20. He was in school a minute ago! (5)
22. Herb got the job temporarily after 3 down's departure (5)
23. Prophet had a whale of a time getting here! (7)
24. For example; one of Dean Brothers Limited's is Pebble Island (6)
25. Whispered on the stage as, perhaps, on the 15th March (6)

CLUES DOWN

1. With orphans they benefit from a Government fund (6)
2. The start of Eton's shake-up? (5)
3. Possible product of nitrous oxide - with a little sodium (7)
5. State of coiffure after exit of Stanley's last hairdresser? (5)
6. Sort of a lichen thriving in large area of South America (7)
7. Possible result of rapine (6)
8. In a strange way men loved pet project such as School Hostel! (11)
14. Form of sea-salt sometimes useful to travellers and students (7)
15. Initially it starts at the centre of F.I.C. (7)
16. A German duchy; two-thirds of it could be used in the theatre (6)
17. Makes progress by small degrees (6)
19. Bit of land is rented out - like Kidney, perhaps, or smaller (5)
21. What faith did to the likes of Adam, Maria and Muffler Jack? (5)

HINT: 4 across, 20 across, 3 down and 7 down are surnames of present or recent residents in the Colony.

PRIZE: "Crux" will award a bottle of German wine to the reader submitting the first correct entry opened. Entries, please, in sealed envelope to Dave Colville, the Editor.

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Septimus Higginbotham thought back to his conversation that morning with his pal Boris Snoggins. He was supposed to meet him in the Stanley Social Club at half-eight for a resumption of the yarn. It could have carried on that morning but Boris's bird, Melita, had to rush to Clinic for another supply of 'Buy-Me-and-Stop-One' birth control pills.

Septimus, being unemployed and left to his own devices, retired to his bedroom and settled down to his new library book 'The Collected Works of Herman Hesse' which had been pressed upon him by an irate librarian who had tried in vain to impress upon young Higginbotham that the Stanley Library did not, under any circumstances, provide back issues of 'Playboy' with Marilyn Monroe in the gatefold. Slightly chagrined and with 2p less in his meagre assortment of small change, Septimus had gripped the book with a desire to rip it to shreds. Herman Hesse, he thought contemptuously. Pansy type of name for a start. Nevertheless, Septimus found some sadistic pleasure in reading the book from the back page to the front which he felt would spite such an author who turned out drivel to the extent of Hesse.

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Boris Snoggins was enjoying his days local leave. The office could get to be a pain in the butt and he was making the most of his day off and the most of Melita Ragweek, who was known on occasions to switch escorts within four days. Not that this fact worried Boris. He smiled in smug satisfaction as he realised that at least 15 girls were on the waiting list for his attentions. 14 of them were under age, but what the hell.

He had heard rumours that Melita was a gourmet of the Pudding Club and he did not seek to be the supplier of the main ingredient hence her rush to Clinic.

Lounging against the wall of the Speedwell Store, the click-clack of Melita's shoes against the pavement brought him back to his active self. "Comin' to the Social Club tonight love?" he asked.

"Yeah alright, but I thought it was closed?" Melita rejoined.

"It was but it's opened up again for a bit. I'm goin' anyway 'cause I've promised Seppy that I'd carry on that yarn remember."

"Huh, him. He's wet if you ask me!" snorted Melita who had never liked blokes who wore singlets, which Septimus always did. "Still, yeah, okay."

"Anybody at Clinic?"

"Only an Irishwoman who kept complaining about the Pill, saying it didn't work."

"What was she on about?"

"Oh, the Doctor asked what was the matter with the Pill and the woman said it was no good 'cause it kept fallin' out!"

Both laughing, Boris and Melita walked arm in arm down John Street.

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Milton Greensberg was perturbed. Here he was in the Falkland Islands, newly appointed by ODA as Diddle-Dee Technician, and the swine had planted him in a house which adjoined that of a lunatic. Christ! 15 years of working around the globe and this was the first time he had had to live next door to a nutter! Putting his ear to his bedroom wall, Milton heard again the barely audible but comprehensible mutterings from behind the layered hardboard.

"Mutter..mutter..Herman Hesse is a...mutter, mutter"

Milton gave up his listening watch due to his lobe becoming partially snagged on a tack which was one of many holding the wallpaper in place in lieu of Polycell. Vowing to resign unless better accommodation was supplied him, he opened his attache and pulled out the necessary guff given him by ODA. The first package was 'Restricted - Who to meet and Who to avoid'. Opening this at the first page, he noticed that irksome lack of information as to who the author was which happened with so many Government publications. He had felt on occasions an increasing urge to collapse the snotboxes of these faceless wonders who churned out this garbage. He decided he had better read it though. 'Chapter One', he read aloud to alleviate his sense of depression, 'The correct colour ink to use when signing the Government House Visitor's Book. Rule One: Use pink - No drink. Not bothering to read on, Milton flung the book aside just as his bedroom wall imploded with an ominous splitting sound..

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THE RUNDOWN ON RIDLEY - A FREEZE, A LEASE OR TAKE THE RISKS -
SPLIT VIEWS BY ISLANDERS -- THE BIGGEST TALKING POINT FOR YEARS.

THE visit of the Minister of State at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, Mr Nicholas Ridley MP, to the Falkland Islands, so soon after his visit here in July 1979, aroused much speculation as to the reasons for his visit. Why was he coming? Were the Falkland Islands about to be sold down the river? Was he coming simply to take a holiday and paint more watercolours at Hill Cove? It was simply a case of 'wait and see'. Press releases sat on various desks stating that Mr Ridley was coming to "Discuss with Islanders how best to secure their future". "What is there to discuss?", some people were asking, "The Falkland Islands ARE British, and that's the way they will stay, so there is nothing to discuss".

NOVEMBER 22nd, the date of the Minister's arrival, finally arrived, and after a delayed flight, Mr Ridley stepped from the Fokker F27 looking much the same as he did last year: energetic, enthusiastic; a tory version of Wedgewood-Benn. Was his attitude toward the Falklands-Britain-Argentina 'dispute' altered? Was it the same as his views in 1979? Last year, Mr Ridley said: "We've (the Conservative Government) made it abundantly clear, and I repeat it, and I repeat it with all the authority of a Minister of the Government of the United Kingdom, that we will not do anything which will not be acceptable to the people who live in these Islands in the future. That is the overriding pledge which I give and, on the other hand, I detect that there is a very strong desire for us to try and improve relations with the Argentines, and to come to some settlement which will enable the Islands to develop in peace."

"To what extent this is different to the last Government's policy is not for me to say, except that I think that I have stated very clearly that it is more important to settle this dispute than to let it run on, if that is possible." Continued on Page 12.....

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The Idle Gossip Column

JOIN MR JOE BOOTH: The January 1981 issue of the TIMES will be mostly devoted to what some residents think about the Proposals for negotiation put forward by Mr Ridley. Mr Joe Booth, a resident of Stanley for some 25 years, gives his views. If you want your views published - any length - send them to P.O.Box 60, Stanley. Please write clearly to avoid mistypes. No names will be published if so desired.

OPINION

In the U.K. at the moment, as no doubt many Falkland Islanders are aware, unemployment has passed the two million mark; senseless violence and vandalism is on the increase, particularly in our inner city areas; extreme political positions are held by a larger number of people; the cost of living is still rising by about 15% a year.

Now while we don't spend all of our lives in the throws of depression and self-pity, it is impossible to avoid looking back on the Britain of the sixties and asking ourselves "What went wrong?"

We blame unions, management, lead poisoning, complacency, television, parents, teachers, permissiveness, immigration or any combination of these and other factors, depending upon how they relate to us as individuals. And we generally agree that, despite the risk of pollution and radio-active contamination (ever so slight), productivity has to increase if we are to regain our prosperity. Concepts of industrial democracy going hand-in-hand with micro-chip technology give us an idyllic vision of the twenty-first century European; a privileged individual with a surplus of cash and about four days a week with nothing to do but spend it. (The fact that we have drastically cut back on Education for Leisure in schools and colleges is not really too significant; our first priority is to teach them the skills they won't need).

There are just a few of us, however, who view this desire to convert half the world into a giant industrial plant and the other half into a nuclear waste disposal area, as not perhaps the best way of securing the happiness of the human race in the next century. Rather we feel that there should be a slow but planned de-escalation of industry with increased emphasis placed on the small self-supporting community. Here, esteem and reward are more naturally the result of social input. Scientific research harnessed to this development would allow priority to traditional human values.

In your editorial comment on the joint UKFIC/FIRADA meeting (October "Times"), you pointed out that "there are many genuinely interested non-Kelpers who...spend a lot of time with things concerning the Falklands". I'm sure that this interest must become irritatingly patronising at times. But I hope that the points I've made above give some clues as to why it exists. The Falkland Islands community, despite its isolation, has worked to achieve a basically sound economy. There is comparatively little industry and (if what I've read is true) hardly any air or water pollution. Crime does not appear to be a serious problem.

I would like to see all your plans to build new roads, diversify the economy and generally improve the quality of life on the islands become reality. Even more, I would like to see opportunities for creative and cultural expression - a youth theatre, a comprehensive radio and television service, and a "Falkland Islands Times" published daily. But I hope that in guiding this development, those in charge bear in mind the social and other human problems which have arisen from over-industrialisation in other parts of the world, including the U.K. And who knows? Fifty years from now it could be the Legislative Council passing immigration laws to keep U.K. residents out!

JON WALTON, INGOLDSBY, GRANTHAM, LINCS.

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PENFRIENDS WANTED

My name is Ronald Keith and I would like penfriends from the Falkland Islands and other countries in which the Falkland Islands Times is read. I would also like to exchange stamps.
RONALD KEITH, CLASIFICADOR 239, CORREO CENTRAL, SANTIAGO, CHILE.

H.E.'s FIGAS REPORT: Tuesday November 18th 1980.

Good evening. Having had my first trip in the FIGAS Islander yesterday, I should like to tell you about the progress we have made in getting everything ready for bringing it back into full passenger service. By a happy coincidence I found on my return to Stanley that Mr Cooper's Accident Report had at long last arrived and so I think this is an opportunity to take stock of the position.

First let me say that I find Mr Cooper's report fair, objective and thoroughly professional. We have received only six copies but it will be made available to the Public and if any of you are interested, would you please let the Secretariat know so that they may have some idea of the number of extra copies needed.

If I may summarise the findings, Mr Cooper states that on the 12th of February, FIGAS Islander VP-FAY overran the 36 Airstrip at Hill Cove when landing down-slope in calm conditions on a very slippery surface. The report concludes that the cause of the accident was that the aircraft landed on a surface which had such a low coefficient of friction it could not be stopped in the runway remaining from the point of touchdown. Contributory factors were the two pilots relative inexperience in Islander operations, their lack of knowledge of the aircraft's wet grass landing performance data, of the exceptionally slippery nature of the surface, and of the wind over the airstrip, and the fact that the touchdown was made unduly far down the strip.

As a result of these findings, Mr Cooper has made several safety recommendations which are aimed at avoiding similar accidents in the future.

Many of these recommendations we have already implemented. For example he recommends that FIGAS should introduce load sheets and technical logs for Islander operations. This we have done. He recommends that an Islander section be incorporated in the FIGAS Operations Manual. This we have also done. He recommends that FIGAS should appoint an Islander Training Captain; I have appointed Captain Steward as Training Captain and he is revising the Training Manual previously prepared.

Mr Cooper recommends that the Falkland Islands Government should consider instructing FIGAS to introduce the Pilot's Certificate of Test required under Air Navigation Orders. This we have done and Captain Steward is empowered to award Certificates of Test to our FIGAS pilots.

Mr Cooper recommends that all Islander airstrips should be accurately surveyed and approved or licensed in accordance with Air Navigation Orders. Mr Bonner has now surveyed all the main airstrips, and I have told Captain Steward that I am prepared to license any airstrip as soon as he advises me that it is up to the necessary standards.

Mr Cooper recommends that an airstrip controller and a deputy be appointed for each airstrip and trained in their duties. Captain Steward will take the opportunity of briefing airstrip controllers and deputies in their duties as he visits strips on training and familiarisation flights. I realise of course that some of the smaller strips will not be able to have both an airstrip controller and a deputy, and in these cases, I am prepared to make a special dispensation from the normal requirements.

Mr Cooper recommends that Islander airstrips should be marked in accordance with Air Navigation Orders, using approved materials. Now in this connection, he mentioned that at Hill Cove, the fuel drums used to mark the ends of the airstrip, were too substantial for safety, and he recommends that frangible, lightweight or flat markers should be used for runway marking. Captain Steward will advise airstrip controllers what is meant by this when he visits airstrips.

Mr Cooper also recommends that Islander airstrips be equipped with wind indicators, fire and crash equipment to appropriate scales and, wherever possible, VHF Airband Radio Transceiver Equipment. FIGAS have windsocks available for sale. Fire fighting equipment has been provided to most of the main strips and is on order for the remainder. I have recommended that a 2M set be installed in the Islander so that the pilot can talk to the airstrip controller in his Land Rover at the airstrip. But I understand that there may be insurance difficulties over this which we will somehow have to get around, for it seems to be most important for the pilot to be able to talk directly to the airstrip controller.....

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The Governor, Mr Rex Hunt's FIGAS REPORT continued.....

.....Mr Cooper recommends that the Falkland Islands Government should invite the U.K. Civil Aviation Authority to send a Flight Operations Instructor on an advisory inspection of FIGAS in the near future and at regular intervals thereafter. We have already written to the Civil Aviation Authority in the U.K. and I hope that they will be able to send us a F.O.I. at regular intervals.

Finally, Mr Cooper recommends that the manufacturers of the Islander - Pilatus Britten-Norman - should include a supplement in every Islander Flight Manual on initial issue, stating by how much the landing run should be increased for operating on wet grass. He makes the very significant point in his report that the existing flight manual contained no mention of wet grass operations.

Well, so much for the accident at Hill Cove in February, and the valuable lessons that we have learned from it. Looking ahead, we are now ready to re-start passenger operations with the Islander to the following airstrips, which Captain Steward has recommended to me for licensing:- Darwin, North Arm, Fox Bay East, Port Howard, Dunnose Head, Chartres and Pebble Island. Some small alterations are needed to Hill Cove and Saunders Island and they will be added to the list when these have been done. Port San Carlos and Douglas Station are up to standard except for fire fighting equipment which we hope to get to them shortly. Captain Steward will be inspecting other strips as training and passenger duties allow and I shall issue licenses on his recommendation. During this period of training and inspection, I ask for farm managers forbearance if the Islander should turn up unexpectedly or at very short notice. Training and familiarisation flights have to be fitted in to our ordinary passenger operations and, while FIGAS will give as much advance warning as they can, there are bound to be times when farm managers will be inconvenienced. As Captain Steward is only with us for 3 months we must make the fullest use of his time here, and we have to slot in training flights whenever we can.

I've had to say some gloomy things about FIGAS in the past but I think we can look forward with confidence to giving you a better service from now on with the Islander and 2 Beavers fully serviceable and operational. Good Night.

(Transcribed from radio broadcast).

NEW TRANCEIVERS

The Posts and Telecommunications Department has ordered 14 new A.E.L. tranceivers for camp settlements, the order having been confirmed by A.E.L. with a delivery date set for the first week of January 1981.

The R/T station has been moved from the hut adjacent to the Central Fire Station to an office within the Telephone Exchange.

HUN HULK

On Monday November 17th, a brief stop in Stanley was made by a German scientific vessel 'Meteor' of just over 1,000 tons. A scientist disembarked and left the Colony via LADE flight. The ship is expected to call in the Falklands again in March 1981 when the present scientists on board will return to Germany for replacement.

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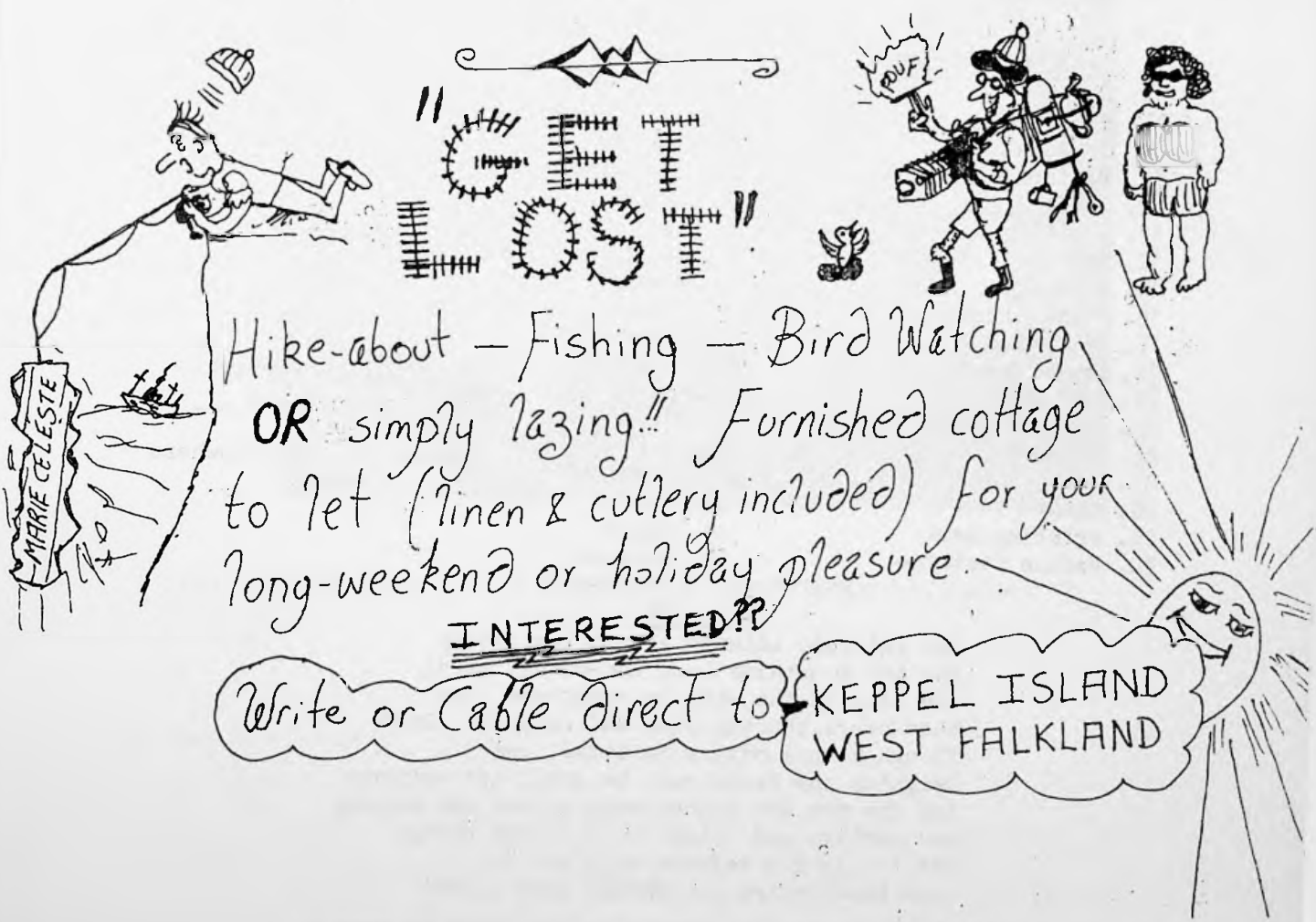
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CLUES ACROSS

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13. Charge
15. Swiss Watch
17. Roughened
20. Grape fruit
23. Secluded
25. Pasture Land
26. Granary
27. Tot
28. Elegy
29. Printing mark
30. Marine Tortoise

CLUES DOWN

1. Ice Cream
2. Calf flesh
3. Lacked
4. Sandpiper
5. Scold
6. Encourage
7. Quagmire
9. Cheese
14. Display
16. Intend
17. Refused
18. Edge
19. Plays
20. Doll
21. Test
22. Florid
24. Cupid
26. Produce

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Answers appear elsewhere
in this issue.

EWE-LOGY

The Falkland Islands are full of sheep
And the mountains look uncommonly steep
The call of the wind is doubtless loud
When heard through wind and rain and cloud
Though Nature offers satisfactions
Penguins and Seals must be great attractions
And the men are undoubtedly silent and strong
And parties and drinks help things along
But too long a sojourn will not do
Come home before you change into a EWE!

Mrs Pauline Du Bock, Sussex. Passed to the TIMES by Anna S.



"Ron Buckett should never carry his wallet on the Rugby field....."



.....look what trouble a dropped 5-pence piece can cause ! "

SOCCER

REDSOX 4	MUSTANGS 3	STANLEY HOUSE 1	SENIOR SCHOOL 4
DYNAMOS 3	MUSTANGS 2	STANLEY HOUSE 0	SENIOR SCHOOL 1

G.T.U. VISIT

In 1969/70, Mr Tom Davies visited the Colony, and after writing a report, the birth of the Grasslands Trials Unit occurred. Recently, Tom, now in the role of Consultant Supervisor, visited various experiments connected with the G.T.U. around the islands and will be writing a report covering the activities of the Unit over the past 5 years. When eventually finished, the report will be available to the public at no charge.

FUEL COMES

The m.v. Forrest brought back a consignment of aviation fuel for FIGAS from Punta Arenas, Chile, on October 31st. After FIGAS suffering from contaminated fuel problems, this shipment meant the resumption of normal flying operations from November 3rd.

COMMONS QUESTION

In the House of Commons on October 29th, Mr John Biggs-Davidson asked the Lord Privy Seal if he would make a statement about the future of the Falkland Islands.

Mr Nicholas Ridley replied. "Our objective remains to ensure for the Islands a secure and viable future both politically and economically in accordance with the wishes of the Islanders. We continue to discuss with all parties concerned the best means of achieving this end."

LITTER COMPETITION

Stanley's Infant/Junior School recently held a competition amongst the pupils. The idea was to produce posters aimed at an Anti-Litter campaign. There were many entries for this competition and five prize winners were selected: Helen Baker, Serena Sinclair, Stephanie Baylis, Paul Philips and Eli Sheridan.

A PEATY STORY By DES PECK

Over the hills and far away
 Is where we get our peat
 Peat is still the best of fuel
 Because of its comfort and heat
 Now if you get a good cutter
 And with a nice sharp spade
 The peat will be well spread out
 And along the bank nicely laid
 Problems are many today of course
 The cost of it very high
 Then if we get bad weather
 It will take weeks and weeks to dry
 The regular size to cut the sods
 Is nine by nine by six
 But I've seen them twice that size
 Being one of the peatcutting tricks
 There are other fuels like oil and gas
 Imported from Argentina
 They will never take the place of peat
 But I must say they are cleaner
 So becomes our problems today
 Especially for the old
 It's a MUST in any home we know
 Otherwise we die with the cold.

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CROSSWORD SOLUTION

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 28. Poem. 29. Diesis. 30. Turtle.
 DOWN: 1. Sundae. 2. Veal. 3. Needed. 4. Tatler. 5. Rate. 6. Foster.
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CENSUS

A Census will take place in the Falkland Islands on Sunday December 7th.

SOLUTION TO CRUX CROSSWORD (Issue No.12/80)

ACROSS: Woolly, Duncan, Dispute, Chirp, Watch, Extreme, Patagonians,
 William, Lamin, Basil, Nineveh, Assets, Asides.
 DOWN: Widows, Swabia, Onset, Atlases, Laughra, Islet, Development,
 Uncut, Islands, Chilean, Moved, Napier, Inches.

There was no all-correct entry received. Consolation prize of £1 to Betty and Pauline Biggs for a "near miss".

Another CRUX Crossword will appear in the January edition of the TIMES with a bottle of Vino as the prize for the first correct entry opened.

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MV.FORREST SCHEDULE DEC/JAN 1980-81

30th Nov: Return to Stanley from West Falklands.

1st-5th Dec: Stanley. (Less local trip as arranged by OCRM/Capt.Sollis).

8th Dec: Battle Day - Stanley.

9th Dec: Load Cargo.

9-13th Dec: Pebble Island, Keppel Island, Saunders Island, Carcass Island,
 Jasons, West Point Island, Gibraltar Station, Douglas Station,
 Teal Inlet, Rincon Grande.

15th-16th Dec: Stanley.

17th-18th Dec: On call to HMS ENDURANCE.

19th-24th Dec: Detached to HMS ENDURANCE Survey Party.

25th Dec/1st Jan: Stanley.

2-10th Jan: Detached to HMS ENDURANCE Survey Party.

Programme subject to change at short notice.

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THE IDLE GOSSIP COLUMN

Well, thanks to this chappie Ridley taking up so much space in this edition, I'm not left with much room. The Editor told me to make it as short as possible this week because if I ramble on too much he'll cut down the space even more and we don't want that, do we? Hot news...
 Editor's Note: Due to the lack of space, this column has been shortened.

Septimus couldn't really begin to comprehend what had happened to him. He remembered that he had been leaning against his bedroom wall which separated his house from the one occupied by the ODA Diddle-Dee Technician, when it had collapsed. He recalled falling forward and spearing his brain on a projecting nail. That was it. Blank. And now this...this new existence...this floating sensation which seemed out of all existence with reality. His eyes were open, he knew that, but still he could not see anything that could be termed anything. Mist? Fog? In the end, he gave up the simple task of thinking and was borne along the road of the Unknown until he felt pulling at his clothes.

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"How many have we pulled into-day Rodriguez?" asked Staff Sergeant Dexter of the Paradise Recovery Group, South Atlantic Wing.

"This chap makes it 3,000 Sarge, we can knock off soon." replied Apprentice Angel Rodriguez. "I can't wait to go to that Cabaret down by Satan's Corner; the birds will be good, especially as it's a no-clothing area."

"Is that all you think about Rodriguez? You've been dead about 12 years and you still hanker after carnal delights? Disgusting!"

"Sorry Sarge, but there isn't much else to do in our spare time, and I'm sick of watching the World Events Monitors, war here, war there, air crashes all over the place, bombing, murders, rapes and what have you, no, I'm a bit fed up."

"Well? That's your job isn't it? We keep a look out for all mortals involved in the life process in the South Atlantic area and hoik 'em up here when they snuff it!"

"Yes, but...oh, never mind." Rodriguez gunned the motor of the Astral Drift Contact Vessel and headed back to Immigration Point 32.

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Immigration Point 32: Confirmed Christians/Orthodox Jews/Hindus. These words, flashed on and off via a giant neon were the first words Septimus saw. They didn't register, needless to say, and it was a still mesmerised Septimus that allowed himself to be propelled by willing hands to Corpse Check-In. Raymond Crumpington had been dead for 314 years now but still retained the poise and verve that had earned him the nickname of Icewater Crumpington in his Earth life. His job was to accept dead people into the Kingdom and to allocate them to whatever job suited their capabilities. He eyed Septimus with a mixture of appraisal and disappointment. He had been hardened towards the sight of death but still felt aggrieved when youngsters were brought before him. When Septimus Higginbotham had died, Classification E34T, Death by Accident, the Computer Console had spewed the relevant data concerning Septimus into Raymond's Incoming Souls dip, giving Septimus' age as 16. "What a waste." Raymond had thought.

Septimus gathered his thoughts together and started to tremble. His outward portrayal of fear prompted Nurse Bickerstaff to fit his head (the wound still in evidence) into the Arrival Evaluator Module. This process instantly healed Septimus' wound and in a micro-nillisecond gave him information as to what had happened, where he was and what were the prospects of his immediate future. Still numbed over the seemingly dreamlike state of affairs, Septimus sat in a plastic-like chair and faced Raymond Crumpington, Soul Evaluator and Immigration Chief, South Atlantic Zone.

"Do you realise that you are dead, and that you are now about to enter one of the most amazing periods of your existence?" Raymond asked, allowing a grin to crease the corners of his rather thin mouth.

"Ye..ye..yessir." stammered Septimus, aware of Raymonds almost unblinking gaze.

"Please do not call me 'Sir', all men and women are equal here in the Kingdom, except in the necessary rank structure within the various units such as the one which fished you out of the Waiting Zone, and then they are only courtesy ranks, but that is trivia, I am here to assist you in preparation for Paradise. Your record is good enough for you to be brought here instead of being taken to the Hades Border, so welcome."

TO BE CONTINUED

Read this page with a STIFF upper lip

GRAHAM PARKER: Love Without Greed/Mercury Poisoning...BUY 82

This single could be rated a Double-A as the live flip side is just as good a cut as the A side. Love without greed is taken from the album 'The Up Escalator' (SEEZ 23). With 'Mercury Poisoning' you can learn about the best kept secret in the West!

TENPOLE TUDOR: 3 Bells In A Row/Fashion/Rock and Roll Music...BUY 98

Knobbly knees, Desert-Rat shorts and a Salvation Army fifth-hand clothing stall jacket is the stunning outfit worn by Eddie Tudorpole in the photo on this STIFF sleeve. Together with his three mates, Tudorpole knock out two group penned tracks plus a version of Chuck Berry's Rock and Roll Music. Both 'Fashion' and 'Rock and Roll Music' were recorded live at the Marquee.

THE RUMOUR: My Little Red Book/Name and Number.....BUY 81

One of the best groups to appear on the scene for a long time, with old campaigner Brinsley Schwarz at the helm. My Little Red Book is a Hal David/Burt Bacharach composition strangely enough, given a re-work by The Rumour and is taken from their excellent album 'Purity of Essence'. The flip side is okay but nothing special.

DIRTY LOOKS: Tailin' You/Automatic Pilot....BUY 89

"Where Staen Island N.Y. Rocks" is the message on the label of this single from yet another American band who manage to knock a lot of British groups under the table. After a rather disappointing album 'Dirty Looks', this single comes as an eye-opener, good tune, good vocals, good instrumentation....good everything!

MADNESS: Baggy Trousers/The Business.....BUY 84

The Nut Nut Nutty Boys turn out a good sound with no holds barred. The cut is taken from their 'Absolutely' album. The B-side 'The Business' is an interesting instrumental with a few groans flitting across the speakers in parts and warrants 3 plays one after the other. Clever and musical (rare nowadays) band.

IAN DURY & THE BLOCKHEADS: I Want to be Straight/That's Not All...BUY 90

Although this single cannot compare with his latest single 'Suepermans Big Sister' (Yes, they spell 'Sueperman' like that) this isn't too bad but, dare I say it, I think Ian is running out of ideas. If he could recapture the halcyon days of Kilburn and The High Roads once again.....

GRAHAM PARKER: Stupefaction/Women In Charge....BUY 72

Nothing much to say about Graham Parker. He turns out 100% each time. Graham Parker: Vocals; Guitar: Brinsley Schwarz; Bass: Andrew Bodnar; Drums: Steve Goulding; Guitar: Martin Belmont; Piano: Nicky Hopkins; Organ: David Sancious.

JONA LEWIE: Big Shot Momentarily/I'll Get By In Pittsburgh.....BUY 85

Very good single for the fans of 'difference'. I first heard Jona Lewie on a special 'STIFF/SOUNDS' sampler album but wasn't really impressed. Big Shot however, is an excellent song marred only by being couple with I'll Get By In Pittsburgh (circa 1978) which isn't Jona at his best. His new single 'Stop The Cavalry' is another example of Jona's "getting better every timeness".

ANY TROUBLE: Second Choice/The Name of the Game/Bible Belt...BUY 79

Another very good group. The best track on this single is the live version of ABBA's 'The name of the game' which the group do very well without tape-machines or a bunch of Moogs. Bible Belt is another live recording (The Venue, Victoria) and the whole single is damn good and with three tracks excellent value for money.

JOHN OTWAY/"Green, Green Grass Of Home/Wednesday Club...BUY 101

HORSECRAP!

.....is that at the time that the freeze is coming to an end, the whole uncertainty rises again, and the problem that we have now comes back." What is meant by a 'Freeze'? "Some sort of 'freeze' on the dispute with the Argentine; that we would both agree to bury it for a period of years, (figures like 20 or 25 years have been mentioned), and that in the meanwhile, life would go on exactly as it is, though what would be the treatment of the regime in the sea - the fish and the oil in the sea - is something which it is impossible to gauge until we have explored the idea with the Argentines."

"The problem that we have now is "Will people invest?" - "Can they feel confident to research for oil?" - "Can they do this, can they do that?" - and with uncertainty looming up that would come again at the end of the freeze period, and of course, when the freeze period came to an end, we would have to see how to negotiate next, and we would be back in exactly the same position that we are in now. We would have bought time, but again, would the Argentines agree to that? I do not know. I would like to explore that with them.

3. LEASE-BACK SCHEME: "The third possibility was that we could engage in what is called the Lease-Back Scheme whereby we would hand over titular sovereignty and then immediately take out a very long lease on the Islands and a 200-mile Maritime Zone, and under that lease we would have full rights to administer the Colony just as we do now; to have British law, British nationality, British democracy, British habits, allegiance to the Queen; exactly as life is now. Now of course the unknown about that is first of all whether the Argentines would feel that that was a good suggestion, secondly, the length of the lease that we could obtain. And I have made it clear that from our point of view, we recognise that any lease would have to be a very long one before it could possibly be acceptable to the Islanders. I will start off by asking for a very long period indeed, and I have no doubt that they will suggest a shorter period, and it is crucial to the whole idea as to what length of time can be negotiated; but I think it has to cover a generation - or two or three - before it would make sense. It would definitely unlock the great resources which we all know the Falklands have, both in the sea and on the land. We have got tourism, investment in hotels, improvement of farming, wool, meat exports, inshore fishing, deep-sea fishing, licensing foreign fishing, exploring for oil and gas. All of these things will become possible, and not only possible, but will actually start to happen."

THE ALTERNATIVE: 'STAY-AS-YOU-ARE'.

"There are risks in turning down all further approaches to the Argentine Government. The risks are for the people of the Islands to assess: the economic stagnation, what reaction there would be from the Argentine, and the denial of opening-up the resources of the sea which that does, to some extent, involve. I do not believe in finality or counsels of despair, I believe we must find a solution to this problem and I am prepared to spend as much time as necessary to work on it."

"The choice is for the Islanders. It is their country. It is their future."

THERE seem to be many differing views on the whole concern from most of the people of the Falklands, ranging from 'The Lease is the only way' to 'Tell the Argy's to go to hell!' Whichever view is seen to be the right one, the fact remains is that it is the right of the Islanders, and the Islanders alone, to decide.

Mr Ridley's comments were transcribed from various recordings made between himself and the Broadcasting Officer, Mr Patrick Watts.

BISCOE'S BLADE DISAPPEARS

British Antarctic Survey's ship 'John Biscoe' had a spot of bad luck recently when a diving inspection revealed the fact that a blade from the ship's screw was missing. The John Biscoe was on its way to Nancy to disembark personnel but due to this propeller mishap had to turn back to Stanley. It is expected that she will proceed to a South American port for dry-docking.

ROY COVE ON THE BLOCK

It has been announced that Bertrand and Felton have offered their farm on West Falkland - Roy Cove - for sale to the Falkland Islands Government.

The Government have agreed the purchase and are now looking into ways of raising the necessary capital.

It is expected that Roy Cove will eventually be split into sub-divisions as was ex-F.I.C. farm, Green Patch, last year.

YPF OIL JETTY

An Argentine group have been in the Falklands recently to look at the proposed site for the jetty which will allow Y.P.F., the Argentine State-owned oil company, to offload its products in the Falklands.

Reports say that the Argentine Government will be paying the lion's share of the construction costs with a contribution of £1.4 million while Britain will be paying around £300,000.

Discussions are still under way as to who will get final control of the jetty's usage.

ROAD AGAIN

The Colony's Roads Superintendent, Mr Basil Morrison, together with his gang are back at work, although later than expected, on the Stanley-Darwin All-Weather Track.

On Friday November 2nd, Basil said that in the afternoon the total length of the completed road stood at 9.40 kilometres so far.

THE OCTOBER WEATHER

Total Rainfall	: 26.9mm	Average Wind Speed	: 18.3 knots
Average Temperature	: 5.4 degs C.	Highest Wind Gust	: 49 knots
Highest Temperature	: 17.6 degs C.	Gale Force Wind	: 24 hours
Lowest Temperature	: Minus 1.6 degs C.	10 knots or less	: 104 hours
Average Daily Sun	: 6.98 hours.	Ground Frost	: 14 occasions

During October, snow fell on seven days. Summary: Drier than normal with sun, wind and temperature all about average although there was more snow than is usual for the month.

SQUASH

In a recent match against a team from the RRS John Biscoe, Stanley emerged the winners by 5-0. The Stanley team: Ian Jones, Peter Felton, Bob Handley, Steve Whitley and Frank O'Reilly.

NEW BARRACKS?

Sir Bernard Braine asked the Secretary of State for Defence in the Commons on November 13th when work will start on the new barracks in Stanley and if improvements could be made to the existing barracks which apparently had been condemned in 1970. Mr Keith Speed replied: "Proposals for providing new barracks for the Royal Marine Detachment in the Falkland Islands are under consideration within the Ministry of Defence."

NEW ROVER

The Plant & Transport Authority have recently purchased a new Land Rover from the F.I.C. This is the first new Rover purchase for about a year.

The Rover's registration is F454 and has taken the place of the Rover damaged in an accident at Moody Brook Bridge a month or so ago.

SLIGHT DELAY

The January TIMES will be slightly later in appearing than usual.

THE IDLE GOSSIP COLUMN

It is not very nice to have to shift from Page Nine to this far on in the paper but I blame the Editor for not leaving enough room on that particular page. A phone call was received a week or so after a Court sentence was announced over the radio. One chappie was fined whilst one had his licence taken away for similar motoring offences. The lady in question thought that the disparity between sentences was very unfair; Judge not lest thee be judged.....Amazing how when anything like the Ridley business crops up everyone rallies around giving views here and opinions there, but when the time comes to discuss internal affairs such as the abysmal lack of housing, the rotten unfairness of the housing system and 101 other things, apathy rears its all too familiar head! Rent the Jellum? Remember that Ray? So, the 'Copious' is here at last, and at £15 for a day trip and a free evacuation of stomach contents, a lot of folk are saying 'Keep it'. You will please observe that the rare Albatross covered in regurgitated cornflakes is the lesser-feathered.....It's a great pity that a few "ex-pat" soccer players in the Stanley team have the tendency to get the ball and boot it as hard as they can in any direction...so embarrassing to watch at times. Overheard in the dressing room: "Why did you kiss me on the cheek? I didn't score today!" Answer: "No honeypie, but you did last Thursday!".....St.Mary's Bazaar has been and gone and a few folk have said that it wasn't as good as last year. That statement is made every year though, and St.Mary's is still the better Bazaar of the two. It was quite a relief to hear Mr Ridley say that the Hostel Project had been an embarrassment to the British Government. Mr Ian McMeeken deserves a medal (The Needham Croix de Guerre?) for having the pluck to stay on and see the job off after all the brochaha over the past couple of years. Perhaps if old Peg-Leg and Cohorts hadn't begun 'Massingham them about'????????????? Until the next time. Ta ra.

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F.I.COMMITTEE NEWS

A recent Falkland Islands Committee news release gave details of a letter which was penned by the London office and sent to about 300 Peers of The Realm and Members of Parliament viz:-

"I am writing to draw your attention to the position of Falkland Islanders in relation to the recent White Paper on British Nationality Law. If this becomes law, it would confer second class citizenship on several hundred Islanders who do not have Grandparents who were born in the United Kingdom, but whose pure British nationality extends unbroken since the early nineteenth century when the Islands were settled."

"While understanding the Home Office need for caution over other dependant territories, we believe the case for Falkland Islanders is not the same. Apart from being of true United Kingdom stock and showing intense loyalty to Her Majesty The Queen, there are four fundamental differences:

- (a) There was no indigenous population when the Islands were first settled.
- (b) Islanders have no 'mother country' except the United Kingdom.
- (c) There is no question of the Islands seeking independence.
- (d) The original service pensioner settlers were promised the right to retain full British Citizenship.

Falkland Islanders are British and should be given the full rights of British Citizenship with right of entry and abode in their own country. I hope you will support their cause in the forthcoming debate."

B.G.FROW

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

His Excellency the Governor, Mr Rex Hunt, opened the Bring and Buy Sale, organised by the local branch of the British Red Cross at Government House, on Saturday November 8th. The profits amounted to £152.77 whilst the House to House collection brought in £177.37 bringing the total to £330.14 for the Annual Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal. (Earl Haig Fund).

TIMES TELLING-OFF

The Falkland Islands Times, one of the best-loved and most widely read 'newspapers' in the Free World, recently received an almighty bollocking from the Civil Servants Association for publishing a Circular issued by them to all Members.

The ticking-off, in the form of a letter written by the Secretary, made it known that the Times should seek the Association's permission before publishing anything concerning the Association.

As the Times will be keeping an eagle-eye on the proceedings when Civil Servants Salaries come under review, it has been decided to totally ignore the 'permission' request which is thought to be inspired by one or two people in the Association who live in the past, and who view free speech with distaste.

There is absolutely no truth in the rumour that a Communist element has infiltrated the Association - some of the Members have always been red-necked!

The time has come to put the word 'Civil' back into the Association's title, although the F.I. Times will still support the Association's claim for better salaries.

PULLED TO PIECES.....

Oh no, not another Circular! This time from the Secretariat.

"Dear Householder,

We are all acutely aware of the shortage of manpower within Stanley and the Camp and I am sure you will agree that we should try to follow up every possible means whereby suitable able-bodied men and women might be attracted to come and live in the Falkland Islands." (Offer better wages and they might come, not many want to come off the dole for £45 a week).

One suggestion recently made in Executive Council was that there might be young people brought up in orphanages in the United Kingdom who would be glad to come and put down roots here.

(Another Stanley House of the JCL days? Punch-ups, vandalism, drunken revels?)

Various people in London suggested that as an alternative we might find that there are a considerable number of young people, both married and single, from ordinary family backgrounds who might be attracted to the idea of settling here if we could only offer them some form of accommodation to rent.

(Huh! Government cannot even house Islanders who are on 'the Housing List', if one exists)!

Naturally, applicants would be carefully checked and screened before being accepted from the U.K. (The ones who drink more than 15 tets a day will be kept away).

The Circular drones on. Page 32 of the Estimates for 1980/81 gives a figure of £100,000 for housing.....again...why the heck Government doesn't get cracking instead of waiting for tenders for anything from Chalets to Anderson Shelters from overseas is a mystery to a lot of folk. The Ridley's come and the Ridley's go but some things will never change.....!

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GOLDEN GOOSE

It is very pleasant indeed to dine at the Upland Goose Hotel, especially now that an excellent conversion/refurbishing job has been completed. A meal at the Goose is wholeheartedly recommended.

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MINTO MURDER MAKES MANY MAD

Boxing Day did not bring the usual Christmas 'Spirit of Goodwill' to Len Minto, for this was the day when the Falkland Islands Police formally charged Minto with the murder of his wife Gladys.

Mrs Gladys Minto was found dead at her home in Stanley on the morning of Thursday December 11th - her throat had been cut.

Minto himself was also found with injuries to his throat and wrists. For further report, see 'Cut-Throat Capers Cause Concern' elsewhere in this edition.

AMBASSADOR VISIT

Mr Anthony Williams, the British Ambassador to Argentina, arrived in the Falklands on December 27th together with his son for a visit.

Mr Williams met with Councillors on December 30th and journeyed to North Arm and San Carlos also.

Mr Williams and son Benedict, left the Colony on January 3rd.

EVANS: "WE SHOULD TALK"

Arriving back from a tour of West Falklands concerned with the three Ridley Proposals; Councillor Derek Evans said that there was an overwhelming majority among his West constituents who thought that talks should proceed concerned with the 3rd Proposal: The Lease-Back.

In his radio interview with Broadcasting Officer Mr Patrick Watts, Councillor Evans said: There was one stipulation that everybody made and that was that if they should come up with some possibility of a lease-back - (and I must make clear that very few people liked any of the options that were presented, they didn't like the three options that the Minister presented, neither did they like the option of 'staying as we are', they didn't feel that that was a good thing. We need to progress) - it was absolutely essential that all Falkland Island people had the right of abode in Britain."

INSIDE: View from Mr Joe Booth. 'We want to come via Uruguay' by C.I.Davis.

ISLANDS SAY NO TO OIL

The people of the Falkland Islands, in a dramatic 7,000-mile radio link to the Daily Express firmly turned down a plan which could have made them rich - virtually overnight.

For the islanders believe that to cash in on possible oil finds in the area they would have to give up their British sovereignty and submit to rule by Argentina which has laid claim to the Falklands for more than 100 years.

And the 1,700 islanders, descendants of British Army pensioners, proudly spurned the idea. "We are not for sale, not at any price," said their spokesman, Mr John Smith. "We'd rather be British than rich. In any case too much money might spoil us."

The money would have come from oil rights. Preliminary soundings indicate that deposits around the islands could be NINE times greater than those in the North Sea.

Mr Nicholas Ridley, Minister of State at the Foreign Office, who put the idea to the islanders personally last week as part of a "consideration plan" was hooded off the island when he walked to his plane.

Mr Smith said: "The people here have sunk their lives and all their savings into the islands and they won't risk putting them in jeopardy. What would happen if the Argentine Government changed? We could lose everything. We are British and we are staying British. They will have to think again." The Government came under fire from both sides of the Commons last night amid MP's fears that a 'shameful' handover of the islanders independence is underway. FROM A CUTTING IN A DECEMBER 'DAILY EXPRESS'. Written by Michael Brown.

FALKLAND ISLANDS EXPENDITURE

In the Commons on 15 December 1980, Mr Daffyd Wigley asked the Lord Privy Seal, what is the total annual expenditure of the Government of the Falkland Islands; what proportion of this is met by payments made by the United Kingdom Government; and how many persons are employed by the Falkland Islands Government, including those employed on a contract basis through private companies and those working on the Grassland Trials Unit.

In reply Mr Nicholas Ridley said that the estimated ordinary expenditure of the Falkland Islands Government for 1980/81 is £2,284,320 and their estimated expenditure on development is £370,835. It is estimated that United Kingdom Government expenditure on the Islands for 1980/81 will be 931,000 pounds sterling.

The Falkland Islands Government employ the following personnel:

Established full time	: 169
Established part time	: 8
Unestablished full time	: 96
Unestablished part time	: 39
Seasonal	: 3
TOTAL	: 315

PENFRIENDS WANTED

No details from this chap except that he would like pen-pals from the Falklands: MIKE DALEY, 266 HUDSON ROAD, SUDBURY, MASS 01776, U.S.A.

I got the address for your paper from a friend and would you publish my address in 'The Falkland Islands Times'? I am 16 years old and like music, reading, camping, photography and many other things. Anyone who would like to drop a line to this chap, who incidentally, writes good clear English, should write to:

UWE TRODLER, BAYREUTHER STR.39, 7031 LEIPZIG, D.D.R (DEUTSCHLAND DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC).

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FROM: C.I.DAVIS ESQ; 5 YORK ROAD, ILFORD, ESSEX, ENGLAND:-

Ref: The item from the Express

You have had the chance to read this item, it shows that M.P.'s here think that the general idea of successive Governments is to sell the Islanders out, and the ideas so far put forward in print merely confirms the fear. It could soon be reality. I give you this fact, much is suppressed here, either by official Government or by the Foreign Office, the latter has been known to keep facts from Government.

I hate to harp on an old subject, but in two previous letters which Dave Colville kindly put to press, I said you would have to help yourselves by sending through facts which could be put to press here, which official departments could not suppress. NOTHING has been received, yet the situation you are in is getting tighter by the month. I must put some points to you.

Why accept the Argentine air-route? I was told that there is no reason why it could not be done from Uruguay. So could supplies come via there. I have been told that a regular airline would cover mail and seats to Uruguay, and a similar air service you get from Argentina could do the necessary connecting flights on smaller aircraft from Uruguay. Remember this, as long as the Argentine control ANY part of your lives - and supply and access to the Islands is a very major part of your lives - the strangle-hold can only get tighter. Before anyone says it cannot be done like that, via Uruguay, I must tell you that I checked with the right quarters; I am not prepared at this point to put who and where into print. It is thus basically a fact that it could easily be done.

Why do the F.O. suppress from general release the difficulties that F.I. born subjects have suffered trying to go through Argentina in and out of the Falklands; on how seats are empty on flights when people from this end are being told there are no seats available to get them from Argentina to the Islands, etc. Why no mention of the chap who was refused permission to stay over here on a course for more than three months.? I know the problem was eventually ironed out, but why ever did the F.O. even discuss the case?, what right did Argentina have to question it in the first place? They can only do these things because you are dependant on their plane. NOW IS THE TIME TO SAY "WE WANT TO COME VIA URUGUAY." You must stop this suppression of news, assume you are being slowly sold out, and decide what you must do about it.

There is so much I could say, but the Times would not have enough space in one issue. I STRESS to you what I said in my last letter. All problems MUST be sent through so we can get them into general press coverage here. Supply problems, any problems caused by any system/official body/etc which causes difficulties for you, and anything that in your opinion should be aired to the public in general which will help you get support. There is press coverage here for you, surely now you can see you must DO SOMETHING, every little helps. I had hoped to arrange a TV outlet for you via a certain person, but first we need regular press coverage to get the public interest, then the TV coverage. It requires a lot of assistance from your end. Colonial stock is fighting stock, so let's see some fight, there must be one or two that are prepared to contact me and get the ball rolling. If there is not, then surely it is just a matter of time before lack of the proper pressure, (apart from that being done officially your end), allows the sell-out to be a fact and not just a fear.

Some things I cannot say in this letter; I would be prepared to say them via private mail to an interested party. How about someone putting pen to paper to start the ball rolling? In the meantime.....

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.....let me wish you all a Merry Xmas, and most of all a Happy and Successful New Year. Make a New Year resolution to take part in collecting information for the British Press, let's make 1981 the year TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT OUR ISLANDS. Let us say that it will not be the year too many things are swept under the carpet, this is the year we must be heard, LOUD AND CLEAR.

C.I.DAVIS

H.M.S ENDURANCE

H.M.S. 'Endurance' left Stanley a week or so ago with the R.R.S. 'John Biscoe' in tow, heading for a South American port where the Biscoe will undergo repairs making-good damage to the ship's propeller.

A regular visitor to the Falklands and Dependencies, Endurance was featured in a Southern Evening Echo (Southampton) article a couple of months ago, which makes quite interesting reading, even if unforeseeable events render the article somewhat inaccurate:

ICEBERGS FOR THE DESERT MAY BE REALITY

Keeping icebergs in the desert could be reality soon, thanks to men of the Royal Navy's Antarctic patrol ship HMS Endurance. Endurance sets off from Portsmouth next Wednesday - one week after Antarctic Survey Ship Braishfield* - for her annual summer amid the floes of Antarctica, and the team of scientists on board will be taking a particular interest in more than the tip of the iceberg. The ship will be taking part in a survey organised by the Scott Polar Institute at Cambridge to try to establish how much icebergs flex in heavy seas. It's all part of a feasibility study to find out whether it is possible to tow icebergs to the roasting Middle East and let them melt into the desert. A Navy spokesman said: "At present there are no plans to ship sand to the South Pole, but you never know!"

Endurance re-commissions tomorrow at Portsmouth when the guest of honour will be Sir Vivian Fuchs, leader of the famous British Trans-Antarctic Expedition in the mid-1950's. As well as hunting icebergs, Endurance will be operating in the British sector of Antarctica, where one of her surveying tasks will be to determine the exact position of the South Sandwich Islands, ** using modern satellite navigation equipment.

She will also take the Governor of the Falkland Islands on a tour of his domain and to James Ross Island at the northern end of the Antarctic peninsula.

Christmas will be spent in Grytviken, South Georgia. Endurance, with a complement of 136 officers and ratings, returns to Portsmouth in May.

Ed: Asterisks:- * Braishfield? Change of name for Bransfield or 'merry' typesetter??

** Finding out where the Argentine encampment is?

BY ELECTION Mr Tim Blake of Hill Cove was elected Member of Legislative Council for West Falkland; the seat previously held by Mr Derek Evans. Mr Blake's only opponent was Mr Peter Robertson, Port Stephens.

BIRTHS In the K.E.M.Hospital, Stanley, December 7th 1980, to Mr & Mrs Simon GOSS, a son, ROGER SIMON. Elizabeth was formerly TRIGGS. Grandparents: Mr & Mrs W.Goss, Stanley; Mr & Mrs E.Triggs, Hants. U.K.

In Freedom Fields Hospital, Plymouth, England, 3rd December 1980 to Mr & Mrs Christopher BLACK, a son, JAMES MATTHEW. Carol was formerly MINTO.

Chris was in NP8901 1975-5 Detachment, and is still serving in the Royal Marines.

TA VERY MUCH!

The Master, Officers and Crew of Antarctic Survey ship 'John Biscoe' would like to express their gratitude to the people of Stanley for their very generous hospitality during their recent enforced (and prolonged!) stay in the port, and hope to renew old friendships during their next call in a few weeks time.

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REALLY?

Veni Vidi Vici
Cried Caesar when trampling freedom
Veni Vidi Vomitus
Upon seeing the Hostel, cried Ted Needham.
(Anon.):

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NIGEL WEBSTER CROSS COUNTRY VEHICLES : ALL WHEEL DRIVE PARTS

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331307	Hood LWB $\frac{3}{4}$ tilt	98.57
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	Rear seats complete	25.25

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NIGEL WEBSTER CROSS COUNTRY VEHICLES : ALL WHEEL DRIVE PARTS

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	Bush bar (Range Rover)	98.00
	Polyurethane L/R paint (per litre)	7.95
	Battery (L/R petrol, Range Rover)	25.78
	5 ton nylon web recovery 'rope'	6.53
	Half shafts (each side) All Land Rovers except Series III LWB Replacement	19.05
	Swivel pin kit	22.75
	GEX 3301	Exhaust tailpipe
598473	Exhaust manifold (4 cyl. petrol Replacement)	19.88
	Military screw type lenses	2.65
	Recon. Zenith carburettor (new)	35.60
	Weber replacement carburettor (new)	42.95
608464/320902	Track rod ends (UNF)	5.68
RTC 1808/9	Track rod ends (Metric)	6.68
517588/9	Road spring (SWB) rear (inc. Heavy Duty)	44.25
241283/242863	Road spring (SWB) front petrol	32.95
265627/264563	Road spring (LWB) front petrol & SWB Diesel	35.66
279678/9	Road spring (LWB) rear	48.75
	Range Rover Lamp guards front & rear	15.50 (pair)
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PENFRIEND - CANADA

I am a 16 years-old Canadian boy who is an admirer of the Falkland Islands. DAVID KRISTOF, 1 RICHVIEW ROAD 901A, ISL. TORONTO, M9A 4M5 CANADA.

THE FALKLAND ISLANDS - WE'RE NOT UP FOR GRABS - SEE FEBRUARY ISSUE

VIEWPOINT: THE RIDLEY PROPOSALS By Mr Joe Booth, Stanley.

In answer to your request for personal views on the political situation, I have pleasure in submitting the following:-

Mr Ridley has presented us with three suggestions. Condominium is completely ruled out and, as far as a freeze is concerned, we have had a freeze in effect since the talks and agreement of July 1971, when I think I am right in saying that the British answer that we do not know enough about Argentina to take any decision was countered by an offer of air communications; first by Albatross plane, and after a temporary strip of 800m was laid by the Argentine air force in 1972 at Hookers Point, serviced by Fokker F27 planes. The runway was later extended to 1200m and the service included Fokker F28 planes till 1977 when the permanent airfield at Cape Pembroke was opened.

To foster friendship and a knowledge of the continent, tuition was offered to schools in Argentina for children from the Islands. The Director of Education at that time went to Argentina to ensure that schooling was of a good standard, and that English was taught. Also Levels could be taken. For some years this worked well and it was quite an event for parents to go and meet a full plane of students returning for holidays. In those days, Government allocated two scholarships for pupils in the Islands to schools in the U.K. per year. Unluckily, for two or three years, though many sat, no child qualified for these scholarships, giving me the impression that the standard of education was low. The scholarships were discontinued, which in my opinion was a pity, as a level to enter a school in the U.K. would ensure a certain standard, whatever levels could be granted here.

Though I am informed that the offer for tuition of children in Argentina still stands, nobody seems to hear about them, and it could be that a hard line attitude prevails. I remember Governor Lewis's words when he mentioned these offers of schooling, and think I am right in quoting the following: "Nobody can deny any child the right of tuition wherever he may wish to go." If this offer is being shelved, is it not a suppression of Human Rights by a hard line faction in detriment of an agreement in 1971 between the nations concerned? It is logical to say that a freeze would not be acceptable.

This leaves the lease-back. In my opinion, it gives a chance for the other side to save face on the sovereignty issue, and would guarantee our well-being for the rest of time. What nobody seems to realise is that Mr Ridley, well knowing the atmosphere here, would never suggest this unless he was obliged by a tough position taken by Argentina, that sovereignty be discussed in the near future.

I fully agree with Mr Tim Miller's appreciation that Mr Ridley be authorised to talk.

What happens if this is not allowed or that talks break off? And as Tim said, the LADE flights stopped? I know that you would say "We have Tama from Punta Arenas". Yes. While LADE is fully booked and amicable relations are held with Argentina, but if there is a break up, you can be sure that LAN Chile - which carries over 2000 passengers a week through Buenos Aires - would not risk losing its franchise and, in its own interest being a Government sponsored concern, would freeze any initiative contrary to its interests from Punta Arenas. It may be news to all of you that the Spanish ship 'MINO', on charter to a Punta Arenas firm, found fishing without a licence in what Argentina considers her waters, is at present anchored in Puerto Deseado pending payment of a \$300,000 fine plus a lien on the ship by the local agents for attendance. The crew has already been repatriated to Spain and Chile. Unless we have amicable agreements, is it not acceptable that the ship carrying our sheep could find itself in the same predicament? Tim mentioned that if LADE stopped, we would get less mail. But how much and from where?

Chief Secretary Arthur Monk was asked in Legislative Council as to enquiries to other countries with a view to an alternative to Argentina for air travel and replied that the answers were in the negative. I understand that this is still the case. When added to this we have to accept the fact that these countries are voting against us in the

.....United Nations in favour of the other side, I cannot visualise any of them endangering their trade relations. This leaves us with 4 charter vessel trips with surface mail per year. No passages. Who goes where, and how, and what will it cost?

The Foreign Office, under a labour Government, was obliged by a United Nations resolution in 1964 to initiate talks to find an amicable solution. It reminds one of the parable of 'WOLF, WOLF,'; now, 16 years later, each round of talks finds us in a weaker position and the Wolf is at the door.

The World is turning more mercenary every year, and though we rely on assurances that our wishes are paramount, it is a known fact that when Lord Chalfont came here, contracts to the tune of £600 000 000 in arms were lost to Great Britain, in favour of Germany and European states, and through the years more export sales are being lost.

The British Taxpayer and Parliament have been consistently assured that we are 2000 direct descendants of the early Scots that settled here. If the Census proves this untrue, would they not consider themselves hoodwinked and decide that the interests of the Islanders, and also of Great Britain, (where over 2 million are out of work), be paramount?

I really think that Mr Ridley has our interests at heart, and hope he finds an acceptable solution to guarantee all peace and tranquility.

JOE BOOTH ESQ; DECEMBER 1980, STANLEY.

HELP SMASH THATCHER - BECOME AN OVERSEAS MEMBER OF THE LABOUR PARTY OF GREAT BRITAIN. Details: The Editor, P.O.Box 60, Stanley.

THE RIDLEY PROPOSALS - Councillor Adrian Monk speaks:

Though I was elected to Council by East Falkland Camper's, I would like to address these remarks to all Falkland Island residents.

Firstly, I must apologise to the East Falkland electorate for not having visited them all. It is not indifference on my part, but this time of year, and family commitments made an extended tour impossible.

We were told by His Excellency The Governor to ascertain peoples views, having explained Mr Ridley's suggestions, and also to lead opinion. Well I think people here are quite capable of seeing when someone is trying to pull a fast one. I think people will all know what is the result of having a Condominium. It means two Governments, two education systems, two of everything, and of course, sharing sovereignty. In my view, this idea is a non-starter and should not even be considered. It is very evident indeed which of the other two proposals Mr Ridley preferred. He made it very plain indeed that a lease-back was the only possible solution, to our problems, in his view. You will all know what happens if we agree to negotiate terms for a lease-back. No matter how favourable the terms offered, during the lease period, we lose the sovereignty of these Islands. For the course of the lease, we would be living in a rented country. We would have given away the only important bargaining card we have. We would be living on Argentine territory, leased to Britain.

It might suit the people of Hong Kong - they were never consulted of course in the first place, and they are Chinese anyway - but it certainly would not suit me. I don't think it would suit the majority of you either.

There has been a lot of pressure put on people to make them accept the lease-back solution. We are threatened with financial ruin; and the loss of most of our population unless we accept a lease-back. We are told that a long lease-back would give us a period of security, and that development will take place, and that only by agreeing to a lease-back can this be achieved. (Continued on Page 9)

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.....The other alternative, a freeze solution, had been mentioned, but in such a way as to try and convince people that no development would come and all the uncertainties would remain as of now. The fact that we would lose our sovereignty if we agreed to a lease-back is not stressed. The fact that we would keep our sovereignty if a freeze situation was agreed is also not mentioned.

We are repeatedly told that a long lease-back period would need to be agreed - that's damn right of course, a million years would not be long enough for me! At the same time, it is implied that only a short freeze situation could be contemplated. Whereas of course a long freeze period would be necessary to provide stability for development.

The ** to us and the slanted arguments in favour of a lease-back solution, mean of course that we should tell Mr Ridley: we don't want any negotiations done by you at all.

Since all the Minister's statements to us have been recorded and broadcast, the Argentine authorities will know perfectly well which solution Mr Ridley favours. And since a lease-back solution gives them sovereignty, they are hardly likely to agree to anything less.

Mr Ridley has made it very obvious that his heart is not in offering them anything less than a lease-back. If we have any sense we won't allow someone to speak for us who has already made up his mind.

People say to me sometimes: "You must believe people like Mr Ridley and his FCO adviser's, they know best." Well do they? They know what the British Government Cabinet policy is alright, and in this instance that policy is to increase trade with Argentina. Before the Argentine will really 'talk-turkey' about a large increase of trade, they want our sovereignty.

Just how free a hand has anybody got amongst those who are presently trying to persuade us to accept the lease-back? The answer is of course hardly any. Take Mr Ridley; he was elected by British constituency voters; he was made a Minister of State by the Prime Minister because his views on overseas matters - including us - agreed with hers. Mr Ridley would soon cease to be a Minister of State if he opposed Cabinet policy. Take the FCO adviser's with Mr Ridley, and also our Governor and his assistant. All these people are paid employees of the Foreign and Commonwealth Office and do what they are told. Nice people, but controlled people, and we don't control them. Therefore we must be careful when dealing with them. Careful to not accept any solution which they offer us which would give away our sovereignty. Some senior members of our largest commercial concern seem suddenly to have reversed their views, and now to be in favour of the lease back solution.

One has to remember two things when considering how much we should rely on opinions expressed by these people who are in very influential positions. One is that they are mostly transients, they are working here for a commercial concern controlled by a large overseas company; enjoying the good things that life out here offers them. But, at the end of their time they will leave us without a backward glance. So, they have no lasting interest in this country. Secondly, they are paid employees of an overseas concern, and if their bosses line is a lease-back, because in his view, the short term effect of this might mean more trade with Argentina, more money in their pockets, then their line is also a lease-back solution. They have been told in fact 'Don't Rock The Boat.'

This present attempt by Mr Ridley and his adviser's to get us to renounce our sovereignty is, in my view, a most serious attack on our liberties ever mounted.

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** The two asterisks appearing in the above text denotes that the word was undecipherable on the tape recording from which this speech is taken.

ITEMS FROM THE FALKLAND ISLANDS GAZETTE VOL.LXXXIX NO.10

Appointments: Derek John Turner, Building Superintendent, P.W.D.
Dr.Robert Handley, B.Sc, M.B., ch.B., Medical Dept.

Completion of Contracts:
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Norman James Laughna, Building Superintendent, P.W.D.
Thomas Edward Lamin, Supt. Of Education.
Mrs Iris Finlayson, House Parent, Education Dept.

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Appointments: John Brodrick, F.I.C.E., Director of Public Works.
Ronald Peter Buckett, Mechanical Superintendent, P.W.D.
Miss Bronwen Vaughan Williams, S.R.N., S.C.M., Nursing
Sister, Medical Dept.
Miss Helen Thompson, Clerk, Public Service.*
Mrs Eileen Vidal, R/T Operator, Posts & Tels.*

Promotions: John Andrew Thomas Fowler, Headmaster Darwin Boarding
School to Superintendent of Education.
Mrs Una Wallace, Clerk, Public Service to Private
Secretary, Secretariat.

* On probation for 2 years.

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS 1981

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| New Years Day | - Thursday Jan 1st |
| Good Friday | - Friday April 17th |
| Her Majesty The Queen's Birthday | - Tuesday April 21st |
| October Bank Holiday | - Monday October 5th |
| Anniversary of the Battle of the Falkland Islands | - Tuesday December 8th |
| Christmas Holidays | - Friday December 25th
Monday December 28th
Tuesday December 29th. |

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The Secretariat, Stanley, at a subscription rate of £4.00 per annum.
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GREEN PATCH NO TO RIDLEY

On Minister of State Nicholas Ridley's visit to Green Patch, about
40 people were present, made up of people from Green Patch, Johnsons
Harbour and Port Louis. All the people present voted unanimously
against all three of Ridley's proposals for the settlement of the
who-gets-the-islands dispute.

Y.P.F. GETS THE BRUSH-OFF

Vandals recently gave the main Y.P.F. fuel storage plant in Stanley
the brush off by painting out the YPF insignia on the end of their
tanks, daubing 'Keep The Falkland Islands British' slogans on the
end of Kerosene drums and painting anti-Argentine slogans elsewhere
around the plant. It was thought that some of the fuel may have been
tampered with, and none was sold for a day or two until samples were
checked, analysis proving negative. The Police are said
to be continuing their investigations into the incident but to date
there is no indication of anyone being brought to book.

GASKINS GOES

Mr Peter Gaskins, together with wife and family, departed the Colony
on Saturday December 20th. Mr Gaskins had finished his appointment as
Headmaster of the Stanley Infant/Junior School.

COUNCILLOR MONK ON THE RIDLEY PROPOSALS
Continued from Page 9.

Slanted advice. Hammered in by the Minister, the Governor, his assistant, and many others. Threats of dire happenings if we don't agree to give away our most important asset.

I THINK THE WHOLE CAMPAIGN STINKS; including the tour of ex-Councillor Evans to the West when they were having a by-election.

I am worried, very worried that a lot of people who I have known for many years as strong defenders of our British sovereignty status are now wavering. I have detected a distinct change in attitude on the part of some people, which one would never have imagined before this devilish attack upon us was made. I am afraid some people have been swayed by the spurious, spurious arguments, and the threats, and even by the 'Hail fellow, well met, trust me' attitude, adopted by some of our persuaders.

Don't be misled.

Don't be worried about the consequences of saying 'We are British.' Our country will remain British.

You may have the opposition of FCO and some Ministers, but you have enormous support in Parliament; that was demonstrated recently when Mr Ridley got a very rough time in Parliament from many MP's. The Cabinet would never get a Bill through Parliament to cede our sovereignty without your permission. Don't give that permission. Who would want to live in a country rented from Argentina? I certainly don't anyway.

We should tell Ridley and Co. : "We don't trust you," we should say to the British Government : "We are British, our country is British; we expect you to shoulder your responsibilities and keep it that way!" At the same time, I think we should say that we are not opposed to commercial agreements which are mutually beneficial, and which don't in any way infringe on our sovereignty position. I do think everyone should be careful not to get into a position where anything to do with Argentina is bad - and must be avoided. It is an unfortunate fact of life that countries - especially small ones like this - must have commercial and serious links with their neighbours if they are to survive.

Please don't stick your heads in the sand; be reasonable, but be firm, and unyielding if your sovereignty position is threatened.

Since I am the member for East Falklands, and these are my views, then it is obvious that if the majority of my constituents disagree with my stand for British sovereignty then I must resign. Thankyou.

Councillor Monk's speech was broadcast on the evening of January 1st and repeated on January 2nd 1981.

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THE MINTO MURDER: CUT-THROAT CAPERS CAUSE CONCERN.

The recent death of Mrs Gladys Minto, and the subsequent charge of Murder made on Gladys's husband Len, caused concern among most people in Stanley who seemed to be asking the question 'What the hell is going to happen next?'. 1980 produced 2 Murders. One almost callously dismissed by Circuit Judge Watkin 'Wipe The Slate' Williams, and the other coming at a time when the Police Force is pathetically understrength.

Events leading up to the black day of December 11th which caused 14 years-old Graham Minto to run to 12 Brandon Road, the home of Mrs Susy Packer and Mrs Claudette Mosley, and lodge an emergency call which summoned authorities to the scene of the grisly crime, are suspect.

Mrs Susy Packer told the TIMES that Gladys had been told by the Police to go to Claudette's house and stay there when Minto became violent. Apparently, Minto had got the sack from Goose Green, came into town and was threatening his wife. Mrs Packer said that while at hers and Claudette's house, Gladys and son Graham filled out Police statements indicating Minto's behaviour towards them.

Why wasn't Minto locked up beforehand? The Police know what he is like! We have to wait until Minto is declared medically fit to stand trial - an event which most people will eagerly await; to see Justice this time???

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MONK & WALLACE TO TALK

Councillor's Adrian Monk and S.B. Wallace will be representing the Falklands at the coming round of talks between the Governments of Argentina and Britain scheduled for February 23rd in New York.

HUNT BOWS OUT

Falklands Governor, Mr Rex Hunt, will not now be in attendance at the South American Heads of Missions Meeting in Buenos Aires, Argentina, as had been announced.

H.E. had planned to leave the Colony for this meeting on Feb 11th, and a reason given for his non-attendance is due to the round of talks planned for February 23rd.

ILLEGAL POST OFFICE

The Argentines, who have been occupying the Falkland Islands Dependency of Southern Thule, one of a group of islands in the South Sandwich Islands, have opened a Post Office called 'Base Corbeta Uruguay' and, according to reports in the F.I. Philatelic Study Group's 'Hpland Goose' journal, have now advertised for philatelic mail to be sent there for servicing.

CARRY ON CURVING!

The length of the Stanley/Darwin Road, currently under construction, stood at just over 11 kilometres on the afternoon of February 13th.

POGORIA

A sight to brighten the grey waters of Stanley harbour recently was the Polish barquentine 'Pogoria' which entered Stanley Harbour at around 9.30am on Thursday February 12th.

TRANCEIVERS

A.E.L. tranceivers for the Posts & Telecommunications Department have now arrived in Stanley, and after checking by P & T Technicians, will be installed on islands and in settlements where required.

MARINE ADDIS - STILL A MYSTERY

The inquest into the mysterious disappearance of Royal Marine Alan Addis, adjourned twice by the Coroner, was concluded recently with an 'Open Verdict' judgement.

Marine Addis disappeared from the North Arm, East Falklands, area on August 8th 1980, after leaving the North Arm Social Club at 1.30am.

No corpse was found after long, extensive and widespread searching, and it is assumed that he either fell into the water from North Arm jetty upon attempting to board M.V. Forrest, or that he wandered into the surrounding Camp and perished.

AND WALLY MAKES THREE

Mr Wally Hirtle, for many years the Income Tax Officer and Editor of the Falkland Islands Monthly Review, has been appointed Clerk within the Customs & Harbour Department, bringing the department's strength up to three, the other two members being Mr Les Halliday, Customs Officer and Harbour Master, and Mr Robert King, Assistant Customs Officer.

Wally is expected to start his new job (he is currently with the FIC) in March.

MAGENTA MIKE

Senior Technician at the Broadcasting Studios, Mr Mike Peake, is also an enthusiastic 'experimentalist' with TV in his spare time.

Mike said recently that he has managed to broadcast colour TV with sound across his front room! Mike will be working on increasing this range.

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FROM: Mr Basil Meierhoffer, New Zealand.

DATE: 30-12-80.

First published in The Free-Thinker, Stanley, January 1981.

Dear Sir;

The Circular referred to on Page 16, December Issue (Falkland Islands Times) to "Dear Householder" is quite a laugh to some of us Falkland Islanders now residing in New Zealand. Years of experience makes us well aware of the reasons for the shortage of manpower in the Falklands, as they in the Secretariat should also be.

To hold some of the positions within those walls in my day, one had to be born anywhere but the Falklands, or have at least some of the qualities of a 'Yes Man'. Over the past 30 years many of the able-bodied men and women have left the Islands because of wages and working conditions. The Circular refers to people in London suggesting that young people from ordinary family backgrounds might be attracted to the Islands. I wonder what qualities one has to have to be the judge of what an ordinary family background is? In my day it wasn't a person who could wangle a visit to Government House or who had friends who drank Gin and Tonic at the Colony Club.

I wish the people who are going to carefully check and screen all the applicants the best of luck, but would suggest that they give some serious consideration to keeping those able-bodied people still living in the Islands happy, and so save the trouble and expense, of importing the unknown.

34 Ranginui Street, Ngongotaha, Rotorua, New Zealand.

ED: As the above was printed in the Free-Thinker, a quick reply was received from Stanley as follows:-

Dear Sir;

I would be grateful if you would publish this letter in the TIMES in reply to the writer of a letter which has just appeared in The Free Thinker, published in Stanley this week.

I refer to Mr Basil Meierhoffer, a Falkland Islander now residing in New Zealand, whose information seems to me to require bringing up to date, and whose letter is said to be going to appear in the next issue of the Times, so I presume he reads it.

Mr Meierhoffer should be informed that in our air service, both our present pilots are Falkland Islanders, as was the late Ian Campbell. The present Head of Civil Aviation is also a Falkland Islander. In the Secretariat including the Treasury, with the sole exception of the Chief Secretary, all Senior Staff are Falkland Islanders.

The officer in charge of the road-making gang who are building the road to Darwin, is a Falkland Islander also, as are the Surveyors. One of the two pilots I mentioned above, whose mother is a Falkland Islander, was actually born in England but returned here as a baby and grew up here and received his education in the Stanley School, and so is regarded as a Falkland Islander.

Cable & Wireless, who operate all our tele-communication services, have a virtually total Falkland Islands born and educated staff, except the senior officer in charge who has lived here many years and whose wife is a Falkland Islander.

It would appear to me that those Falkland Islanders which Mr Meierhoffer quotes as now residing in New Zealand had possibly been unfortunate in their early lives here; but their departure would not seem to have done the Colony any lasting harm, as the Falkland Islanders with brains stayed behind and have made the quite considerable progress I have listed above.

Yours faithfully,

SYDNEY MILLER 20-1-81

Ed: Any response from Islander's in New Zealand?

CORRECTION : Page 4 Re Charter Boat: The month should read 'January' as opposed to 'July'.

Re Colin Smith: This should in fact be Colin Davies.
(The Vodka bottle has now been removed from the proof-reader's jacket)!!

Falkland Islands Journal 1980

For those interested in the historical aspects of the Falkland Islands, it is a treat to read the Falkland Islands Journal. The latest, 1980 issue, is excellent and includes the following features:-

Admiral Grey's Diary, The History of the Falkland Islands Company, South Georgia, William Lamond Allardyce, The American Sealers in the Mid-Nineteenth Century, Early Settlement Of The Falkland Islands and Visit of Passengers of 'Great Britain' 1854.

There are also a number of photographs.

Copies of the Journal (for overseas reader's info) can be obtained from Mr F.G.Mitchell, The Falkland Islands Company Ltd; 94A Whitechapel High Street, London E1 7QY. Costs including postage:-

UK	1st Class £1.50	2nd Class £1.45
Europe	£1.55	
Zone A (Middle East)	£1.80	Air £1.55 Surface
Zone B	£1.95	Air £1.55 Surface
Zone C (Far East)	£2.05	Air £1.55 Surface

Persons paying other than UK currency should add the equivalent to £1 extra to meet banking/exchange charges per cheque.

The Journal is available in the Falklands, selling at £1.30.

(Postage details from the Upland Goose Magazine).

Argentine Post Office on Southern Thule

The illegal Argentine settlement on Southern Thule, a group in the Falkland Islands Dependency of the South Sandwich Islands, has been advertising for philatelic mail to be sent there for servicing, a Post Office having been opened there called 'Base Corbeta Uruguay'.

(Taken from the Upland Goose Magazine - December 1980)

F.I.R.A.D.A Faces Financial Difficulties

The Falkland Islands Research and Development Association, which is financed by the voluntary subscriptions of corporate members and individuals is, at present, facing a serious deficit in income. This has come about chiefly because two of the large corporate subscribers are no longer able to contribute: Alginates Ltd, which was taken over by an American pharmaceutical company, and David Smith & Co., wool merchants of Bradford, who are themselves facing severe economic restraint at the present recessionary time. The shortfall is in the region of £10,000 for the current year.

(Taken from the Upland Goose Magazine - December 1980)

Brooks Brothers Clothing

When speaking to Mrs Millie Anderson from the Camber in the Speedwell Store the other day, she kindly lent the TIMES a clipping from a paper sent to her by a friend in Illinois, U.S.A. It reads:-
Famous Falkland Islands wool, in our "Own Make" tweed sports coats. The Falklands, off the tip of South America but populated by Britishers, have a celebrated product - fine wool, very white and free from burr, known around the world for its unique soft, resilient qualities. This excellent wool is shipped to Scotland where it is woven for Brooks Brothers, and we then make the sports coats here in our own workrooms. These are superlative jackets, in plaid and tickweave of heathery shades, and herringbones in blue/brown stripes. \$255.

Auditors

A team of Auditors have been working hard recently, their job being the auditing of Government accounts in the periods 1978/9 and 1979/80.

GENERAL NEWS

January Weather

Average Temperature - 9.4 degs C
Highest Temperature - 20.8 degs C
Lowest Temperature - 0.5 degs C
Total Rainfall - 77.3mm
Average Daily Sun - 6.26 hours
Average Wind Speed - 17.0 knots
Highest Gust - 50 knots
Gale Force Wind - 9 hours
Wind of 10 knots or less - 165 hours
Ground Frost - 1 occasion.

Hospital Bazaar

A fund-raiser in the form of a Bazaar was held in the King Edward Memorial Hospital, Stanley, on January 31st with a total of £655 being raised for the Patients & Staff Comfort Fund.

Policeman

Mr Valdemar (Val) Berntsen has been appointed Police Constable in the Falkland Islands Police Force.

Charter Boat

The MV 'AES' left Stanley en-route to Gravesend on July 27th taking a full load of wool and general cargo. Bales of Wool: 2,937; General Cargo: 36 shipping tons.

Bahia

The Argentine passenger-cum-freight ship, the Bahia Buen Suceso, came to Stanley on Jan 30th for another visit. The ship carried 70 tourists.

Correspondence

"I plan to visit Stanley, as a tourist, this coming July and am interested in corresponding with an Islander for the purposes of mutual friendship and swapping information etc. I am a white male aged 45 and single. JOHN SISWICK, 39-A BROOKWOOD, ROCKY HILL, CONNECTICUT 06067, U.S.A.

The Falkland Islands Times is read WORLDWIDE. Make your views known, write today!

Forthcoming Stamp Issues

Maps & Charts - 25th May*
Duke of Edinburgh's Award - Sep 14
Shellfish - Dec 7th*
*Designed by Mr Ian Strange.

Biscoe Not Returning

The Royal Research Ship JOHN BISCOE, will not now be returning South to complete her part in the relief of the British Antarctic Survey's bases.

The Biscoe had suffered a setback when a blade from its propeller had fallen off earlier this year, resulting in the Biscoe having to be towed to dry dock facilities in Montevideo, Uruguay, by HMS Endurance, the Biscoe docking in Montevideo on Jan 9th.

Subsequent tests showed that the cause of the propeller problem was vibration and metal fatigue and cracks in the root area of the remaining blades were in evidence.

The ship carried two spare blades which were fitted and thought secure enough for enabling her to return to Britain. She left Montevideo on Jan 25th, and should arrive in England around 26th Feb/3rd March.

St.Helena Immigrants?

A report by a Government mouthpiece recently stated that a draft plan outlining a pilot scheme for the induction of families from St.Helena to the Falkland Islands, has been sent to the St.Helena Government.

The Falkland Islands Government have, for some time, been exploring the feasibility of inviting up to 4 families from St.Helena, with the hope of employing the male members as Tradesmen with the wives acting in a Clerical capacity within Government.

The Government report stressed the fact that this was only a pilot scheme.

Burning Question!

The Grasslands Trials Unit, in the process of conducting a 'controlled burn' in the Camber Ridge area of Stanley, found out that the wind was stronger than at first imagined when their fire went out of control.

The fire spread but was swiftly brought under control thanks to the Marines, and was not as serious as was thought.

DON'T MISS FEBRUARY'S EDITION OF THE 'FREE-THINKER' priced at 8p. Also on sale towards the end of Feb/early March: The Falkland Islands Broadsheet. Priced at 2p, this single page bulletin is just right for popping into letters abroad. LISTEN FOR RADIO ADVERTS.

A Letter to Councillor Adrian Monk of San Carlos farm which Mr Monk passed on for publication. Part of the following letter has been published in The Falkland Islands Broadsheet.

Dear Adrian,

Now, why would I be writing to you after all these years! The simple fact is that I am concerned as to the outcome of this British/Argentine/Falklands problem. We all know that Nicholas Ridley strongly suggested that the sovereignty of the Islands be handed over to Argentina and the Colony then "Leased Back" to the British. Hopeless - I say. I know that such an agreement was made as regards Hong Kong, but that was in another age - an age when Britain was a supreme power and thus able to ensure that the Hong Kong agreement got off to a good start. But now we are becoming a nation of Ridleys, weak kneed and gutless.

Just suppose Argentina agreed to the Ridley 'Lease Back' proposal (and I doubt if she would) the whole agreement could be torn up by the next change of Argentine Government. What then?

It seems to me that the Falklands have become something of a problem to the British Government and perhaps an acute embarrassment. I strongly suspect that they would gladly be rid of the whole affair. But they did say that there would be no change against the wishes of the people living in the Falklands - if they adhere to that, you may have nothing to worry about in the meantime. If however, the British come right out and say that they wish to be rid of the Islands, but probably under the best possible terms - you, at least, will know where you stand.

I am to suggest to you that you might be better to "Lease Forward" instead of "Lease Back". If, and when, you ascertain that the British are anxious to be quit of the Falklands - suppose you approach the United States and offer the Colony to them on a "Lease Forward" basis? Well, maybe not as daft as may at first appear. It is a matter of common knowledge that one Bomb, albeit just a small one, dropped on the Panama Canal would put that out of action and this would result in all sea traffic going round the Horn. So the Falklands would become, quite suddenly, very important indeed. This being so, do you not agree that the U.S. would jump at the offer of a base in the Falklands. Lease Forward then, by all means. You would firstly be dealing with English speaking people - with money and know-how to develop the Islands and the off-shore oil in particular. The population of the Islands would rapidly increase. Shipping would increase. Small farms would prosper by selling produce to the increasing population. Altogether the future would change for the better - and very much so.

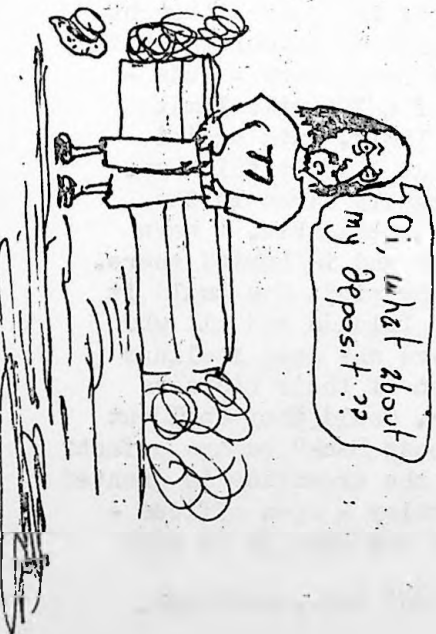
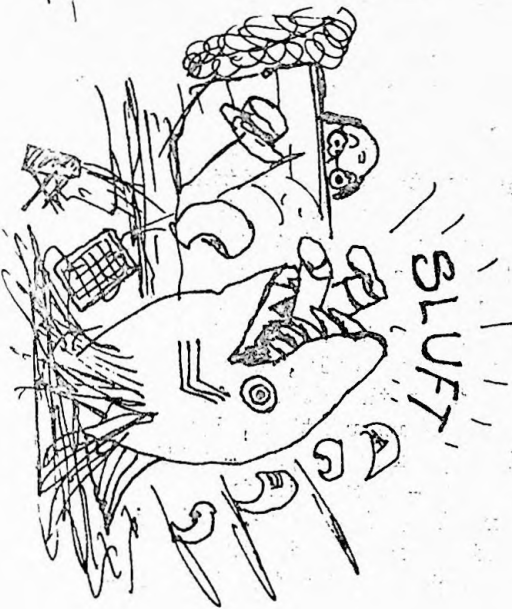
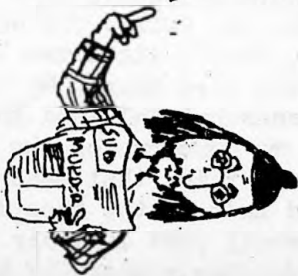
I believe that the U.S. are basically against the Colonial System, but they could be offered the Falklands as an Overseas Base - quite different. (Come to think of it, I believe the Americans occupied the Falklands for a short period, as did the Spanish). Anyway Adrian, it is worth a thought.

I understand that Mitchell in London Office tends to favour the Ridley proposal, Syd Miller likewise. They talk of a 99 year Lease Back - Nuts - I doubt whether it would last 99 months. They talk of a 200 mile limit around the F.I.Coast - but who is to enforce such a limit. Nuts again! Or, and this is perhaps possible, have I got it wrong? I don't think so.

I worked for the old F.I.C. for 42 years. I actually lived in the Colony for 34 years. That I liked the Islands is understandable. I have five children who were born there. My first wife died and is buried there. Not a single day passes but Falkland thoughts cross my mind. How could it be otherwise. Hence my concern for the future of the Islands and all who live therein. I do not think that Messrs. Coalite have any deep feelings about the Colony and indeed, the sheepfarming section of their business plays a very, very small part in their deliberations. Could they sell out completely to an Argentine concern if the Ridley "Lease Back" became a fact? If not, why not! There is clearly a danger here. If the Argentine is granted sovereignty will they be able to build houses in Stanley - open offices - Clubs for their staff - Stores - Warehouses - and if not -who is to stop them? Who is to ensure that they pack up and go?

TOM GILRUTH - 74 NOLT L JAN ROAD - ARBROATH - ANGUS DD11 2AB - SCOTLAND.

**NORMAN
MODE**
By Bunker



NEWS FROM JOHN AYERS

In a recent letter from ex-FIGAS pilot, Captain John Ayers, he said that the U.K. Civil Aviation Authority has given him Category 'B' status for test flying. Category 'B' is granted for experimental test flying which John says is quite different from development and production test flying.

John is currently doing a stint with Pilatus Britten-Norman, working on their new aircraft the Turbine Islander.

John also mentioned that he came across an ex FID pilot by the name of Ted Skinner, down this way in the 1963/64 season, who asked to be remembered to those in the Falklands who may recall him.

FRED ISSUES 'EM

Mr Fred Ford, the Plant & Transport Authority's Senior Mechanic, will be taking over the duties of PATA Storeman Mr Peter Biggs, whilst Peter and wife Frances take a break in the U.K.

T.V. CREWS

The world of the small screen has been apparent in the Falklands of late with a variety of camera-toting and mike-shuffling bods doing their stuff.

A team from BBC TV's Pebble Mill At One programme have been doing some filming as have members of Anglia TV who were filming for a documentary series. A BBC team is expected to arrive in May this year to film sequences as part of a programme which will be delving into the history of British involvement with Argentina, concentrating on the influx of colonists to Patagonia.

At the meeting of Executive and Legislative Councils on Tuesday February 10th, Anglia TV filmed the opening proceedings.

MINTO + MINTO

Recent arrival in the Colony has been Dr Alfred Minto who is a psychiatrist. Minto will be determining the mental state of Len Minto who is accused of murdering his wife Gladys in December 1980.

The preliminary hearing into the Minto Ripper Case began on January 15th. A 'no publicity' ban was put on the Press and Broadcasting media by the Senior Magistrate, which was thought to be a strange gesture.

Despite the so-called ban, several members of the public attendant at the preliminary inquiry, told the TIMES that the proceedings were, in a sense, a 'mini-Mikado' and other things. One person marvelled at the way in which everything is taken down in longhand, there being no stenographer at the inquiry.

Not much can be said whilst the 'ban' is on, but let's hope that Justice does not cry behind her blindfold.....this time!

HORTICULTURAL SHOW

This popular annual event for all those with green-fingers, green-fly and 'bottom end rot' (Sorry Joe!) is scheduled to take place in Stanley on March 7th.

1812 OVERTURE

First figures released from results of the Census carried out on December 7th in the Falklands shows a population at that time of 1,812 plus 43 Royal Marines.

REEL 'EM OFF..

Parish Hall Cinema boss, Joe Booth, has given details of films expected to be shown at his cinema:- Force Ten From Navarone, Outlaw-Josie Wales, Bite The Bullet, Superman, The Enforcer, The Gauntlet, Magnum Force, Silver Bears, Are You Being Served?, Battle Of The Bulge, The Final Countdown and Sweeney 2.

NO. IN YET: contrary to previous announcements in other issues, the CRUX Prize Crossword will not appear until next time, and as space is short this issue, DES PECK's poem written about the Steer Riding will not be included until March as it is 15 verses long. So to Des and Crux, sorry, but March isn't too far away.

NEWSPAPER CLIPPINGS

From: The Daily Express, Jan 27th 1981:

TO THE ISLES OF LOVE

The lure of a romantic new life in the Falkland Islands, 7,000 miles away in the South Atlantic, is attracting a flood of applicants. A settlers scheme announced three weeks ago has already attracted 300 applicants. "Any girl who goes there would be almost certain to find a husband," said a Falkland Islands Office spokesman.

From: The Daily Express, Jan 28th 1981:

OFF TO ISLES OF LOVE

The rush to start a new life in the Falklands, 7,000 miles away in the South Atlantic, turned into a stampede yesterday after the Daily Express report of a scheme to boost the islands' 1,830 population. Lure for women is that men outnumber them two to one, while for men there are hopes of an off-shore oil boom.

FROM COLIN SMITH

I have had three replies from the last article in the TIMES and I shall indeed start working on the information received. Perhaps you could note in the TIMES I am grateful to those three who bothered to write, and say it is a pity more did not do so. The more response, the more pressure that can be asserted, and names will not be put into print, only the facts that are related to me.

I have this to say to all the Islanders. You are being conned, you do not have to take one of the three of the main proposals put to you, that is a very crafty move to force you to believe you must take one of them, thus the lease-back appearing the better of the three. Rubbish. You can refuse the lot, stay as you are and insist on the following:

- 1) You have a basic right to have supply come via flights from Uruguay instead of B.A. I can assure you that it could be easily arranged. Shipping connection could be just as easily arranged to Uruguay, as it used to be. Now we will hear certain quarters yelling about the cost and how impossible it all is. I am aware it would cost a little more, but not excessive, and surely a few shillings more is better than losing your birthright.
- 2) You do not need the lease-back to impose a fishing limit, you have that basic right already, as did Iceland, who won her case in the International Court, your right is no different.
- 3) Oil exploration/contracts could be issued by the Islands, who would then have the backing of the big oil tycoons/business interests, and these people have a lot of backing and influence.
- 4) You have a basic right to be protected by Britain if a fishery limit is imposed.

Under the new immigration bill you are being removed from automatic right of entry, slowly but surely, and as you are aware, under this new bill you could be excluded, because you now own Colony passports, not British ones.
COLIN DAVIES - 5 YORK ROAD - ILFORD - ESSEX - ENGLAND.

N.B. Colin wrote much more than this, and his full article will appear in the forthcoming issue of 'THE FREE-THINKER' Out soon.

Electronic Stencils: Rectory Row Press, London. THE TIMES
Mailing/Subscriptions: Elizabeth Goss, Kent Road, Stanley. THE GREATEST

TAIL END POSER:

R.C. BUST THE BOSSES CHAIR!!

STIFF Records

LONDON "A pleasure to get a dose of STIFFyllis"

This page: Reviews by: Len McGill ALBUMS

Madness "Absolutely" SEEZ 29
Music that will make you stop and listen, because you will never have heard anything like it in your life. Clarify it? What? Never; it's a new strain and I think we will definitely hear more from this group, as with "Baggy Trousers" in the charts there's got to be more "Madness"!

Plasmatics "New Hope for The Wretched" SEEZ 24
Ummmm? Should have been called 'No hope for the Wretched!' As vocalist Wendy O. Williams 'plays' a machine gun amongst other things, why doesn't she do us all a favour and use live ammo and point the gun backwards?

The Rumour "Purity Of Essence" SEEZ 27
Music which runs from Rock through to almost C & W. The songs have stories to tell of life around us. Easy, relaxed listening. I'd pick out "I don't want the night to end" and "Writing On The Water". Altogether a good album.

Dirty Looks "Dirty Looks" SEEZ 22
Good listening with a flavour of Rock & Roll cleverly disguised (forgive me). Vocals are good with talent behind them. These artistes enjoy making their music and can pass on that enjoyment through their uncomplicated compositions.

Graham Parker & The Rumour "The Up Escalator" SEEZ 23
This record has rhythm and meaning - a different side of The Rumour comes to light. Music worth listening to, especially "Endless Night" and "Devils Side-Walk".

Keep up the good work STIFF! One failure out of five albums is good in my reckoning. Len McGill

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Following Reviews by Dave The Rave

Tour Sampler: "The Son of Stiff Tour 1980" SON 1

Containing 5 tracks, this gives (or I should say 'gave') an insight to the acts appearing on the above mentioned tour. The tracks are:

- Betty's World - Joe 'King' Carrasco & The Crowns
- Turning Up The Heat - Any Trouble
- Georgie - The Equators
- There are The Boys - Tenpole Tudor
- Drop That Tan - Dirty Looks

The best 2 tracks are Tenpole Tudor's "There are the boys" and "Drop That Tan" by Staten Island, New York group, Dirty Looks. Their track also appears on their album: "Dirty Looks". It could be argued that Tenpole Tudor's track is a rip-off "Not Fade Away" by The Stones, but Tenpole Tudor is a damn good band.

ALBUMS

JOE 'KING' CARRASCO & THE CROWNS

SEEZ 28

Anybody going along to one of Myriam Booth's Town Hall hops may have heard a catchy little tune called "Buena" coming through the speakers. This is tagged as "Tex-Mex" rock 'n roll as performed by aristocratic "Have you ever had a Mexican gal?" Joe 'King' Carrasco & The Crowns. A basic band, utilising plenty of keyboard based rhythm, they manage to turn out some good 'ol ole toons. Buena is included as the first cut on this album and other star tracks are: "Nervoused Out" "Federales" and "Wild 14".

IAN DURY & THE BLOCKHEADS "Laughter" SEEZ 30

Good. Good. Goodier. At last Ian & Co have stepped from the "I Wanna Be straight" and narrow to the crooked and wide with a good album. Aply assisted by Blockheads Davey Payne, John Turnbull, Charlie Charles, Norman Watt Roy, Mickey Gallagher, Wilko Johnson et al, the Dury Dimbo knocks out some Blockhead Bombshells, particularly "Hey Hey Take Me Away" complete with soiled duckboards. The songs - or rather words to the songs - on side 2 are said to have been written by Duresc. I always thought he had written "Johnny B. Goode"!! Profits from this album go towards an intensive course of Plastic Surgery for the Blockheads, so if you SEEZ it BUY it!

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T H E I D L E G O S S I P C O L U M N

Kids, pay attention! When you want a request played on Children's Corner, do not ask for "Coward of the County" or "Blanket on the Ground" as these are dirty songs and have been banned from Children's Corner by the Falkland Islands Broadcasting Station. Kenny Roger's sings about a poor lady that gets gang-banged by freakers from the downtown Abilene YMCA and Billie Jo Spears tells you all how to get rid of the diddle-dee pains in your back by spreading a blanket on the ground. Other songs soon to come under the axe are Sailor's 'One Drink Too Many' to discourage kids from taking a hip-flask to games lessons, Johnny Cash's 'Walk The Line' to stop kids when in the UK on holiday walking on the main London-Rugby Inter-City line, Dawn's "Tie a Yellow Ribbon" to prevent kids breaking down in tears after spending six months searching for an oak tree. "Whats another year" is being adopted as the FIBS signature tune to stop folk from wondering when the old-fashioned outlook of the station is going to change.....perhaps a team from Capital could come out and give the powers that be a real lesson.

Sorry to those folk who have been sending snippets for inclusion in the Column....they were a bit too strong to print, but in answer to one question someone asked: Yes, Alan Mason was a Freemason; how else did he get an MBE? Certainly not for using Rhodesian style cattle-grids on the Stanley/Darwin Road, like Rhodesia - or Zimbabwe if you prefer - they're falling to pieces as well.

San Carlos has not turned into a fur factory. This rumour came about after a mistype in the 'F.I.Broadsheet' which gave Councillor Adrian's name as 'Mink' instead of Monk, but let's hope that Adrian makes the Argy's fur rise in the upcoming talks, too much has been given away by being nice. And talking about Argy's, how enjoyable it is to tune in to the 'Clitheroe Kid' and hear some 'over-dubbing' in Spanish: "Look out Jimmy, old Whittle is (Planeio comeo at one o clockio) don't be daft Alfie, Susan can't see (Two sackios of mailo onlyo). You have been trying to listen to the Clitheroe kid."

Heard recently that an Argentine tourist went up to some persons house and told him to take down the Union Jack fluttering in his garden. It's good fun to direct them to the Moody Brook Barracks instead of the Post Office..serves 'em right, they think they own the place. Ever tried walking in the middle of a road in Buenos Aires? I know someone who did and she's still trying to scrub the Good Year tread marks offher back!

Following in the footsteps of Phantom Russ Hooper was Cap'n Steward who disappeared sharpish when the Islander was pranged yet again. Most folk thought he was here for three months or so..so did he!

Battle Day on February 9th? What a load of old cobblers! Anything goes when you're anxious to fawn and grovel. Christmas Club payments will be refunded on July 31st in readiness for Christmas Day which is now appearing on August 1st. Some members of the administration have been approached to star in the Kelp Muppet Show which will be screened at the monument whilst Oh! Calcutta will be acted at South Georgia, with Shackleton's grave as background scehery

One enterprising film crew made a documentary on the pubs at Glory Hour time and it goes out under the title 'Bottle Day'!

And the final snippet this week comes from Captain John Ayers who was informed by Loganair that Andy Alsop was offered an alternative, resign or be sacked as he had been found out by Loganair and the CAA to have been falsifying pilot's duty hours and flying time, also ordering his group to operate aircraft outside the Company's Operation Manual Limits and Requirements. So ends the folk hero myth.

Until the next time.....

OBITUARY - MR ERNIE FUHLENDORFF

GOVERNMENT learned with regret of the death in England on 16 January of Mr Ernie Fuhendorff.

The late Mr Fuhendorff retired on pension from Government Service as Senior Technician and Broadcasting Officer in the Posts & Tels Department in March 1978.

Electrician

HE JOINED the Electrical Department - along with the late Charlie Rieve - in 1934 as an Apprentice Electrician, and was appointed Junior Electrician in 1940. Later, he was appointed Electrician, which post was afterwards re-designated Technician, and included the duties of Broadcasting Engineer; on one occasion, in 1969, Ernie assumed the administrative responsibilities of the Broadcasting, Telephone Exchange and R/T Departments. Ernie was promoted to Senior Technician and Broadcasting Officer in March 1973 after Charlie Rieve had retired.

Rifle interest

A RETIRED member of the Falkland Islands Defence Force, he always maintained a keen interest in rifle shooting, both in the Colony and at Sisley.

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GAZETTE ITEMS - No.13 Dec '80

Appointment

Derek Stanley Evans, Teacher,
Education Department.

Promotion

Albert Charles Jones, Filtration
Plant Operator PWD to Senior
Filtration Plant Operator PWD.

Completion of Contract

Mrs Catherine Annie Rowlands,
R/T Operator, Posts & Tels Dept.

DECEMBER WEATHER

Average Temp: 8.4 degrees C
Highest Temp: 18.1 " " C
Lowest Temp: 1.0 " " C
Total Rain : 68.5mm - 2.70"
Daily Sun ; 6.54 hours
Av.Windspeed: 15.5 knots
Highest Gust: 53 knots
Ground Frost: 7 occasions.
Summary: Warmer, wetter but less
sunny than usual.

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THE "FREE-THINKER"

Out Goes The Falklands?
Peter Pan's Playschool and
more. 8p. WAIT FOR IT!!

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PENGUIN CHRISTMAS

The Anglia TV 'Survival' film made by Cindy Buxton concerning Falklands Wildlife, was shown on the ITV network in Britain on Boxing Day.

The documentary 'Penguin Christmas' arrived in the Colony on January 17th where it was first shown before an audience of invited guests; the Press not being invited.

The film was given to the Falkland Islands Government as a gift.

Video tapes of the documentary had already been seen some weeks previously by some people with 'contacts' in the U.K.



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SHIP ALERT

On Friday 6th March, FIGAS pilot Captain Eddie Anderson Junior, flying a Beaver floatplane, spotted what appeared to be an Argentine trawler lying at anchor in French Harbour, Weddell Island, West Falkland.

Eddie made several low passes over the ship but this action got no response from the crew. The matter was reported to the authorities and The Governor formally ordered HMS Endurance to go to the area and investigate, while Weddell Island manager, Mr Bob Ferguson, travelled across Weddell to observe and report on the ship.

HMS Endurance arrived in the area on 7th March around 0500hrs and established contact with the ship. The ship turned out to be the YEHUIN, a seismic research vessel registered in Buenos Aires. Captain of the Endurance, Nicholas Barker, RN, quickly established the ships bonafides, and a Chief Petty Officer who could speak Spanish was winched to the YEHUIN from one of Endurance's helicopters. There were 4 crew and one dog on board the ship and the master of the YEHUIN said that he had sought shelter from the various storms raging at the time.

Captain Barker, acting under international law, and through the Governor, gave permission for the ship to remain at anchor in French Harbour's relevant calm on condition that no men, stores or equipment were to be landed, and that the YEHUIN should sail at the earliest moment possible; the ship eventually sailed when the rough weather abated. From notes written by Major Gilding, OC Royal Marines NP8901.

CROWN PRINCE

Arrangements are in hand for the Falkland Islands to release a coin commemorating the upcoming marriage of Prince Charles and Lady Diana Spencer.

CHEERS:ROY & JEANNIE

Mr & Mrs Tim Dobbys of Bluff Cove Farm recently announced their youngest daughter's (Jeannie) engagement to Mr Roy Felton of Stanley.

ROY COVE COMMITTEE

The committee set up to look into the setting up of Roy Cove farm (West Falkland) into segments akin to the splitting of Green Patch, met on Thursday March 12th. The Committee are: Mr Harold Bennett (Chairman); Mr.W.Goss, Mr R.Lee, Mr W.Luxton and Mr H.Rowlands.

NO NO NEGRETE

Still no news has been heard of Mr Negrete who is supposed to come to the Falklands to pick up some ex-PATA plant he has purchased. It is thought he has run into a spot of bother with Argentine authorities.

MINTO TO APPEAL

The Falkland Islands own 'Jack The Ripper', Mr Len Minto, was recently convicted of murdering his wife Gladys Elizabeth Minto in December 1980, and given a life sentence by Circuit Judge Sir Peter Watkin-Williams. Minto is to lodge an appeal. SEE INSIDE.

RUGBY ROUBLE RAISER

Figures just released show that the charity Rugby Match held in January by the Royal Marines who played the Stanley 'Ladies', raised the sum of £118.50p by sponsorship. The cash will be divided between two charities.

Inside this issue:

The Ideal Gusset Column, Ridley's Rubbish, Argy's get knotted, How to be a Council candidate and lots moreeeeeee.....

THE CHOICE IS YOURS, BUT THE WISE CHOICE IS

LANDROVER SPECIALISTS

Page Two

DEFENCE FORCE RIFLE ASSOCIATION
Bisley Competitions - 1981

| | | <u>POINTS</u> |
|---|-------------------------|----------------|
| <u>Bishops Trophy</u> | 1st D.Hansen | 64 |
| | 2nd K.C.Summers | 63 |
| | 3rd I.Jones | 58 |
| <u>1st Stage Championship
The Douthwaite Trophy</u> | 1st H.Ford | 93 |
| | 2nd S.Smith | 90 |
| | 3rd T.Pettersson | 90 |
| <u>Open 500 & 600 Yards</u> | 1st D.Pettersson | 91 |
| | 2nd I.Jones | 89 |
| | 3rd H.Ford | 88 |
| <u>2nd Stage Championship
F.I.CO.LTD., Centenary
Challenge Trophy</u> | 1st T.Pettersson | 136 |
| | 2nd S.Smith | 131 |
| | 3rd K.C.Summers | 130 |
| <u>F.I.CO.LTD., Handicap</u> | 1st T.Pettersson | 93 |
| | 2nd G.Cheek | 92.5 |
| | 3rd S.Smith | 92 |
| <u>Grand Aggregate
Hamilton Challenge Trophy</u> | 1st T.Pettersson | 328 |
| | 2nd S.Smith | 326 |
| | 3rd H.Ford | 325 |
| <u>Junior Grand Aggregate</u> | 1st H.Ford | 269 |
| | 2nd G.Cheek | 264 |
| | 3rd D.Pettersson | 264 |
| <u>Consolation Handicap</u> | 1st P.King | 132.6 |
| | 2nd F.Ford | 127.2 |
| | 3rd T.Dobbys | 126.8 |
| <u>Banner Memorial Team Trophy</u> | 1st TEAM | |
| | S.Smith (Capt.) | 85 |
| | B.Summers | 89 |
| | Mrs B.Rozee | 78 |
| | | <u>252 pts</u> |
| | 2nd TEAM | |
| | G.Cheek (Capt.) | 85 |
| | Mrs S.Whitney | 84 |
| | T.Dobbys | 78 |
| | | <u>247 pts</u> |
| | 3rd TEAM | |
| | T.Pettersson (Capt.) | 89 |
| | E.Williams | 77 |
| | Mrs B.Ford | 80 |
| | | <u>246 pts</u> |
| <u>Consortium Cup</u> | 1st P.King | 127.8 pts |
| | 2nd Miss T.D.Pettersson | 125.4 " |
| | 3rd T.Dobbys | 125.2 " |

Final Stage Championship

1st: S.SMITH (131) 253 Points
 2nd: K.C.SUMMERS (130) 251 Points
 3rd: D.PETTERSSON (127) 248 Points

Nineteen Members competed and all competitions were closely contested, with no 'run-away' winner emerging in the early stages. The weather was fair with showers developing on the final day. The light was good although this varied for short periods. All in all, the three days were enjoyed by those who took part, both in the mounds and in the butts, where four hard-working markers did an excellent job in trying to keep things running smoothly; to all, thankyou - STAN SMITH, HON.SEC, RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

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IMPORTANT NOTICE

After a few discussions on suggestions by readers of 'The Free Thinker' and 'Falkland Islands Broadsheet', it has been decided to drop these two extra Colony-only publications and pump out the TIMES more often. This will mean that in some instances there will not be enough material to fill up a normal sized edition, so a 2, 3 or four pager will be put out whatever the case may be.

To save playing around with costs, each future edition of the TIMES will be charged for at the rate of 3p per page which is considered a fair and honest charge, taking into consideration the cost of paper and ink etc.

So, in a nutshell, the TIMES will be poked out more often, after the main April 1981 issue, and current subscribers with money on the books will have their accounts deducted from the 12 issue basis and re-entered on a PAYR (Pay As You Read) basis.

This means that the cost of the TIMES based on 3p per page will be deducted as will postage and 2p envelope charge until subscribers cash is used up. Okay?

HOW TO BECOME A COUNCIL CANDIDATE

With the General Elections for Legislative Council coming up later in the year, there could probably be some new candidates willing to 'have a go'. But, how do you go about 'Standing For Election'? :

1. A prospective candidate for election to the Legislative Council must be over 21 years of age and must be resident in the constituency he wishes to represent. Further, his name must appear on the voters' roll.
2. To be eligible for inclusion on the roll a person must be a British Subject over 18 years of age and not be subject to any legal incapacity to vote, and must have been ordinarily resident in the Colony for the year before qualifying date if born in the Colony, or for three years if born outside the Colony.
3. It is more than likely that a new voters' roll will be prepared this year and that qualifying day will be 15th July.
4. Certain persons are disqualified for from standing for election to Council, these include undischarged bankrupts, certain persons holding offices of profit under the Crown and election officers.
5. Candidates seek nomination by submitting a nomination paper to the returning officer signed by a proposer, a seconder, and seven other registered electors. A deposit of £25 must be made at the Treasury at the time of delivering the nomination paper, the sum is refundable if the candidate polls more than 1/8th of the total votes cast in the constituency.
6. Members of the Legislative Council representing Stanley receive a tax-free allowance at the rate of £250 per annum.

The Editor extends grateful thanks to Mr Rex Browning, Clerk of Councils, for the above information.

BISCOE BACK

The Royal Research Ship 'John Biscoe' docked in Southampton on Feb 24th.

RIDLEY'S RUBBISH

Everyone in the Falkland Islands knows by now of the Ridley Rubbish : The Big 3 Proposals. What was his reception like when he returned and sat in the Commons? Most people already know that he was 'shot down' by Members on both sides of the House. It was thought that the publication of some Hansard extracts might be of interest:-

Mr Nicholas Ridley:

With permission, Mr Speaker, I wish to make a statement on the Falkland Islands. We have no doubt about our sovereignty over the islands. The Argentines, however, continue to press their claim. The dispute is causing continuing uncertainty, emigration and economic stagnation in the islands. Following my exploratory talks with the Argentines in April, the Government have been considering possible ways of achieving a solution which would be acceptable to all the parties. In this the essential is that we should be guided by the wishes of the islanders themselves.

I therefore visited the islands between 22 and 29 November in order to consult island councillors and subsequently, at their express request, all islanders, on how we should proceed. Various possible bases for seeking a negotiated settlement were discussed. These included both a way of freezing the dispute for a period or exchanging the title of sovereignty against a long lease of the islands back to Her Majesty's Government.

The essential elements of any solution would be that it should preserve British administration, law and way of life for the islanders while releasing the potential of the islands' economy and of their maritime resources, at present blighted by the dispute.

It is for the islanders to advise on which, if any, option should be explored in negotiations with the Argentines. I have asked them to let me have their views in due course. Any eventual settlement would have to be endorsed by the islanders, and by this House.

Mr Peter Shore (Stepney and Poplar)

This is a worrying statement. Will the Minister confirm that involved here are the rights and future of 1,800 people of British descent in a territory which was originally uninhabited - people who, above all, wish to preserve their present relationship with the United Kingdom? Will he reaffirm that there is no question of proceeding with any proposal contrary to the wishes of the Falkland Islanders? Their wishes are surely not just "guidance" to the British Government. Surely they must be of paramount importance. Has he made that absolutely clear to the Argentine Government?

Is not the Minister aware that proposals for a leasing arrangement represent a major weakening of our long-held position on sovereignty in the Falkland Islands, and that to make them in so specific and public a manner is likely only to harden Argentine policy and to undermine the confidence of the Falkland islanders? Will he therefore make it clear that we shall uphold the rights of the islanders to continue to make a genuinely free choice about their future, that we shall not abandon them and that, in spite of all the logistical difficulties, we shall continue to support and sustain them?

Mr Ridley:

The answer to all the right hon. Gentleman's questions is "Yes". There are about 1,800 islanders. I make it clear, as I did in my statement, that we shall do nothing which was not endorsed by the islanders. I used that word as well as the word "wishes". I agree that that is the predominant consideration in this matter. I am sure that equally the right hon. Gentleman will agree that nothing that he might feel, think or do should be allowed to interfere with what the islanders themselves decide. I confirm that our long-standing commitment to their security and economic well-being remains, and I said that in the islands.

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THE IDEAL GUSSET COLUMN

It is heard that one young gentleman of diplomatic caste was a cohort of the daub-in-the-dark gang who decorated the YPF Plant some time ago. However, it has been confirmed that this young motorcycling one-hand-only-on-the-handlebars-show-off-maniac-four-eyes - Elton-John lockalike-was not involved at the painters freakout as a hunt...er... search for him found him at Stone Corral drunk under age...but that doesn't count.

The 'Battle of Britton' has been raging again with the visit of 'Electric Whiskers' to rally the ranks. Ole Catfish is said to have certain employees hopping mad, although it was a meek and mild radio interview which followed...with emphasis on pulling one's weight... even though it's supposed to make you go blind!

Ha,ha. So our well-beloved Admin Boys are going ahead with a flow of St.Helenians to boost the ever-failing population. A prime mover in this scheme is ex-Chief Secretary John Massingham (you know, the stocky chap, specs and semi-white hair) who is now The Big Cheese in St.Helena. Funny how a recent letter from Brian Frow to a Stanley resident confirmed that about 400 applications lie dormant at the F.I.Committee London Office from BRITONS wanting to come to the Falklands. Speculation still abounds as to where the Swarthy Census Swellers will be housed. One farm manager has already been asked if he could take a family but the reply was in the negative as his farm is subject to the Coalite cutbacks. One Councillor has said that this scheme was started quite a while ago and it just can't be scrapped. Billox!

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"Well...er..."
"Oh good.....are sure you won't join?" Ring!

MEMORANDUM ; Jesus H.Christ! Must make sure so and so is fixed up on next flight. Wanna get dag Argy's views. Nice people. Get rid of Mal Falklands.
Thanks memo. Have fixed on the sly. Taxpayer's cash but they'll never know. Tough if they do. Cocktails tonight?
Re note: All fixed good. Watch Honours List 1982, well done. No cocktails. Fruit expected in Dip bag.
Thanks note. Hit men sent after BBC Correspondent. Knows too much a'la guaranteed democracy. Lucky we have traitor working for us. Suggest ignore Ritchie and upgrade further?
Re your note: No. Too risky. Thank Christ Comm League all washed up. Lease-back re-appraisal required. Brief Council, I'll fix Department Heads. Thanks.

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LOCKED AWAY LEN

The trial of Leonard Minto opened in the Supreme Court, Stanley, on 19th February; a trial in which Minto was accused of murdering his wife, Gladys Elizabeth Minto, in December 1980 at Number 1 Davis Street, Stanley.

His Honour the Judge, Sir Peter Watkin Williams presided, Mr O'Brien Quinn acting for the prosecution and Mr Ray Checkley for Defence Counsel.

The Jury consisted of Mr S.Booth (Foreman), Mr L.Butler, Mr T.Carey, Mr P.Whitney, Mr J.Stewart, Mr D. Borland and Mr R.Stewart who replaced Mr Paul Ponner. The Defence raised an objection to the selection of Mr Bonner and he was replaced.

The accused pleaded Not Guilty to the charge of murder. He did, however, admit during the course of the trial that he had killed his wife, but had no knowledge of the events at the time. The Defence asked that a verdict of manslaughter be returned on the grounds of diminished responsibility.

The trial lasted about 5½ hours over two days, and ended at around 3-00 Friday afternoon. The Jury retired for just 8 minutes, and when they returned they gave a verdict that Minto was guilty of murder. The Judge, on receiving the verdict, said he had no alternative than to sentence Minto to life imprisonment, this is normally a period of 10 to 12 years.

PATRICK WATTS

'CONTACT' WANTED

"My interest in the Falkland Islands extends into stamps until 2 or 3 years ago. I had a friend in Stanley, Fred Reive, but since he died suddenly, I have had no contact with the islands.

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A book review. The Sulivans and the Slave Trade by Peter Collister.

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RAIN STOPS CLAY

Construction of the Stanley to Darwin All Weather Track has been held up of late due to inclement weather.

STORE

Mr Irwin Summers has joined Mr Fred Ford, PATA's Senior Mechanic, in looking after the PATA Store whilst Peter Biggs is on holiday.

AJAX BAY BUILDING

PWD is considering plans to bring in from Ajax Bay the Abbatoir which has been disused since the Ajax Bay freezer plant ceased commercial operation some years back.

The building is seen to be useful in supplying a large garage for the storage of heavy plant used on the Darwin Road.

RON THE CIVVY

Royal Engineer's Warrant Officer II Ron Buckett, attached to the Plant & Transport Authority as Mechanical Superintendent, will be returning to UK on March 18th to be demobbed.

When finished with the Army, Ron will sign an ODA contract and return to work with PATA around June 1981.

Ron's chair will be filled by Rudy Clarke, the Assistant Mechanical Superintendent, until he returns.

WHITE CITY BARRACKS?

It is heard that a possible site for the projected new barracks for Naval Party 8901 (Royal Marines) will be somewhere adjacent to the place known as 'White City' at the east end of Davis St., Stanley.

F.I.C. CUTBACKS

Unconfirmed reports say that Coalite/F.I.C. have issued instructions imposing staff cutbacks on company owned farms and associated operations. This move is thought to be Coalite's retaliation over Kelper's refusal to hand over to Argentina, Coalite favouring 'lease-back',

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ACROSS

1. Indicates revolution of piston (5)
4. Mostly out after fish in Argentina (6)
9. Hound arts graduate being rather prim? (7)
10. Fitted in autogiro to raise it off ground? (5)
11. He's got a nerve! (5)
12. Given the chop, agriculturally speaking (7)
13. This organisation somehow renews hopes of local businessmen (11)
18. Infernal start for perhaps an Athenian (7)
20. Show that is heard to be retrospective (5)
22. Hide piece that sounds like childish ditty (5)
23. Get benefit without effort - it follows re-alignment of German Waterway (7)
24. The place to teach Governor's son a lesson! (6)
25. Pennant on vessel (6)

DOWN

1. It's used in bathroom to clean up returning vermin (6)
2. Is little Susan the subject of a dispute? (5)
3. After piece of deception the French move hesitantly (7)
5. He's a durable type (5)
6. Do his sales possibly curb the appetite? (7)
7. I rated revised speech on the vehement side (6)
8. Odd fish for Looe! It's that activity on the sea-bed (8, 3)
14. Little Henry in front of a car! (7)
15. Sea monster with pointed head ran back to its family without a tail (7)
16. He could be derived from Thrace (5)
17. Was conscious of not having fallen off? (6)
19. He's sharp-eyed, but well below average of course (5)
21. High-flying South Americans found in George V a rigid attitude (5)

CLUE: 11 Across and 5, 6, 14, 16 and 17 down are surnames of residents in Colony.

Poem by Les Peck.

Des wrote this poem in commemoration of the 1980 Steer Riding event at the annual sports meeting in Stanley. Excluded from earlier editions of the 'TIMES' due to space reasons, here it is at last:-

Another steer riding competition took place today
Riders from Stanley and Camp, and some far away
A big crowd has gathered and standing about
When Abbie opens the gate and the first one is out
It's Tony Henderson from New Zealand
Who came to the Islands to shear
He certainly rode well today
Without any worry or fear
Abbie opens the gate, the second one's out
Stick to him Gavin, you could hear someone shout
Gavin Berntsen a lad who showed no fear
While his dad got excited and stopped selling the beer
Another lad gets on, Alistair Minto by name
Although inexperienced he looked very game
The gate is opened, the steer started to buck
And Alistair was gone without any luck
Michael Summers was next to try his skill
But the steer had its way, try as he will
As soon as the gate opened he made a dash
And Michael was off just in a flash
Now here's a rider, a rider with skill
The steer won't move him, try as he will
It's Maurice Davis, always good to see
And could well take the first or second maybe
Nicky his brother now seated to try
The girth gets put on by Steve McKay
Get well seated and lay back son
It's do or die, but it's all good fun
Keith Heathman gets on with a happy smile
He's very well seated and rides in style
But before the whistle was finally blew
The steer stood still, while excitement grew
Kelvin Browning another young Camper
Lays back with the girth held tight
He did an excellent ride today
While his steer kicked out left and right
I well remember this lad too
His name is Neil McKay
He stuck to his steer quite well today
While it was leaping into the sky
Now Philip Rozee - like all Rozee's are -
Are real born riders, and he is a star
He certainly gave us a fine display
And I've picked him for the winner today
Now Tiby who works in the PWD
Is a Chilean well liked by all that you see
He certainly put on a fine display
And could take a place in this event today
It never rains but what it pours
But here's Robert Macaskill with well set jaws
Have a go at steer riding; yes, I will
But he came off in seconds while the steer stood still
Roy Buckett our footballer as we all know
Is here today to have a go
He rode that steer and did quite well
But was off again before they rang the bell
Now here is one of the laughs today; Robert Rozee, who seemed very gay
The steer did some fancy twists, while Robert was hanging over the side by
his wrists
Another exciting rider today, Was Paul Bonner who was determined to stay
He's off, he's on, he sticks to him good, Then lands on his feet like a good
jockey should
So this great event is over, and a very fine display it was too
So don't agree with any backlease but retain your Birthright and the Red
White and Blue.

Pitcairn Island is an island in the South Pacific, an island that conjurs up romantic visions of 'Mutiny on the Bounty', though perhaps it didn't seem 'romantic' at that particular point in history.

The Editor was recently lent a copy of that islands newspaper which is called 'Pitcairn Miscellany' and, although 1 year old, it gives a good picture of what life is all about the issue of the Pitcairn Miscellany in question being the islands Census issue.

By reading the Miscellany, it is amazing how similar the life-style seems to be with that of the Falklands; people on first name terms ('Christian' names on Pitcairn?) and here is a piece or two from the Pitcairn Miscellany, March 1980:-

Public power is provided by a large diesel generator (there is also a back-up unit) therefore many electrical appliances and units are on the Island. Every house is supplied with electrical power from this public generator which operates 5 hours each evening as well as 3 hours each Sunday and Thursday morning. Ten households own their own diesel generators for their own personal needs. Generators, public and private operate the following items of equipment;-

2 electric fridges and 16 deep freezers, 6 stoves, 11 Cake-mixers, 4 hot water systems, 18 pumps for pumping water from rainwater tanks or wells, 19 washing machines, 16 electric irons, 2 vacuum cleaners, 5 sewing machines, 5 electric razors, 10 record players (mostly stereo units), 12 cassette players, 7 electric fry pans, 1 reel to reel tape deck, 2 Ham radio sets, 1 slow scan unit and various drills, lathes, wood tools and soldering irons. A wind charger and two small solar heating panels are used for charging batteries.

Although Pitcairn is a small island, it is very rugged and has a rather complex network of tracks. 'Shanks Pony' is necessary when it rains but mechanical transportation is very obvious when the tracks are dry. Islanders own a total of:- 2 front wheeldrive Mini-Mokes, 24 Honda 90 trail bikes, 2 Honda 175's, 1 Honda 50, 1 Honda 200, 1 Gemini 125, 1 Suzuki 125, 1 Suzuki 185 and most families have older bikes used for spares. Twenty-two traditional wheelbarrows are still operational when the bikes cannot be used in the mud. For water transport, Pitcairners own a total of 16 small fishing boats powered by a total of 25 outboard motors. The Johnson is by far the most popular choice but Mercury and Seagull are also favoured. Horse power ranges from 2½ to 20 h.p.

Every household has a pit toilet or 'Duncan' and most families have the luxurious two seater model. All families have emergency lighting equipment: largely in the form of kerosene lanterns, candles and torches. Two households have a lighting system using over 50 12v batteries.

Lawn Mowers - 1 two stroke model, 1 four stroke model and two push mowers.

Time - Between them, Islanders own 29 watches and 17 alarm clocks.

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| <u>Weather Report</u> | Rainfall | 170.5mm | Greatest Daily Fall | 32.4 |
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ED: There are 10 families with the surname Christian; 8 families with 'Warren', 3 with 'Young' and 2 for 'Clark' and one with 'Brown'. The overall population of Pitcairn Island is 61.

Thanks to Mr Peter Short of Stanley for the loan of 'Pitcairn Miscellany'.

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Sir Bernard Braine (Essex, South-East)

Does not my right hon. Friend agree that the option of yielding on sovereignty and leasing back undermines a perfectly valid title in international law? Secondly, does not he realise that the precedent of Hong Kong, which was taken from China by force, is an insult to Falkland islanders whose ancestors went there more than a century ago and settled peaceably in an uninhabited land? Thirdly, did my hon. Friend discuss with representatives of the Falkland Islands alternative means of communications, which are perfectly feasible, in order to reduce the islands' total dependence upon the Argentine? Lastly, in view of the fresh anxieties that these talks have caused about the future of the islanders, and bearing in mind that the islanders are wholly British in blood and sentiment, will he give an assurance that the Government will include the Falkland islanders as an exception in the forthcoming British nationality law?

Mr Ridley:

I agree with my hon. Friend that we have a perfectly valid title. There is no question about that in our mind. The question is whether the islanders would prefer to have the dead hand of disrepute removed so that they can not only continue their British way of life but have reasonable prospects of economic expansion. I suggest that that is something upon which they have every right to give their views before we all give ours.

I consulted the islanders on the question of communications, but, of course, in the event of a dispute between ourselves and Argentina becoming more intense, my hon. Friend should realise that it is unlikely that communications could be established with neighbouring countries in South America. The question of British nationality is a matter for my right hon. Friend the Home Secretary.

Mr Russell Johnston (Inverness)

Is the Minister aware that his reception in the Falkland Islands left the islanders views in no doubt, although it left a considerable doubt about his good intentions? Is he further aware that there is no support at all in the Falkland Islands or in this House for the shameful schemes for getting rid of these islands which have been festering in the Foreign Office for years? Will he take this opportunity to end speculation once and for all by declaring quite clearly that he disowns these schemes and that he will work to improve the economic and political links between the United Kingdom and the Falkland Islands? Surely that is the way to end the emigration about which he talked earlier.

Mr Ridley:

Perhaps I am more aware of the reception that I received in the islands than the hon. Gentleman is. I hope that even those who did not like what I had to say were at least agreed upon my good intentions. I can assure the hon. Gentleman that a large number of people felt that it was right that something should be done to settle the dispute. Some of them liked the ideas, and some did not. The islanders must be allowed to make up their own minds.

The hon. Gentleman is rushing it a bit in trying to anticipate what they may eventually decide.

Mr Frank Hooley (Sheffield, Heeley)

Is not the Government's argument that the interests of 1,800 Falkland islanders take precedence over the interests of 55 million people in the United Kingdom?

Mr Ridley:

There need be no conflict between the two, especially if a peaceful resolution of the dispute can be achieved.

Items from the F.I.Gazette

Appointments Mrs Suzi Packer, Clerk, Public Service.
 Mrs Annie Strange, Camp Education Supervisor.
 Mr John Peatfield, Headmaster, Infant/Junior School.
 Mr Valdamar Berntsen, Constable, Police Force.
 Mr Michael Selwood, Pilot, FIGAS.

Promotion Mr Peter Gilding, Teacher to Headmaster, Senior School.

Completion of Contract
 Mr Francis O'Reilly, Headmaster, Senior School.
 Mrs Jessie Booth, Private Secretary, Secretariat.
 Mrs Anne Peatfield, Teacher, Education Department.

Completion of Temporary Appointment
 Dr. Robert Handley, B.Sc; MB; ch.B; Medical Department.

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 2nd Term - 1st June to 4th September
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STIFF RECORDS - LONDON

MADNESS: THE MADNESS STORY

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 Lee 'Kix' Thompson - Saxophone, Vocals
 Chris Foreman - Guitar
 Suggs - Vocals
 Mark 'Bedders' Bedford - Bass
 Dan 'Woods' Woodgate - Drums
 Chas Smash - Vocals, Trumpet.

MADNESS are seven chaps who leapt from the calm of the Dublin Castle, Camden Town, to the frantic world of top-ten singles in less than six months. Once forced from playing blue-beat numbers in their set due to lack of interest, they are now known across the planet for their distinctive blend of humour and ska, generally called the NUTTY SOUND.

1978: Early days! Once called The Invaders, the band now christen themselves MADNESS after the title of a Prince Buster song. Gigs are hard to find.

1979: A band called The Specials attract a lot of attention, release their own single and form their own label : TWO-TONE RECORDS.

MADNESS release 'The Prince' on TWO-TONE. 10 weeks on the chart and peaks at No.16 on 2nd October. Such is the interest created by 'The Prince' that MADNESS become the most sought after band in town. However, they have set their sights on the world's most flexible record label and sign to STIFF RECORDS.

26th October 1979 : The release date of ONE STEP BEYOND, album and single. The single spends 13 weeks in the chart, peaked at No.7 (when Radio One put it on the playlist) went down to 10 and back up to 9 the week after. The Spanish version is great fun. Entitled Un Paso Adalante Chas sings the entire intro in Spanish.

30th October 1979 : One Step Beyond, the album, enters the charts at 16 and stays in the top 75 for 49 consecutive weeks. 'My Girl' is released before Christmas. No.1 in France and peaks at No.3 in U.K. on 22nd January 1980. The album peaks at No.2 a week later. Their second album 'ABSOLUTELY' is released in September 1980. Only The Police can hold them from No.1. Absolutely made No.2 a fortnight after release. 29th December 1980: Madness become singles artists of the year in the New Musical Express. They have had 46 weeks on the singles charts and 56 weeks on the album chart.

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BETTER LATE THAN NEVER

The F.I.TIMES was delayed in publication during April 1981 due to the non-arrival of fresh ink supplies on the A.E.S. Charter Vessel. Cables were sent to the supplier and eventually the ink (spread all over the pages herein) arrived by air.

LEST WE FORGET

Coalite GTO Mr H.Milne from Mr D.A.Britton.
Please pass following to D.Colville.

Very perturbed at the paragraph page six of last F.I.Times. Must insist you publish text of this telex in next issue.

The remarks made in the March issue under the heading 'F.I.C. Cutbacks' are quite irresponsible and mischievous. The economies in F.I.C. operations are being considered on purely commercial terms in face of the world-wide recession from which the Falkland Islands unfortunately cannot be immune, as the price of wool in recent times has shown.

I have never received any instructions or pressure in any direction whatever from Coalite regarding the sovereignty issue, the expressed view of Coalite being that it is a matter for the Islanders to decide. That also applies to the Falkland Islands Company and myself.

Editorial "Mischievous My Ass".....Inside.

LETTER

Dear Sir,

8-4-81

Having just received the Falkland Islands Times issue 2/81, on page 2 I just had my eyes stopped in front of so many unfair words written by Mr Meierhoffer, who now lives in New Zealand.

In December 1980 I spent 16 days in the Falklands and would stay for a much longer time if I had no business here in Santos, Brazil, where I live. I would be very, very grateful if you would publish this letter in the TIMES so I could express to all the Falkland Islanders who stayed behind a 'thankyou very much for everything'.

Mr Basil Meierhoffer, I do feel sorry for you. All the trouble seems to be the fact you haven't heard a slight shaking head 'hello' for quite a long time.

Yours faithfully,

Alexander Going, Rua Governador Pedro de Toledo No.50 apto 81,
Bairro do Boquero, CEP 11.400 Santos, Estado de Sao Paulo, Brazil.

BOYS FOOTBALL - PIN HI LEAGUE

Final Table

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| Dynamos | 6 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 12 | 20 | 5 |
| Redskins | 6 | 2 | 0 | 4 | 9 | 16 | 4 |

Leading Scorer: JAMES PECK with 15.

EXCHANGE OF STAMPS

Anyone willing to exchange Falkland Islands stamps for those of Britain and the Commonwealth should drop a line to: Mrs Margaret Maclean,
Ach Nun Eua,
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DEFINITIVE STAMP ISSUES

As a staunch supporter of Government's stamp policy in the past, I was, like a number of people I have spoken to, horrified at the proposal to feature insects and spiders on the Colony's next definitive set of stamps. You will probably quote me a dozen precedents in other countries but I have to say that I have never seen a stamp with a 'bug' as the central theme, and while I tolerate the less nasty ones as they affect our everyday life, I have no desire to be constantly reminded of their presence by seeing them on our stamps.

It is I know, frowned on and probably should be, to criticise without offering alternative suggestions, so may I make the following:-

1. If this is a change for the sake of change and in the hope of a quick profit on the side, don't do it; stick with the very attractive mail ships issue.
2. Have a set featuring a variety of our wildlife including an insect and spider or two. Special issues have tended to favour one class of animal or bird in the past, and some of the more interesting and attractive ones have not had a 'turn'.
3. How about an issue featuring land, sea and air communications? Special issues on these subjects have suffered the same drawbacks as in 2 above. Surely the Land Rover has earned its place on a stamp; the motorcycle too. The Hovercraft is history but she moved a lot of people and mail.
4. For the next issue, adopt the reproduction of a good clear photograph for the design as was done with the F.I. Dependencies Issue which came out in May of last year. This is one of the most attractive and authentic looking set of stamps I have seen, though artwork of the quality displayed in the 'Mail Ships' issue is as close a rival as one could wish.

If this letter doesn't provide you with any useable ideas then perhaps it will at least prompt some from other interested people who I hope will support my disapproval of the proposed design currently being advertised.

R.M.PITALUGA ESC.

From a letter from Mr Pitaluga to Mr W.Etheridge, Postmaster, Stanley.

Mr Pitaluga is the Manager of Salvador.

CYCLISTS PRAYER IN STANLEY

Lord, only thou knowest the dangers we are subjected to when we go on a cycle on our roads. Help us on the upward slopes, there is no need to push us on the downwards.

Support us when the brakes do not work, deliver us from traffic when we are on the street. Deliver us also from the cars that are on the wrong side of the road. Remove from our paths the stones (I am speaking of real stones) lest we pass over them. Remove from our paths the nails, the broken glass and other cutting and piercing objects. Sustain us when we go through a deep hole full of water that seemed a shallow hole (Heaven knows there are many). Rescue us in the Muddy Streets, particularly when it is raining; Deflect from us The Mud when we are wearing clean clothes.

Lord, above all, direct some of The Tax Payer's money to mend our Roads.

(Anon., Stanley).

DEATH

5th March in Northern Natal, Africa: Mrs Mally GALLOWAY.

Mrs Galloway was formerly Malvina Jane Pitaluga of Rincon Grande, East Falkland.

PENFRIENDS WANTED

Bill Pollard - 41 Victoria Ave - Hull - Humberside - UK.

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Young Englishman (22), well educated, clean living, seeks pen-friend from Falklands. Interests wide-ranging (from Silicon chips to 'Lord of the Rings'), but generally an outdoor type: Julian Arculus, 8 Asthill Grove, Coventry CV3 6HP, West Midlands, U.K.

'MISCHIEVOUS MY ASS'

"The economies in F.I.C. operations are being considered on purely commercial terms", so runs Mr David Britton's telex (see Page 1) in answer to accusations of cutbacks in F.I.C. operations with regard to the sovereignty issue. Fair enough. Looks as though 'lease-back' has nothing to do with it. To all those 'Campers' worrying whether or not their job is under the axe, carry on and say NO to any form of lease-back, fly the flag and knuckle down and cut gorse, clean out the shearing shed gratings, fix your windmills and keep smiling. To all those 'Campers' whose jobs have come under the axe, start wondering what 'world-wide recession', 'purely commercial terms' and other cliches mean.

At this stage, it is perhaps to be pointed out that the Falkland Islands Company as we know it both here in Stanley and HQ in London (the latter always extremely helpful in any matter) is not the subject for complaint, only its top level policy, which at the moment can be seen as nothing short of 'unsettling'.

Apart from closing down Cookhouses off-season (Fox Bay West), what other economies can be imposed on an already failing economy? The S.O.A. have the answer to that one. The S.O.A. are thinking along the lines of abolishing the Cost of Living Bonus. Sorry lads, by thinking along those lines you'll be saying goodbye to a lot of farm-workers if it ever (and I don't think it will) comes off. Perhaps that is what is wanted? By retaining a 'skeleton labour force' for routine work and utilising a shearing gang on contract for the seasonal wool gathering, farms would see an increase in the profit scale. Perhaps the time will come when a lone shepherd-cum-navvy-cum-administrator will be all that is left on Coalite farms in years to come during off-season periods and they will be paid with 1cwt bags of smokeless coal in lieu of wages.

It is always a bone of contention whether Town is more important than Camp or vice-versa. The truth is that one cannot survive without the other and a gradual running down of farms will mean the eventual death of the Falklands en bloc.

In this stage of the Falklands era, the top knobs in Coalite should be considering pumping cash into their colony holdings; cash should be poured into where it counts - Camp. New cookhouses, galleys, machinery, tools etc., etc., should be supplied, labour encouraged not discouraged, and perhaps the day will come when the Coalite Argonauts will find the Golden Fleece.

ANY TAKERS?

My name is C.A.Horn. My hobbies are stamp collecting and genealogy: I have traced my family to 1258 in England. I have 50,000 stamps in my collection and another 100,00 to exchange. C.A.Horn, 237 Capital Avenue, Denham Springs, Louisiana 70726, U.S.A.

LOCAL PROGRAMMES

Don't forget to tune in to the FIBS now that the winter schedule of early evening transmissions has started.

Regular programmes on offer (in chronological order):-
Rock Sandwich presented by Dave Colville Mondays at 5.00.
Pop Through The Years with

Frank O'Reilly* Tuesdays at 5.00. Graham Bound's Chat Show is on Thursdays at 6.00. Friday evenings sees programmes by Margaret Butler (4.30) Peter Gaskins* (5.00) and Gavin Short at 5.30. * = Repeats.

STIFF RECORDS STIFF RECORDS STIFF RECORDS STIFF RECORDS

NEW RELEASES

Album: DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENTS

This album was released by Stiff Records on April 10th and is a compilation EP by Steve Leeds. The album features cuts by groups operating on American independent labels, and features groups such as FYLON, ROOT BOY SLIM AND THE SEX CHANGE BAND, LUXURY, RAZZ and others.

In America, the tradition of the independent label is a lot older than it is in Britain. It has long been the tradition for bands, isolated by distance from the American music capitals of New York and Los Angeles, to release their first recordings on either a self-financed or a local label. With the 'punk revolution' of 1976, similar efforts by British groups became immensely successful but the American scene remained largely oblivious to the efforts of bands not signed to major labels.

This 13 track album is a tasty sample of what goes on in the States.

Catalogue Number: YANK 2

DON'T FORGET!! To hear STIFF, tune in on Mondays at 1700hrs for 30 minutes of great sounds when Dave Colville presents 'Rock Sandwich'. 536 on the Medium Wave or 2570khz on the shortwave band.

Album: EDDIE, OLD BOB, DICK AND GARY - TENPOLE TUDOR. SEEZ 31

Hooray! The TENPOLE TUDOR album is out at last and a worthwhile wait it has been. This album contains two TENPOLE singles '3 Bells In A Row' and their latest 'Swords Of A Thousand Men'. The "Star" track is 'There Are Boys' which materialised on the 'Son Of Stiff Tour' sampler and is a very good track. 'I Wish' and 'Swords' are A1 and when you feel like being silly, play 'Wunderbar' very loud.

Single: JOHN OTWAY: The Turning Point/Too Much Air Not Enough Oxygen BUY 115

Another single where your friendly reviewer prefers the B to the A side. Too Much Air is a good song, whereas the A side seems rather weak. On the whole, a much better effort from John than the abysmal 'Green Green Grass Of Home' of a while back.

Single: MADNESS: Grey Day/Memories

The Nutty Boys are back with a single which strolled in at Number 20 in the RBC World Service Top 20 programme. The song is written by Mike Barson and was recorded a couple of days before they commenced filming their first full-length feature film 'Take It Or Leave It' scheduled for UK release in September. 'Grey Day' is a slow type of offering but as always with MADNESS, there is plenty going on in the background. Their songs are made for headphone freaks I reckon. Memories, on the flip, is written by Chris Foreman.

Single: BUY 112
Cassette Single: ZBUY 112

Next issue will see 'The Lene Lovich Story', plus more reviews.

BOOK:

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Peter Collister -- The Sulivans And The Slave Trade

This is the record of a West of England country family from the time of the Seven Years War to the end of the reign of Victoria.

In particular it is the story of George Lydiard Sullivan and the part he played in the suppression of the Slave Trade.

In the nineteenth century, when the British began their crusade in earnest against the Slave Trade, a major part in the suppression was played by the Royal Navy. The Navy policed the oceans and stopped and searched slavers and released their captives, leaving them at safe stations on the African coast of which Freretown in Kenya is an example.

Among the families which traditionally provided naval officers was that of the Sulivans. They were a fascinating and vigorous family; one member of it sailed on the Beagle with Darwin, and the two brothers George and Bartholomew were both involved in the Crimean War. The story illustrates very well the impact and power of high Victorian morality on the political and social problems of the times.

The Author

Peter Collister after many years teaching overseas - he was a Headmaster in Tanzania and Egypt - became an H.M.I. in 1964 and is now an education adviser at the Ministry of Overseas Development. His published works include 'Pioneers of East Africa', 'The Last Days of Slavery', and 'Teaching African History'.

Published in hardback, fully illustrated, the book costs £8.00.
Rex Collings 6 Paddington Street London W1M 3LA.

Ed: Sullivan House in Stanley, current residence of the Chief Secretary, is said to be named after one of the Sullivan brothers actually born in the Falklands.

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A D V E R T I S E M E N T

WHEN IN THE WEST COUNTRY - STAY AT A V I A R Y C O T T A G E

As a member of the Falkland Islands Association in the U.K., I am considering the offer of special reduced rates to Falkland Islanders who are coming to England this year and stay in my small hotel in West Cornwall. R.A. SHERWOOD * AVIARY COTTAGE * MARY'S WELL * ILLOGAN, REDRUTH * CORNWALL.

Aviary Cottage is a charming Cornish country house set in its own 2½ acre grounds. In the garden sub-tropical plants flourish and shaded corners sweet with the scent of flowers offer gentle relaxation.

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The aim of the Sherwood family at Aviary Cottage is to make a stay in their care a memorable one and to ensure that the friendly service and high standards of food and comfort will make guests look forward with pleasure to a return visit.

The Colonies once were many, and true,
To the flag, red, white and blue,
Now of course so few remain,
To breed this proud colonial strain.

Now one of the few our Falklands are,
Fear not the earning of a battle scar,
If around us, in conquest, a dictator struts,
Face the oppressor with colonial guts.

Fight with the brain, bear well the strain,
Reject the sell-cut, and make known your disdain.
You have the breeding, it's one of the best,
Discard the yoke of this Argentine pest.

I tell you this, in solemn thought,
That if a battle was ever fought,
Better our true blood stains the soil,
Than surrender birthright to rattle of foil.

Let them know that every inch of land they take
Will be hard defended, and no mistake,
That for every Colonial defender that falls,
Many times the oppressor's will answer deaths calls.

There are many abroad who would come to your aid,
Our love for our Islands is never let fade,
I quote from a war statue, for remembrance by all,
'UNITED WE STAND, DIVIDED WE FALL'.

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SUDDEN DEATH OF EDDIE ANDREW (Item from F.I.Philatelic Study Group)

Mr E.J.Andrew, Chairman of the Falkland Islands Philatelic Study Group collapsed and died, whilst in The Chair during the Annual General Meeting of the Falkland Islands Philatelic Study Group on Saturday afternoon 14th February. The AGM, which was held as part of the Study Group's annual weekend, this year at the Hawthorns Hotel, Clifton, Bristol, was adjourned and eventually abandoned since all formal business on the Agenda had been concluded.

Eddie Andrew of Kingston-on-Thames, aged 57, who had been Chairman of the Falklands Study Group since September 1978, had a specialist interest in many areas of Falkland Islands Philately, including Cork Cancellations, the Kosmos Mail Contract vessels, as well as the modern issues.

Mr Andrew was due to retire from his job as an Executive with British Petroleum, London, in two weeks time.

Contributed by Major R.Spafford.

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BIRTH In Wellington, New Zealand to:
Sharon and Neil REIVE, a son, WARREN, on the
3rd March 1981, weighing 7lbs 10oz.

Neil is the youngest son of Heather and Basil Reive and they are all Falkland Islanders.

Ed: Thanks to Kath Fleuret for passing on the details.

Roy Cove

The Governor, Mr R.Hunt, visited Roy Cove recently. During his visit, he discussed the forthcoming division of Roy Cove farm and the arrangements to be made for the running of the farm in the interim period - this is after the Government take over from Bertrand and Felton Ltd and before the sale of sections to successful bidders.

The present Manager, Mr Joe Newell, will continue as Boss until October or November. Head Shepherd Tom McGhie will continue until after the next shearing season assisted by shepherd Stewart Alazia. Roy Cove will be run as a single unit until such time as the new section owners take over.

It is reported that about 12 people have shown interest in applying for sections of Roy Cove and the sale of this far has also been advertised in Britain, New Zealand and Australia.

Cut Throat Capers

Owing to certain difficulties beyond Government's control, wife-killer Len Minto was unable to be dispatched aboard HMS Endurance to serve his life sentence within the UK.

However, due to British Antarctic Survey, Minto was put aboard RRS Bransfield and, at the time of writing, is expected to go all the way on board the Bransfield to UK.

Morrison Retires

Deputy Chief Secretary, Mr Doug Morrison, retired on April 16th after 41 years in Government service. Deputy Financial Secretary, Mr Phil Summers, takes over the DCS position.

G.C.E. 'O' Level Passes

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| Hayley Bowles | - Geography, Human Biology, Maths. |
| Roy Buckett | - Eng.Lang; Geog; Human Biology, Maths. |
| Stephen Buckett | - English Language. |
| Lindsay Coutts | - English Language. |
| Cheryl Hughes | - English Language. |
| Natalie McPhee | - English Language. |
| Caroline Middleton | * English Language, Art. |
| Toni-Donna Pettersson | - Geography, Human Biology, Maths. |
| Anya Smith | - Human Biology, Mathematics. |
| Martyn Smith | - Geography, Human Biology, Maths. |
| Alison Thom | - Mathematics. |
| Tracey Peck | - Art, English Language. |
| Philip Miller | - Mathematics. |

Proof Coins

The Treasury in Stanley has recently placed proof sets of F.I.coins minted in 1980 on sale. The set includes coins in the denominations ½p-50p and retails at £11.50.

Chief Technician

Chief Technician Stewart is named as the replacement for Chief Tech. Bill Hughes who soon completes his tour of duty with FIGAS.

A.E.S.

The A.E.S. charter vessel sailed on 12th April taking with her 2939 bales and 18 tons of general cargo. 53 bales of wool from Fitzroy had to be left behind due to lack of space.

Executive Council

A few weeks ago, Executive Council met at Government House and some of the points mentioned at this meeting were:-

The Islander aircraft now had a 2-metre set installed and it was working satisfactorily.

Wysepian International, who are supplying Government with 4 prefabricated houses, had advised administration that these houses would be shipped via the June A.E.S. vessel.

Councillor S.B. Wallace reported on the progress of the Swimming Pool Project. Mr Wallace is the Chairman of the committee set up to look into the feasibility of the project.

It is thought that a sum in the region of £10 000 would be needed to build a reasonable pool - obtaining materials at cost price and utilising voluntary labour.

There is at present a sum of £8,648 in the Swimming Pool Fund and a further £2000 is hoped for from the Great Britain Project.

It is thought that approximately £4,000 per annum would be needed for maintenance and running costs.

Council were asked to consider and approve the Civil Service Leave & Passage Regulations for 1981. This will enable the regulations to include the latest revisions recommended by Salaries Commissioner Mr Ritchie.

A report by Mr R. Pitaluga - Manager, Salvador, - on the valuation of settlement facilities at Green Patch was also considered. The results of Council's deliberations on this subject will be made known to Green Patch section holders in the near future. The Roy Cove Committee's recommendations were also discussed. As a result of these discussions, further information can now be made available to potential buyers of sections.

LADE Flight Changes

Information broadcast on FIBS 'News Magazine' related to changes in LADE flights corresponding to changes made by Aerolineas Argentinas. As from the beginning of May, the F28 Jet flight will depart from Buenos Aires (Aeroparque) at 0830 expected in Stanley at 1500. This will enable passengers arriving in B.A. at 0700 on Tuesday morning to transfer to the F28 for the Falklands. The F28 will leave Stanley on Wednesday mornings at 0830 for Buenos Aires, and the usual stops en route will be observed. The F28 will arrive in Buenos Aires at 1530 which will allow passengers to travel directly from Aeroparque to Ezeiza airport (transport supplied by LADE free of charge) to catch the 1700 Aerolineas flight to London. If traffic permits, the F28 will land at Ezeiza before going on to Aeroparque, which will eliminate having to transfer from one airport to another.

The Saturday F27 flight from the mainland to the Falklands will cease temporarily.

A load of bells

YPF have announced that they will be testing their fire alarm systems at their Stanley Fuel Depot every Monday morning from 0905 onwards. The local Fire Brigade sirens are tested at 0900 on the same day so 'oversleepers' will have no excuse!

SUZUKI QUEUE!!

Sunday 12th April at around 2pm saw 8 intrepid riders and their trusty nags lined up at the cattle-grid at the beginning of the Darwin Road. The riders were all members of the Education department and their 'steeds' were varying makes and sizes of motorcycles.

The riders set off at two-minute intervals around a course through the following checkpoints: Mullet Creek, Pebbly Pond, Rookery Bay, Surf Bay, Cape Pembroke Lighthouse, back to Surf Bay and Rookery Bay then up the old airport road to where it joins the new airport road.

Results:-

- 1st: Ian Jones 1hr 3mins
(Suzuki 185)
2nd: Richard Cain 1hr 5mins
(NVT 175)
3rd: Peter Gilding 1hr 8 mins
(Suzuki 400)

Others:

- 4th: Maurice Matthews
5th: Peter Felton
6th: Steve Whitley**
7th: Philip Middleton.

Mr John Fowler (Superintendent of Education) retired after driving his bike into a pond!

**Vct on loan...at cut rate!

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THE IDLE GOSSIP COLUMN

Note: This column is cut back due to purely commercial reasons.

Be careful who you write to but be more careful what you write on!

Recently, a chap (who shall remain nameless) wrote to that well-known publication 'Private Eye'. The trouble was he wrote on headed notepaper designed by John Smith of Stanley with a drawing of Government House on the top. 'Private' published the letter but gave the writer's address as 'Government House', Stanley. Contributions to 'Private Eye's' "Golden Balls Fund" gratefully received!!

People in Stanley are warned to keep a look out for a flying pair of Northern British Blue-Edged Drawers currently in orbit.

Solidarity is the thing! The poor old Civil Servants can't seem to find anyone to fill in as Secretary for Len McGill while he is away from June 3rd on leave. Now that the Civils have accepted the new deal (bar one or two members) there is no need for an association, 'cos if they think they can handle things across the negotiating table...huh!

First of all Government say they know nothing of approval for interviews with the Argy's then they turn round and say that full approval had been given. What exactly does one

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THE MARCH WEATHER

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| Average Daily Sun..... | 3.3 hours |
| Total Rainfall..... | 86.8mm/3.42" |
| Average Temperature..... | 6.2 degrees C |
| Highest Temperature..... | 18.1 degrees C |
| Lowest Temperature..... | Minus 0.6 degrees C |
| Average Wind Speed..... | 16.5 knots |
| Highest Wind Speed..... | 62 knots (March 9th) |
| Gale Force Wind Hours... | 45 |
| Wind of 10 knots or less | 223 hours |
| Ground Frost Occasions.. | 8 |

MUSIC - The Lene Lovich Story - Part One.

Popular STIFF Records recording artiste Lene Lovich (pronounced Layner Luvvich) has increased in the popularity stakes in the New Wave scene over the past 2 years. Lene Lovich has had plenty of airplay over FIBS with her recent hit 'New Toy' and is bound to be featured in future.

Winter 1968 Began learning guitar and busked in London Underground.

Winter 1969 Learned violin.

Summer 1971 One-off appearance as part of the mass choir of 'Quintessence' at the Royal Albert Hall, London.

Winter 1971 Acoustic rock at pubs and clubs in London.

February 1972 Sung on live recording of Chuck Berry's "My Ding-A-Ling".

Spring 1972 One-off appearance as a 'soldier' in Arthur Brown's show at the Rainbow Theatre, London when Arthur shared bill with Alice Cooper.

Summer 1972 Worked as a Go-Go Dancer with West Indian Soul Band and toured Italy.

September 1972 3rd year Diploma Course at Art School - gained diploma.

Autumn 1973 Go-Go Dancer with BBC Radio 1's Johnny Walker's Road Show.

December 1973 to January 1974 "Feast of Fools" theatre show at the Roundhouse London. Played saxophone as part of Bob Flag's 'Balloon and Banana Band'.

Spring 1973 Joined all girl trio and played in Rhodes, Greece.

Summer 1973 Played sax and violin as member of band 'Lola Cobra' who featured in fringe theatre show 'Agro Disco' performed at the Globe Theatre, a London Student film project.

Autumn 1973 Played with Afro rock band "Mossa" on London pub circuit.

Winter 1973 "Joseph and the amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat" at the Crucible Theatre, Sheffield. Also took part in "Pharaoh's Rock and Roll Show" - a late night rock show featuring the Joseph cast.

Next issue: Part 2 + The Madness File.
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MINTO ARRIVES

Murderer Len Minto was transferred from RRS Bransfield to a police launch off the Isle of Wight in the Solent on May 13th.

HONG KONG LEASE DOUBTED

When Mr Ridley proposed that the Falkland Islanders should consider seriously his proposal to cede their sovereignty to Argentina and to lease back their country for 99 years, he used Hong Kong as a model, saying that such a lease was likely to be extended for a further long period.

However, there are currently grave doubts that Red China will agree to any such re-negotiation, when the matter comes up in a few years time, and the Colonists will either have to accept Red Chinese rule or lose their country, their property and their livelihood, becoming stateless refugees.

-Upland Goose Magazine

MARINES ON THE AIR

Listener's to FIBS will be able to hear a new show featuring 2 Royal Marines as presenters when the 'Nick and Fig' show hits the ether.

The show will feature a different group or artist each week and will include a news spot from Moody Brook Barracks.

Presenters are Corporal Nick Williams and Corporal 'Figgy' Duff.

DEATH

In Carnoustie, Scotland on May 20th Miss Florence CAMPBELL.

Miss Campbell was an Aunt of Mrs Peggy Halliday of Stanley.

A summary of Births, Marriages and Deaths will appear in the next TIMES.

LETTERBOX

20 April 1981

I must compliment you on the printing of "Ridley's Rubbish" in the TIMES Issue Number 3/81 (March, 1981), Pages Four and Eleven. These reprinted quotes from Hansard described the vascillating British government at its best on colonial issues. It's really too bad they cannot make a better analysis of Kelper problems. Thank you for an excellent TIMES.

Dr. James C. Dawson, State University of New York, Plattsburgh, New York, USA 12901.

Your plea for response from Islanders in New Zealand has prompted me to submit a few comments on the subject in question.

Although it is 23 years since I left the Falklands I have many friends and relations there and I look forward to receiving your paper to keep me up to date on events and issues in my homeland.

It is very gratifying to find an editor who is free to commend or criticize issues and voice his opinion. I'm sure many Islanders were and perhaps still are reluctant to voice their opinions from fear of reprisals against them in their jobs.

The freedom of speech is a basic human right, unfortunately being lost in many areas of the world. Let's hope it never happens in the Falklands.

I wish you the best of luck and success with your publications.

Yours faithfully,

RON I. KING

12-4-81

Ed: Thanks very much indeed Ron. Here now is your accompanying letter in answer to Mr Syd Miller/Basil Meierhoffer.

I have never written to your paper before but after reading Mr Miller's reply to Mr Meierhoffer's letter I feel a few comments are called for.

Mr Miller's statement (quote) 'The Falkland Islanders with brains stayed behind etc.' appears to insinuate that the Islanders who elected to go overseas were somewhat lacking in this capacity. Most Falkland Islanders overseas have justified their decision to emigrate, many holding responsible jobs, and the majority are considerably better off.

It was obvious Mr Miller was upset by Mr Meierhoffer's letter and went to great lengths to mention the Falkland Islanders who now hold positions of responsibility in various Government Departments, but he knows very well that 25 to 30 years ago very few of these positions would have been available to locally born personnel, no matter how intelligent and ambitious they may have been.

I was a qualified Carpenter and Joiner and worked for the P.W.D. from 1937 to 1949 and left when I was expected to work on projects with imported tradesmen receiving double my rate of pay. I wasn't thanked for my years of service or even wished well for my future. The parting remark from the Senior Official was: "You'll be lucky to find enough work to survive. I'll see you back in this office begging for your job back." That didn't eventuate and a further nine years were to pass before I left the Falklands. Local tradesmen were disgusted with the disparity of remuneration but most being married men with families they were forced by circumstances to swallow their pride and labour on.

At present in New Zealand there are at least ten Falkland Islands born Carpenters and probably ten times that number from other occupations. I doubt they all left their homeland just for a better climate.

Continued.....

Perhaps Mr Morrison can advise me that the authorities have had a change of heart towards Islanders and are not just giving them these positions to simplify the sovereignty issue. Falkland Islanders being recognised by Argentine as their citizens saves any repatriation problems when they acquire the Islands. If there is no danger of an Argentine take-over why are established farms being advertised for sale, and the F.I.Co. - who once never even considered a local lad as a worthy Cadet - now seem keen to cut up their farms and offer them to the Islanders. Is it a sudden gesture of gratitude or are they trying to abandon the sinking ship?

Yours faithfully etc.,

R.I.King, 6 Tui Street, Mount Maunganui, New Zealand.

Ed: I couldn't help but laugh Ron. Why? Well, Roads Superintendent Mr Basil Morrison (currently on leave in the UK) has intimated he might not be returning to the Falklands and even if he does that he will not be working for Government but will undertake contract work on a private basis. And...er...yes, Basil is a tradesman Carpenter!!

Solution to Crossword No.2 by "CRUX".

Across: 1. Points 4.Chubut 9.Mastiff 10.Rotor 11.Cheek 12.Scythed
13. Sheepowners 18.Hollene 20. Revue 22.Thong 23. Inherit
24. Radley 25.Flagen

Down: 1.Pumice 2.Issue 3.Trickle 5.Hardy 6.Butcher 7.Tirade
8.Offshore Oil 14.Halford 15.Narwhal 16.Chatter 17.Felton
19.Eagle 21.Varig

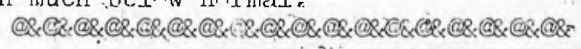
There was no perfect entry but £1.00 goes to Mrs Betty Biggs of Stanley for very close effort.

The April Weather

Average Temperature 5.9°C
Highest Temperature 14.6°C
Lowest Temperature Minus 0.6°C
Total Rainfall 54.5mm
Average Daily Sun 3.1 hours
Average Wind Speed 13.9 knots
Highest Wind Gust 67 knots
Gale Force Wind Hours 6
Wind of 10knots or less 265 hours
Ground Frost Occasions 12
Summary: Temperature and rainfall just about average; wind and sun much below normal.

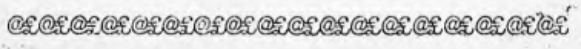
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Films at the Parish Hall Cinema: Selection of films due:-

Mr Joe Booth reports the following films are expected by him: The Enforcer, The Gauntlet, Magnum Force, Silver Bears, Are You Being Served?, Battle Of The Bulge, Sweeney 2, Across The Great Divide, Coma, Deaf Smith and Johnny Ears, Four Horseman Of The Apocalypse, Follow The Boys, Gladiators Seven, Liquidator, Marlowe, My Name Is Nobody, A Prize, Ringo and his Golden Pistol, Saddle The Wind, Gold for The Ceasors, Seven Seas to Calais, Savage Guns.

ARRERS! (Darts to the uninitiated)

Johnnie Walker Darts Tournament 1981

- 1st PAT WHITNEY
- 2nd IAN CLARKE
- 3rd JOHN TYLER (Royal Marine)
- 4th GERALD 'JERKS' HALLIDAY

1981 is Pat Whitney's third reign as Johnnie Walker Champion out of the last 5 tourneys.

BERNARD PECK'S POSTAL DARTS LEAGUE

Mr Bernard Peck of North Arm, East Falkland, has once again organised a 'Postal Darts' League which proved extremely popular last year.

Bernard reports that 16 teams have been entered with a total of 112 players - the youngest being 13 years old. Results so far:

2nd May

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|------------------|----|-----------------|----|
| Goose Green I | 9 | Port San Carlos | 6 |
| Port Howard I | 12 | Chartres II | 3 |
| Goose Green II | 7 | Port Howard II | 8 |
| Pebble | 4 | Fitzroy | 11 |
| North Arm Ladies | 4 | San Carlos | 11 |
| Fox Bay East II | 8 | North Arm II | 7 |
| Goose Green III | 9 | Chartres I | 6 |
| North Arm I | 10 | Fox Bay East I | 5 |

9th May

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|------------------|----|-----------------|----|
| Port San Carlos | 3 | Port Howard I | 12 |
| Goose Green I | 14 | Chartres II | 1 |
| Goose Green II | 7 | Pebble | 8 |
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| North Arm Ladies | 9 | Fox Bay East II | 6 |
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USELESS INFORMATION DEPARTMENT

The Public Works Department and satellite organisation, the Plant and Transport Authority, have recently installed 5 2-metre transceivers which is hoped to improve efficiency.

Details:

- Public Works Department: VP8XAFT *
- PATA Office Moody Street VP8XAFV **
- PATA Store (BAS Garage) VP8XAFU ***
- Land Rover F367 VP8XAFS ****
- Land Rover F424 VP8XAFR *****

* Senior Clerk; ** Transport Officer;
 Storeman (Fred Ford); Roads Foreman* (Trevor Browning);
 *****Engineering Surveyor (Harry Bonner).

LOCAL DARTS LEAGUE

After matches up to May 18th

| | PTS |
|------------------|-----|
| Islanders | 12 |
| Rose B | 11 |
| Rose A | 11 |
| Fleetwing Flyers | 8 |
| Marine A | 7 |
| Beachcombers | 6 |
| Nancy Trawlers | 5 |
| Marine B | 2 |
| Marine C | 2 |
| Globe Wanderers | 1 |
| Sparrows | *** |
| Victory Angels | 0 |
| Victory A | 0 |

*** Unconfirmed at time of going to press.

Johnnie Walker

In the Ladies section, 1981 'Championess' is SHELLEY MCKAY.

The Johnnie Walker annual knockout is organised in conjunction with the FIC.

An excellent commentary is always guaranteed when Joe King and Terry Betts take the mike on a tour of the boards and this year was no exception radio wise.

 * CARD OF THANKS *

The family of the late Frederick William Barnes wish to thank all those persons who sent messages of sympathy and floral tributes at the time of their recent bereavement. Special thanks goes to the Doctors and Staff of the King Edward Memorial Hospital.

THE IDLE GOSSIP COLUMN RIDES AGIN

Phewee! Humdinger of a party we be having on board the ole sheep boat. Over there on my right we have one of the more famous Government 'Blotto Boys' and here arguing fiercely is Argentine Sympathiser Number one. If thee all look close enough over yonder there stands Montgomery's Batman who is renowned for hanging coats on boat throttles.

You may roll up for the show but some will not roll off until manana. Next time they look down their snootboxes at the peasants, remember ye all this night.....

Following the announcements read by X his brother will present the Late show followed by nephew and Niece playing requests this is followed at 11.24 $\frac{1}{2}$ by Great Uncle, Cousin, Aunt, Sister-in-Law, Illegitimate cousin thrice removed etc etc...keep it in the family... even an inherited one.

Buy a house and become a Falkland Islands Resident. This offer is made to you without a catch, without a hitch. You too can become a proud owner and still get OSAS. Yes, this bundle of greenbacks will not be touched so do not despair. Contact Cobblers Real Estate, Stanley, for quick attention - provided you know the handshake, or brown-nose!

Aaaagh. Duck. Is it a plane? Is it a bird? Is it a gyropenguin? No!! It's the Flying Pipsqueak coming in at 4 O'clock or whenever he can get an appointment. The heater does not work so take a travelling rug!

Heard on the grapevine that Miss Lucinda Buxton is after a portable toilet for her upcoming trip to South Georgia for filming. A toilet of the trade name 'Portalo' was mentioned but apparently Miss B said this will be too small!!

Get the tape-measures out!!

The Editor (Handsome Dave Colville) was recently told by an irate female who called in at the PWD to 'tone down' the Idle Gossip Column'. She has her options: Buy it or leave it alone. And as the saying goes 'If the cap fits.....' Until the next time

NEW COLONIAL STAMP ISSUE

Maps And Charts

A new stamp issue was released by the Falkland Islands on May 22nd featuring reproductions of early 18th Century maps and charts of the Falklands.

The set was designed by local artist, naturalist and author, Mr Ian Strange.

The stamps are:-

- 3p - Captain Macbride's Survey 1766.
- 10p - Chart of Hawkins' Maidenland from a book 'Voyages of the Southern Seas' by J.Hawkesworth 1773.
- 13p - Chart of New Isles from Frazier's Voyage 1711-14
- 15p - Map of the Falkland Islands by T.Boutflower 1768
- 25p - Carte des Isles Malouines by Philippe de Pretot 1771
- 26p - Isles Malouines from Bellin's 'Petite Atlas Maritime' 1764.

Official First Day Covers retail at £1.25p; the set is released in conjunction with similar sets of Ascension Island, St.Helena and Tristan da Cunha.

Forthcoming Issues:

- 22 July: Royal Wedding.
- 14th Sept: Duke of Edinburgh Awards.
- 7th Dec: Shellfish.

SHEEP BOAT SHENANIGANS

It was intended to publish a short report on the Mahzlov vessel which is here to pick up sheep and ex-PATA earthmoving plant. However, as the boat is here and there with no clear idea of what it is supposed to be doing, the report will appear in the next issue.

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GOOD START

What better way to start off another edition than with an apology section? Right, here goes:

- 1: Apologies for the non-existence of a logo and crest this time. It was thought that new cuts had been ordered but this wasn't the case. Back to nothing less than 'Desire the Right' next issue.
- 2: Apologies for the large time lag between the June issue and this one; this was unavoidable.

WOT? NO BASIL?

Word has been received that Roads Superintendent Mr Basil Morrison has in fact resigned from his position and will not be returning to the Falkland Islands. Basil has intimated that he intends to emigrate from the UK where he is now living to Australia.

The position of Roads Superintendent will not be re-instituted and Mr Malcolm Binnie, who is in charge of the Stanley roads gang, and Mr Trevor Browning, Stanley Darwin Road Gang Foreman, will report to the Director of Public Works through Mr Harry Bonner, the Engineering Surveyor.

CUSC

At the June Legislative Council Meetings, His Excellency The Governor, in his Opening Address, mentioned plans for a scheme to be known as the 'Clean Up Stanley Campaign' intended to give Stanley's environs a long-overdue tidy-up.

AT LONG LAST

The ex-Johnston Construction ex-Plant & Transport Authority equipment bought by Chilean dealer Mr Negrete, was finally loaded onto the Mahzlov vessel. The equipment included a Blaw-Knox paver-finisher, 2 Caterpillar 631 Scrapers and 2 Caterpillar D8H Excavators. The loading took place on Monday July 6th and was bidden farewell with a sigh of relief from PATA workers who had had to put up with a doorless workshop for quite some time as the plant was being manoeuvred. The plant had been put into readiness quite some time ago as it was supposed the stuff would be loaded a couple of months back when the vessel made its first trip to Stanley, which, after much disorganisation on behalf of the vessel, was not to be the case. It is reported that Mr Negrete is also interested in purchasing the Asphalt making plant, currently lying idle at the Airport Quarry. This is a reversal of his intentions as Negrete said it would be no good to him when he paid his first buying call to the Colony. Negrete and sheep-shipper Mr Mahzlov, flew into Stanley by Cessna aircraft on Saturday July 4th.

UNION AGREEMENT

The annual meeting between members of the Falkland Islands Sheepowner's Association and the General Employees Union reached amicable agreement over Camp conditions, although a sacrifice in the form of a reduction in the Cost of Living Bonus was made.

INVITE

Any prospective candidate for LegCo is invited to submit an election speech for publication in the Times (next issue). If you have the desire to stand for election then let the Public hear and read what YOU have to say.

WANTED

Female typist for TIMES. Work in own home. Gear supplied. Pay: £1 per stencil or part thereof. Would suit responsible, competent, Senior schoolgirl desirous of extra pocket money. Apply to the Editor. Tel 410 (Day) 113 (Night).

Inside: Roy Cove details, Civic Works news, Extracts from Councillor's Bowles and Miller's Motions of Thanks, Record Reviews, Penfriends, Census extracts.

Extracts from Councillor's 'Motions of Thanks'
at Legislative Council - June 1981

1: Councillors Bowles and Miller.

Hostel: (W.Bowles) "The landscaping rather worries me a bit, and I think we should think very carefully before we let the children into the Hostel before at least some landscaping is done."

Routine Medical: (W.Bowles) "I welcome too, from the Medical Department, a recommencement of the medical routine examination for our schoolchildren. I think this is vitally important and will give the medical department a greater knowledge of their duties towards the population as a whole."

Piped Radio: (W.Bowles) "The careful examination of Stanley's Rediffusion system, I think warrants investigation, because the old system is getting out of date and every time there's a gale of wind somebody's loudspeaker usually pops off or it doesn't pop at all."

Police Chief: (W.Bowles) "Good news on the Police Force with a new CPO in line, I hope that he will remain and I also hope that he will be able to help us prevent the vandalism you mentioned this morning, something which I don't think we can tolerate."

Roads: (W.Bowles) "One of the most surprising things from your speech this morning was the news that we may be able to get some bad weather road repairs done. With the deterioration of Stanley roads as they are, and our Budget being as stringent as it is, it would seem to me that if some of the roads could be repaired I'm sure the motorists - and indeed most of the pedestrians too - will appreciate it."

Fire Vehicle: (W.Bowles) "I wish you luck sir in trying to achieve a Rapid Intervention Vehicle for the Fire Service. I think it could well be a necessary item, I know it's a highly expensive one but I'm sure it would be very well appreciated by the Fire Brigade because if we do have a serious fire in these islands with a very high wind, a Rapid Intervention Vehicle is probably one of the few things that'll actually prevent it from getting too far."

Clean Up Stanley Campaign: (W.Bowles) "I welcome most of all in your speech this morning, the clean-up campaign in Stanley, I think this is a marvellous suggestion, and I'm very pleased to think that our Government is going to lead the way, because even they have a large job to do at the West end of Stanley, which has been there I think since since 1957 when the German road gang left."

Fire Vehicle (T.Miller) "The previous speaker just mentioned the possibility of purchasing a Rapid Intervention Vehicle for the Fire Brigade. If this does come about I certainly hope that the Stanley roads will be improved first otherwise it won't be able to get anywhere very rapidly."

Political Situation (T.Miller) "In your Address Your Excellency, you referred to the political situation between us and Argentina. For 10 years, the British and Argentine Governments have had discussions looking for ways of solving the sovereignty dispute and, more recently, this Council has taken a direct part in the negotiations. We have tried talking around the issue, that is, stalling for time, and we didn't get anywhere. We have tried talking economic co-operation but this didn't get anywhere either,

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EXTRACTS FROM THE FALKLAND
ISLANDS CENSUS DEC 7th 1980

| <u>Population by Religion</u> | <u>Stanley</u> | <u>E.Falkland</u> | <u>W.Falkland</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|-------------------------------|----------------|-------------------|-------------------|--------------|
| Church of England | 528 | 198 | 205 | 931 |
| Non-conformist | 170 | 141 | 56 | 367 |
| Roman Catholic | 164 | 32 | 14 | 210 |
| Baha'i | 13 | 6 | 5 | 30 |
| Jehovah's Witness | 1 | 4 | 7 | 12 |
| Christian (no denomination) | 37 | 15 | 13 | 66 |
| Protestant (no denomination) | 46 | 25 | 8 | 79 |
| Others | 8 | 3 | - | 11 |
| None | 77 | 16 | 14 | 107 |
| | 1050 | 441 | 322 | 1813 |

| <u>Type of cooking fuel used:</u> | <u>Peat</u> | <u>Oil</u> | <u>Electricity</u> | <u>Gas</u> | <u>Coal</u> | <u>Total*</u> |
|-----------------------------------|-------------|------------|--------------------|------------|-------------|---------------|
| Stanley | 249 | 81 | 29 | 18 | 1 | 378* |
| East Falkland | 112 | 17 | - | 2 | 3 | 134* |
| West Falkland | 86 | 5 | 1 | - | 2 | 94 |
| | 447 | 103 | 30 | 20 | 6 | 606 |

*Several households with more than one fuel.

| Birthplace of head of household: | <u>Stanley</u> | <u>East</u> | <u>West</u> |
|----------------------------------|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| | | <u>Falkland</u> | <u>Falkland</u> |
| 1. Falkland Islands | 254 | 92 | 55 |
| 2. United Kingdom | 82 | 23 | 24 |
| 3. Argentina | 9 | - | - |
| 4. Australia | 1 | - | - |
| 5. Chile | 2 | 2 | 1 |
| 6. Cyprus | - | - | 1 |
| 7. Denmark | - | 1 | - |
| 8. Ireland | - | 1 | - |
| 9. Poland | 1 | - | - |
| 10. Switzerland | 1 | - | - |
| 11. Tanzania | - | - | 1 |
| 12. U.S.A. | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| 13. Uruguay | 1 | - | - |
| | 361 | 121 | 83 |

(The Hospital, Prison, Royal Marine Barracks, School Hostels, Cape Pembroke Lighthouse, and all Farm Bunkhouses are not included in the above figures).

| <u>Water Supply</u> | <u>Piped Water</u> | <u>No piped water</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|---------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|--------------|
| Stanley | 360 | 3 | 363* |
| East Falkland | 129 | 3 | 132* |
| West Falkland | 93 | 1 | 94* |
| | 582 | 7 | 589 |

*Unoccupied dwellings, King Edward Memorial Hospital (17 persons residing) and M.T. "Copious" (3 crew) not included.

Copies of the Census 1980 can be obtained from the Secretariat at £1.50 per copy. Overseas readers desirous of obtaining a copy can send £1.50 to the Editor of the 'TIMES' (including an element for air postage and packing) who will dispatch accordingly.

RADIO HAM

I bought a radio set with AM-USB-LSB bands. It's a Sommerkamp 80 channels. I placed the antenna turned to the Falklands direction so I can talk to my friends at Johnson's Harbour and Green Patch. When I turn the radio on I hear people speaking English and I think they are Islanders, but when I call, their replies come very low and I can hardly hear what they say.

I would like to know what is the main frequency people in the Falklands use and if they use USB or LSB when using their radios. The channel I have used when trying to get in touch with the Falklands is 35 - LOW - 27355. My radio set is a Sommerkamp TS-310-DX. My station name is Alpha Golf Santos Sao Paulo Brazil.

If any radio ham can help this chap out please write to Alexander Going, Rua Governador Pedro de Toledo No.50 apto 81, Bairro do Boqueirao, Cep.11.100. Santos, Estado de Sao Paulo, Brazil.

PENFRIENDS

What better way to spread news of the Falklands than to write a letter to someone in a far-off country? Many Falkland Islanders correspond with penpals but if you haven't, how about starting, by dropping a line to the two chaps mentioned below? It'll give you something to look forward to when the F28 comes in.

I'm a Portuguese man who likes the friendship between people of other nationalities. Please publish my details: A Portuguese man wants to correspond with Falkland Islands people. My hobbies are: Records, Gifts, Magazines, Papers, Viewcards and collecting postage stamps. I can write in English, Spanish and Portuguese. My address: Mr Horacio Jose, R.Rodrigues de Freitas, 20-2-E, 1495 LISBOA, Portugal.

I am a boy of eighteen years of age. I am a student. My hobbies are reading, singing, footballing and corresponding. I am five feet seven inches of height. I am prepared to answer any letter that comes my way. Hoping to hear from my new friends in the Falkland Islands. Ernest Jackson, P.O.Box 1033, Tema, GHANA, West Africa.

CIVIC WORKS NEWS

Recently, H.E. The Governor, Chief Secretary, Engineering Surveyor and Director of Public Works went on an inspection tour of the Airport and concern was shown over ground water which has apparently risen at least halfway through the sub-base. HE and the CS also expressed concern over the condition of the runway seams and bitumen for repair work will be urgently ordered.

Work on the foundations for the new Government housing site is proceeding excellently and the cases containing the pre-fab houses arrived on the recent A.E.S. These cases will not be opened until required for construction.

The PWD have made an excellent job of the conversion of Number 5 Ross Road West into 2 dwellings (5a and 5b). These are now tenanted and work is proceeding on the conversion on a similar basis of No.6 Ross Road West.

A new generator will be purchased by the Electrical department, approval for this purchase being granted under the new Estimates. However, in some experienced circles, the new generator will not be sufficient to cope with increased power demand on its own over a period of a few years and a bigger model is required. This will of course have to wait until the Colony can afford such a purchase, the price of generators being very expensive. In the recent cold snap experienced in the Falklands, the morning peak was reaching 1000KVa and above which almost resulted in power cuts, but the highly efficient Power Station staff, as usual, had no difficulty as such with the high demand.

The PWD blockmaking machine is thought to be capable of producing up to 500 blocks per working week (not 2000 as was reported in a recent radio news) and the average amount calculated as being (Page 10)

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Marriage Ordinance (Cap.43) (Section 5).

The following are registered as Ministers for celebrating marriages:

The Right Reverend Richard S. Cutts, Commissary in the Falkland Islands of the Archbishop of Canterbury.

The Reverend Harry Bagnall, Rector, Christ Church Cathedral.

Doctor Daniel Hugo Haines, Deacon, Christ Church Cathedral.

The Right Rev. Monsignor Daniel Spraggon, M.B.E., Prefect Apostolic of the Falkland Islands and Dependencies.

The Reverend Father Augustine Monaghan, Priest, St. Mary's Church.

GOVERNOR GOES

The Governor, Mr Rex Hunt, left the Colony on Wednesday June 24th for mid-tour leave. Mrs Hunt had left on the 17th.

Mr Dick Baker, Chief Secretary, will be Acting Governor until Mr Hunt returns in September.

DEFENCE FORCE PROMOTIONS

Sergeant Pat Peck, commissioned as 2nd Lieutenant.

Corporal Gerald Cheek promoted to Sergeant.

Private Robert Finlayson to Corporal.

Private Fred Ford to Corporal.

Private Owen Summers to Corporal.

A.E.S. AGAIN

The supply ship "A.E.S." arrived in Stanley on Sunday June 21st at around 1600hrs. She brought 86 bags of letters and papers, 65 bags of parcels and 2 bags of registered mail.

CLEAN UP STANLEY CAMPAIGN

The idea of a 'Clean up Stanley' campaign, devised by H.E. The Governor and the DPW kicked off with a meeting at Government House on 22nd June, with H.E. as Chairman. In attendance were: Mr Dick Baker, Chief Secretary; Mr John Brodrick, Director of Public Works; Mr Tom Perry, Municipal Officer; Mr John Fowler, Supt. of Education; Councillor Willie Bowles and the Commanding Officer of the Royal Marine Detachment.

ROY COVE FARM SUB-DIVISION

Mr Dick Baker, Chief Secretary, has recently broadcast details relating to the cost of buying a section of Roy Cove farm bought from Bertrand and Felton Ltd by Government. Mr Baker stressed that the sections had no names as yet as no doubt people would give them names in due course. Acreages are approximate figures only as is the carrying capacity for sheep.

Section 1: The Mountains, Bramble Point, Grave Cove - 16,876 acres -
Carrying capacity: 4,000. Leasehold Price: £45,600
Freehold Price: £54,720

Section 2: Dunbar, Dunbar Paddocks, North Side - 14,891 acres -
Carrying capacity: 3,400. Leasehold Price: £38,760
Freehold Price: £46,510

Section 3: Sharp Peak, Port North Flats, Sandgrass, Mount Fegan, Mount Brown Paddock - 8,738 acres - C.C. 3,200.
Leasehold: £36,480, Freehold: £43,780.

Section 4: Boundary Hills, Boundary Point, Herbert Stream, Herbert Stream Horse Paddock, Fegan Flats, Black Hill Corner.
- 9, 173 acres - carrying capacity: 3,500.
Leasehold: £39,900. Freehold: £47,880.

Section 5: Turkey Island Rincon, Crooked Inlet, East Rincon Ridge, Camping Hill South, Camping Hill North, Top Mount Cook, Saltwater Pass Paddock, Curly Valley Paddock, Settlement Horse Paddock, Point North Horse Paddock, Hummock Island.
- 13,654 acres - Carrying Capacity: 3,075.
Leasehold: £35,060. Freehold: £42,070.

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ROY COVE SECTIONS (Continued from Page 5)

Section 6 : Big Rincon West, Big Rincon East, Ram Paddock, Brown Flat Paddock, Whaler Bay Paddock, Bense Island, Little Bense Island, Rabbit Island.
- 11, 684 acres - Carrying capacity: 3,000.
Leasehold: £34,200. Freehold: £41, 040.

Certain areas around the settlement and facilities and buildings will be reserved for the common use of the various section holders as at Green Patch, for a certain period.

Some sections have houses but the ones without will have to move a house from Roy Cove settlement to the relevant section.

Existing horses and cattle will be divided amongst the holders.

At the time of the Chief Secretary's broadcast, about 60 applications had been received for a section, from locals, from the U.K., Australia and New Zealand. Applications close at the end of July. It was thought the fairest way of offering the sections was for them all to be offered both locally and overseas then it is up to the Selection Committee.

NO MORE ENDURANCE

An announcement was heard lately on local radio stating that due to H.M. Government making defence expenditure cutbacks, HMS Endurance would be making a trip in the 1981/2 season then she would appear no more. A follow-up announcement was broadcast:-

Following the announcement that H.M.S. Endurance is to be withdrawn from service at the end of the 1981-2 season as part of the cuts in U.K. defence expenditure, the Acting Governor held a meeting of Joint Councils this morning. (Fri June 26)

As a result of Councillor's discussions the following message was telexed to the Foreign and Commonwealth Office:-

"The people of the Falkland Islands deplore in the strongest terms the decision to withdraw H.M.S. Endurance from service. They express extreme concern that Britain appears to be abandoning its defence of British interests in the South Atlantic and Antarctic at a time when other powers are strengthening their position in these areas. They feel that such a withdrawal will further weaken British sovereignty in this area in the eyes not only of Islanders but of the world. They urge that all possible endeavours be made to secure a reversal of this decision."

Political Situation by Tim Miller continued from Page 2

.....as Argentina insists on a sovereignty deal first. We have tried a 'freeze' solution, they turned it down flat, without even considering it. It has become apparent that even if we were to consider a 'lease-back' type solution, the Argentine's terms would be nowhere near what we might consider as the minimum terms. They are interested in one thing, and one thing only, full Governmental control and ownership of the islands. It is my view that there is absolutely no point in any further discussions with Argentina at present. The 'freeze' idea is dead and the 'lease-back' is obviously a non-starter and likewise dead. It was made clear by a senior member of the Argentine Government in a radio interview last night that what we think and wish matters not one bit to them anyway.

It should be further emphasised to the British Government that we Falkland Islanders are British, of British descent and, we expect to be treated as, and classed as, British Citizens and nothing less.

I would hope therefore that this Council, and certainly those elected to take over from us, will make it clear that we are not prepared to enter into any further negotiations with Argentina, unless and until all Falkland Islanders are classed as British Citizens with the right of entry and abode in the United Kingdom." (More next issue)

These are edited extracts.

TRANSGLOBE TWIN OTTER RETURNS TO U.K.

Readers may remember the Twin Otter used on the British Transglobe Expedition, and its subsequent stop over at Stanley. Pilot Giles Kershaw was interviewed on FIBS. Here now is an extract from 'FLIGHT INTERNATIONAL' magazine's article on the occasion of the Twin Otter's return to Blighty!

De Havilland Twin Otter G-BDHC (ex-Brymon and Loganair) of the British Transglobe Expedition arrived back at Luton Airport on February 22. Giles Kershaw, a Britannia Airways 737 pilot seconded to the expedition, and Sgt Gerry Nicholson, a British Army Air Corps flight engineer, returned the aircraft to its starting point, having flown 52,000 miles since last October. The three-year expedition is making the first circumnavigation of the globe by way of the Polar axis. The expedition has 800 sponsors, and it stages regular exhibitions of its equipment in support of British exports.

The expedition, led by Sir Ranulph Twisleton-Wykeham-Fiennes, was re-supplied by the Twin Otter every 100 miles, and the Antarctic crossing marks the surmounting of the expedition's first major hurdle.

The aircraft was donated by Chubb. Fuelled by Mobil, its task was to lay depots of stores and snowmobile fuel and to lift 200 tons of supplies, including seven snowmobiles and four huts. It also rescued three men lost from the South African Antarctic base.

As inscribed on the side of the aircraft, the route from Luton took it via Reykjavik, Frobisher Bay, Toronto, Miami, St. Lucia, Manaus, Resistencia, Mar del Plata, Port Stanley, Rothera Base (UK), Halley Base (UK), Ryvingen (the base camp where the expedition spent many months in preparation). From there it continued to Finibulisen Base, Novolazarovskaya Base (USSR), Senae Base (South Africa), Amundsen Scott Base (NZ), Dunedin, Christchurch, Auckland, Sydney, Mt. Isa, Darwin, Bali, Singapore, Colombo, Trivandrum, Muscat, Larnaca, Corfu, Cannes and Luton.

The next task for the Twin Otter will be when the team reaches the Arctic, in about a year's time. J.M.B.

PENFRIENDS WANTED

Milton Finkelstein, 19 Vincent Street, Newark, New Jersey, 07105, USA.

21 years-old Englishman with many interests who works as a travel salesman in a travel agency: Steven Homer, 78 Barnett Lane, Wordsley, Stourbridge, West Midlands DY8 5RX.

I am writing on behalf of a group of young men and women aged 18 years to 40 years, desirous of forming pen-friendships with people in your country. Our interests cover all sports and hobbies, and our occupations are varied. Siena Ples, P.O.Box 1156, Arawa, N.S.P., Papua New Guinea.

THE MAY WEATHER

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|--------------------------|-----------|-----------------|-----------------------------|
| Average Temperature | 5.1 | degrees Celsius | 41.2 degrees F |
| Highest Temperature | 11.5 | degrees Celsius | 52.7 degrees F |
| Lowest Temperature | Minus 0.5 | degrees Celsius | 31.1 degrees F |
| Average Daily Sun | 2.58 | hours | |
| Average Wind Speed | 15.2 | knots | <u>SUMMARY:</u> |
| Highest Wind Gust | 55 | knots | A warm month with sun a |
| Gale Force Wind | 3 | hours | little above average and |
| Wind of 10 knots or less | 248 | hours | a little less wind and rain |
| Ground Frost Occasions | 12 | | than usual. |
| Total Rainfall | 52.3mm | 2.059" | |

STANLEY MET. OFFICE

ITINERARY FOR THE CELEBRATION OF THE ROYAL WEDDING BETWEEN
LADY DIANA SPENCER AND HRH THE PRINCE OF WALES. 29:7:81

- 4.56am - Falkland Islands Broadcasting Station opens up with 'The Ballad of Lady Di'.
- 5.05am - The song is still playing as the station announcer has gone to kip again being unused to this early start.
- 5.10am - Phone in studio rings. Announcer jerked from slumber. Switches over to BBC World Service.
- 5.15am - Estimated 3 people awake and listening to BBC commentary.
- 5.25am - Reports come in of 26 loudspeakers being torn from rediffusion circuit and hurled into road by sleep-disturbed subscribers.
- 5.35am - Commentary switches to a report on more riots in UK cities.
- 5.40am - Lady Diana still has not turned up at St.Pauls. Results of County cricket matches. Recap of the Wimbledon Singles Championship Final and Percy Thrower gets out his begonia in Gardening Club.
- 6.00am - LADE deliberately break through on transmission and keep it up until the F28 takes off.
- 7.30am - 11 people have turned up for work as Public Holidays are few and far between. Shrug shoulders, switch on tranny and make coffee before deciding to go back home to bed.
- 9.30am - Detachment of Royal Marines and FIDF fall-in outside Town Hall only to find the building has been demolished as part of the clean-up Stanley campaign.
- 10.30am - FIDF and RM fall-out after having photos taken by 2 Argentine tourists, 1 Embassy visitor and a schoolboy.
- 11.35am - Studio transmitter blows fuse. 4th re-run of 'Songbook' and 56th repeat of 'Pick of the Goons' goes over rediffusion, stalling for time.
- 12.00pm - Studio gives up. Announcer sighs with relief. Boss rings up with news that Wedding had been put back to August anyway. First announcer suicide performed live.

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ITINERARY FOR THE VISIT TO THE COLONY - ALBEIT WISHFUL THINKING -
OF HER MAJESTY QUEEN ELIZABETH II - SOMETIME IN 1983.

- Day 1 - Tour in Governor's taxi to view modern architecture of School Hostel, stopping for guided tour of 'PATA's Graveyard' adjacent to Powerhouse.
- Day 2 - Watch certain Councillor's speak into jumble of machinery, this is the new wind-generating-power-plant. Round off day with scenic tour of pot-holes in Brandon Road.
- Day 3 - Taking leaf from Daily Express photograph, HM will shop in local supermarket. Residents may follow so they too will know where the heck it is.
- Day 4 - Video show in GH portraying Mr Ridley being bestowed the Videla Oak Leaf Cluster by Argentine Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Trip to Camp overland. PATA hire rates and charges waived by decree.
- Day 5 - Football match between Stanley and Britannia. Result: 4 knockouts, 3 submissions and 19 pinfalls.
- Day 6 - Return soccer match. Ball is cleverly disguised landmine. Mr Ridley invited to 'kick-off'.
- Day 7 - Allowed to meet ordinary people. 5 minutes allowed in time schedule for this. Depart on Britannia. Feels cold. Thinks 'No wonder Philip grew a beard'. Mr Ridley stays on for further lease-back propaganda.
- Day 8 - Preparations made for visit of Royal personage in 2033.

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Argentine 'TIMES' reader Snr M. Candiotti, sent a clipping from the B.A. Herald giving an account of his brother's attempt at swimming.

CANDIOTTI'S GALLANT FAILURE

Unable to struggle against the incoming current, with sleep overcoming his mental powers after nearly 76 hours in the water, and almost unconscious, Pedro Candiotti was taken out of the river in front of San Isidro yesterday morning after having failed gallantly once again to swim from Rosario to Buenos Aires.

Things commenced to go wrong yesterday morning when a rise in the waters of the Plate held him back. He had arrived round about .30am near Las Barrancas, and the increasing head-on current brought him to a dead stop. Not a stroke could he advance against the rising river. Eventually, he commenced to be swept back, and three hours later, in front of San Isidro, his strength gave out, and he was hauled out and taken ashore. Candiotti swam for 75 hours 45 minutes, and covered a distance of 285 kilometres.

Guillermo Ahl, who was also attempting to swim from Rosario to Buenos Aires, abandoned his attempt after having reached the Canal Arias, three kilometres from the River Lujan. He covered a distance of 276 kilometres in 58 hours 30 minutes.

Antonio Saenz, who was attempting for the second time in two months to swim from Colonia R.O. to Buenos Aires, also failed on account of the unfavourable state of the river.

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CIVIC WORKS NEWS (Continued from Page Four)

.....sufficient for a single-skin average sized house is approximately 2000. Production of blocks will have to wait until such time as the Goliath stone-crusher, situated at Stanley Airport Quarry, is renovated with new screens being fitted, in order to produce the correct sized material used in block manufacture.

Work on the Darwin Road project will continue once the road gang finishes minor works jobs in Stanley. Previously, the gang ceased work on the road for the winter period but the new DPW, Mr John Brodrick, has more-or-less started from scratch with the road programme and said that work could proceed during the winter months, concentration being put on the ditching work.

Mr Malcolm Binnie's Stanley Road's gang have completed work on the Eliza Cove Road Cattle Grid which is now open to traffic.

Cattle Grid's on the Darwin road have posed a slight problem after Mr Kevin Kilmartin of Bluff Cove reported that on a recent cattle drive to Stanley, his charges crossed every cattle grid on the new road with ease.

NEWS OF AN ISLANDER

Mr Michael Triggs, a son of Mr & Mrs Bob and Lorena Triggs who left the Falklands to settle in Finchdean, Hants, nearly 4 years ago, has recently been awarded the Road Transport Industry Training Board Award which he was recommended for by Highbury College of Technology which he attends from 9am to 7pm on Day-Release from Wadhwa Stringer's, a large chain of garages in Hampshire, for whom he works. As a result of this award and exam results, Mike was also granted a berth on the Sail Training Schooner 'Malcolm Miller' which embarked on a cruise from 29th March to 11th April.

There were 39 lads on this cruise and apart from the regular complement of 14, Captain and Officers, they made up the crew.

Many of the lads had never been to sea before but it was an education in responsibility. The cruise took them to Roscoff, Concarneau and ST. Malo in France; Fowey in Cornwall and Weymouth in Dorset, or, a total of 978 miles being made up of 834 miles under sail, 93 miles with motor and sail and 51 miles of using motor alone.

Thanks go to proud mum, Mrs Lorena Triggs, for this item.

M U S I C

MADNESS have undoubtedly proved to be one of the most popular and consistently so bands of the year 1980, and this success and popularity will undoubtedly carry through years to come. MADNESS are:-

Mike Barson - Born: 21-4-58 - Edinburgh. Favourite Bands:- Specials, The Attractions.

Lee Jay Thompson - Born: 5-10-57 - London. Favourite Band:- Gary Glitter.

Mark Bedford - Born: 24-8-61 - London. Favourite Band:- The Go-Go's.

Chas Smash - Born: 14-1-59 - London. Favourite Bands:- Tenpole Tudor, The Undertones.

"Suggs" - Born: 13-1-61 - Hastings. Favourite Band:- Madness.

Christopher John Foreman - Born: Sometime in the late 50's! Favourite Band:- Los Palmas 7.

Daniel Mark Woodgate - Born: 19-10-60. Favourite Band:- Roxy Music

THE BALLAD OF LADY DI/3 MINUTE SILENCE The Hon Nick Jones and Ian Macrae.

Two Australian disc-jockeys turn out a good mickey-take of the upcoming nuptial event between HRH Prince Charles and Lady Diana Spencer. Nick Jones' gravelly vocals take a bit of understanding but after a few listens you can sit back and enjoy. The flip is the pair's attempt to record a '3 minute silence' but Nick ends up losing his car.

STIFF RECORDS * LONDON *

PHONOGRAM REVIEW (International Division)

The Teardrop Explodes: Treason/Use Me TEAR 3 (Mercury)

An intriguing group this. Their use of synthesisers is pleasing and although complicated, TTE's music is pleasing to the lug which is what counts innit? Both sides are good although 'Use Me' has the slight edge over the A side.

Gary Brooker: Homelovin'/ Chasing For The Chop MER 70 (Mercury)

A good song from this chap who used to be known quite well when he was in Procul Harum. Indeed, the B-side is a song co-written with another ex-Harum chap called Reid. Both songs are strong and Gary sounds like a cross between Joe Cocker and Bob Seger.

Polecats: Rockabilly-Guy/Don't Cry Baby POLE 2 (Mercury)

Good rocking stuff for the fans of the rockabilly revival. The guitarist has a real feel for the picking parts and the whole instrumentation is good - both sides.

Sector 27 : Martin's Gone/Christopher Calling SEC 30 (Panic)

Another record where the B side should have been the A as Martin's Gone is not a patch on Christopher Calling. The A-side tends to be too repetitive which grates on the patience a bit. As a contrast, Christopher calling can call as much as he likes on my record player; an excellent song. Come on Tom Robinson, get some TRB atmosphere down.

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PHONOGRAM RECORDS

David Essex : Be-Bop-A-Lula/Secret Lover. MER 72 (Mercury)

The "ole greaser" comes on strong again with two good songs. The re-hashed Gene Vincent/Tex Davis rocker is given a welcome facelift, and this is another song where the synthesiser plays an important role. The B-side is written by Mr Essex himself and warrants plenty of plays. Good record this son!

Way Of The West: Don't Say That's Just For White Boys/Prove It.

Weird one this. The A-side is a really strange song - until after the fourth play and then the chorus line (the title) gets ingrained and one finds oneself humming the refrain in the strangest of places. B-side is lacklustre material but Way Of The West have promise. MER 66 (Mercury)

STARPLAY 1

Original Mirrors: Dancing With The Rebels/Sure 'Yeah

A refreshing group this. Strange at first but likeable, Original Mirrors are a group to sit and listen to. Dancing With The Rebels is taken from their debut LP and features a good dose of drumming. Sure 'Yeah is my favourite song of the two, but both songs are excellent. MER 65 (Mercury)

STARPLAY 2

Weapon Of Peace: If/Misty Rhodes TFX 1083 (Fontana)

This 12" single is really good listening. Not being one who likes black music much, this elpee-in-miniature came as a pleasant surprise, and all three (one untitled) tracks are damn good. Best track is the instrumental 'Misty Rhodes' which includes a fantastic guitar lick. More please WOP!

Next issue: Reviews of elpees : "Kilimanjaro" by The Teardrop Explodes and Original Mirrors 'Heart-twango & Raw-beat'.

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QUEEN'S MEDAL

Acting Police Chief, Inspector Donald 'Toddy' MacMillan, has been awarded the Queens Medal in the Birthday Honours list.

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IMPORTANT TIME AHEAD FOR FALKLANDS

The ever present dispute between the Republic of Argentina and the British Government over the sovereignty of the Falkland Islands will be forever with us unless the dispute is settled once and for all. That is easy enough to say, but really hard to put into action unless there is seen to be a way out of the situation which would be acceptable to both Falkland Islanders and Britain.

To question the reasoning behind the links Britain has with the Falkland Islands and its people is unthinkable. Most Falkland Islanders are descendants of emigrants from England, Wales and Scotland, they regard Britain as 'home', they go there for holidays and to visit relations, and they generate a sympathy for their plight of being in the midst of a political tug-of-war, Britain carrying the reputation of always being on the side of the underdog.

If links with Britain were severed, the Falkland Islands would disappear from the world map without trace, without remembrance. Heritage and history, built up over the past 147 years, would be just a blank grey cell in the memory.

After the months have passed since Ridley's visit from the Foreign & Commonwealth Office, it can be safely said that his visit to the Colony has sowed seeds of doubt as to whether or not Britain is ready, willing and able to dump the Falkland Islands as just another unfashionable, dried-out, unviable possession of the Crown. Who can blame the Falkland Islanders for beginning to wonder if they are genuinely wanted when Ridley uses the threat of Argentina becoming menacing if Kelpers do not fold up the Union Jack.

More laughable but pitiable is the morbid fear that the United Nations might not like the Falkland Islanders desire to remain under the British wing. Who cares what the United Nations think? Britain is not dictated to by the United Nations. Examples of how excellent the United Nations set-up is can be judged from the turmoil that exists in the world today, turmoil that has existed wherever the UN has stuck its greasy finger. Afghanistan, Israel and the Arab States, Iran and Iraq. No, the United Nations carries no weight in the real-life arguments over the Falkland Islands. What is the escape route from the

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whole mess? None. Stay the way you are and you will have the support of the British people.

The next Legislative Council will have to be a strong one. It will not have to be content at sitting back and taking 'no' for an answer. Councillors must probe deep to gather more info as to what HM Government are thinking about the Falklands.

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The Independent Newspaper

ARGENTINE COMMUNIQUE'

THE Argentine Government has invited the Government of the United Kingdom to give resolute impetus to the formal process of negotiation intended to resolve in conclusive manner their country's claim to the Malvinas, South Georgia, and South Sandwich Islands.

THIS invitation was issued in a note which the Minister of Foreign Affairs and Worship, Dr Camilion, addressed to the British Ambassador, Mr Anthony Williams, recently.

ON this subject, the exchanges which have taken place since the renewal of the negotiating process in 1977 have served to clarify the respective points of view in general terms.

However, it is evident that substantial progress has not been achieved since negotiations began - in accordance with Resolution 2065 (XX) of the UN General Assembly - negotiations of which the substance was clearly defined as being the dispute over the sovereignty of the above-mentioned archipelagos.

MEANWHILE, the system of opening up communications, set in motion with the Joint Declaration of 1971, has been maintained and expanded by the Argentine Republic, within the limits of its abilities. Even though it is true that it has achieved its objective of improving the conditions of life of the population in a very significant way, it must be made clear that this system has not had the hoped-for success in its fundamental aims of contributing to mutual knowledge and comprehension and thereby assisting with the success of the negotiations.

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POLITICAL OPINION 1: By Tim Miller, P.O.Box 86, Stanley.

THE Argentine Government's recently published statement on the Falklands must have given all something to think about.

To use a variation of a well-known phrase:-

Never has so much tripe been heard in such a short time - and two-faced tripe at that. If they expect us to fall for even half of that lot, then they haven't given much thought to our feelings and beliefs, as Islanders with a democratic Government, and a free civilized way of life - things Argentina lacks.

HOW can a Military Dictatorship - and one that shows similarities to Nazi Germany in the 1930s - guarantee to underwrite our freedom, our laws and customs etc., if we accept their Sovereignty, when THEY cannot provide even basic human rights for their own people?

THEY claim that Britain is not honouring the UN Declaration on the Falklands - it is high time then that we Islanders told the UN a few facts and got the record straight.

SOUTH GEORGIA is claimed now - no country other than Britain has ever occupied South Georgia. Spain and Argentina did at one time occupy - illegally - part of the Falklands, and Argentina does occupy - illegally - one of the South Sandwich Islands, but she has never, ever, occupied South Georgia.

ARGENTINA threatens to not increase communications and possibly even reduce them if we refuse to play ball and surrender our homeland. I doubt if she would actually do this, but even so - if she really wants the world to see her in her true colours as an aggressive bully - she can just go ahead.

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Argentine Communique' Continued

BECAUSE of the isolation in which the Islanders live, there is much ignorance in the Islands about the Argentine Republic and what goes on in the Continental part of our territory. This lack of knowledge becomes an obstacle to the advance of the negotiating process insofar as not merely the interests but rather the wishes of the inhabitants of the Malvinas may be put forward as a permanent argument in order to obstruct progress of any kind. Argentina, with all due respect for the Island interests of course, maintains that the discussion over sovereignty is a bilateral responsibility between its Government and the British Government, as is recognised by the UN. There are, in practice, only two alternatives: effective Argentine Sovereignty over the part of our territory occupied today by the United Kingdom, or the continuation of the present state of affairs, that is to say British control of the Islands as a Colonial Dependency.

TO the political and moral frustration which this unjust state of affairs provokes in the Argentine people must be added the incongruity which flows from the failure to exploit the Islands resources, indispensable in a world crying out for energy and food. All this is highly irrational and no-one can seriously maintain that the status quo can be further prolonged.

THE Argentine Government therefore considers that the acceleration of negotiations on the Malvinas, with resolution and with clear objectives in view, has become an unpostponable priority for its foreign policy. The note sent to the United Kingdom emphasises the urgency of resolving the problem, which is complex and which requires a global approach.....

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Political Opinion 1 Continued

FREEDOM has a price, and I value mine a lot higher than subsidised flights and fuel of poor quality - the Medical is all paid for by our Government anyway. It would be difficult in the short term if LADE and YPF were to withdraw, but, in time, we could arrange alternatives - albeit more expensive and less frequent - but it could be done.

NO doubt the Foreign Office will say to our next Council "The Argentines really are trying to be reasonable you know; and, in order to survive, you must make an Agreement with them before they get nasty". Utter rubbish and a coward's way out - I only hope the Council will have the determination to ignore and defy the Foreign Office and make it plain that we are just not interested in any talks, unless the Sovereignty claim is dropped.

THE ruling Military Junta have not yet actually been heard singing 'Sieg Heil' - but it is an accepted fact that more than 7000 people have mysteriously disappeared since they came to power. Many political prisoners are physically tortured and some murdered. If you are unfortunate enough to be a Jew, the torture is often of a barbaric sexual form involving electric wires - there are documented cases of this.

TIM MILLER

The Murrell - East Falkland

THE JULY WEATHER 1981

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| Average Temperature | - 2.7 degs C |
| Highest Temperature | - 8.1 degs C |
| Lowest Temperature | - Minus 4.4. C |
| Total Rainfall | - 50.3mm |
| Average Daily Sun | - 2.1 hours |
| Average Wind Speed | - 12.3 knots |
| Highest Wind Gust | - 53 knots |
| Gale Force Wind | - 6 hours |
| 10 knots or less | - 342 hours |
| Ground Frost | - 21 occasions |

Argentine Communique' Continued

.....in which all its aspects must be considered simultaneously. In this respect, the basic standpoints of the Argentine Government are:

1. The reaffirmation of our country's traditional position that all realistic negotiations over the Malvinas, South Georgia and South Sandwich Islands assume the recognition of Argentine Sovereignty over those archipelagos as the essential point in any solution.
2. That the Argentine Government re-iterates its pledge to respect the interests of the Islands' inhabitants.
3. That the preservation of these interests must take into account their way of life and traditions.
4. That in the context of acceptable negotiations, Argentina will continue providing to the Island population the services currently provided and which began in 1971. These services, which today are provided in various fields, and which could be increased, require evidence of a political will on the part of Britain to make constructive progress if they are not to become sterile exercises as far as a final solution is concerned.
5. That, as these negotiations have taken place within the framework of UN Resolutions, the Argentine Republic is ready for the UN to afford such guarantees as may be considered appropriate to give substance to the safeguards to the Islanders' interests, insofar as such safeguards may be necessary in addition to all those offered by the Argentine Juridical System and by special statutes that might be negotiated.

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POLITICAL OPINION 2 : By Mr Syd Miller, Lois Cottage, Stanley.

AFTER hearing the Forum on Sovereignty that was broadcast last week, let me say that it was pleasing to hear three out of the four speakers totally against any adoption of Nicholas Ridley's suggestion that the Councils of these Islands should approach the Argentine Government on the possibility of a possible 'Freeze' on sovereignty, or a Lease-Back scheme.

I HAVE, probably like most other Falkland Islanders, given our immediate future considerable thought. And my only conclusion is that we now have no alternative but to seek a form of independence.

A SISTER COLONY, Belize, has opted for independence and that Colony is due to become independent on the 21st of next month rather than submit to the claims from her large neighbour, Guatemala. The British Government has, for a very long time, maintained an efficient defence of Belize. These forces consist of about 1,600 troops, a squadron of Harrier Jets and a small naval detachment. Her Majesty's Government has not only undertaken to maintain the defence of Belize, but as quoted in The Daily Telegraph of July 28th is preparing a formal approach to a number of countries, including the United States, seeking their aid in the event of any attack.

SO, SIR, if I were a Member of the new Council to be elected shortly, I would very strongly, and with total determination, seek similar independence as Belize is shortly to enjoy. The population of Belize is, I understand, not more than 20,000, and mainly black, but the British plans for their defence are generous and all this for an ex-Colony, albeit very attached to Britain, but not a solid white all-British intensely loyal community as we Falkland Islanders are.

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Argentine Communique' Continued.

6. That as regards the Islands resources, Argentina is ready to arrive at practical formulae which take into account the interests of those who might benefit from the development of said resources.

THE Argentine Government is determined to continue the negotiations in an eminently realistic spirit and with the full certainty that there are rational and attainable solutions. With the same realistic spirit and the same certainty, the Argentine Government considers that the time has come for the negotiations to become effective. It does not believe that one can entertain hopes for a solution indefinitely, so long as that solution is not sought in negotiations of sufficient depth and with the firm intent of reaching an agreement.

THERE is a national awareness of the problem, which on the one hand allows for negotiation, and which on the other believes that it is not possible to defer this question which affects territorial integrity and national dignity.

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BEST WOOL FOR SPONSORED KNIT

The small Somerset village of East Brent (population approx 700) held a sponsored Knit recently in aid of their Village Hall fund using the best knitting wool in the world; from the Falkland Islands.

The ladies clacked their No.8 needles aiming to achieve as many inches as possible and raised £150 for their hall. The knitted pieces will be crocheted together to form a coverlet which will be given away to charity. Hayfield Textiles Ltd. of Keighley, Yorkshire, donated 2,500g (50 balls) of Machine Washable Double Knit Falkland Islands Wool, spanning their whole range of 24 colours.

The raising of 600,000 sheep for quality wool is the chief industry of the staunchly British colony of the Falkland Islands (population 1,700), which lie in the South Atlantic off the coast of South America. The wool - so good that it used to be added to improve Shetland wool - is now marketed in its own right and sells chiefly to Japan, where fine quality wool is fashionable, earning hard currency for Britain.

Falkland Islands Wool, characterised by its 'bounce', is also available from stockists of Hayfield Wool.

(Press release from the Falkland Islands Office, 2 Greycoat Place, Westminster, London SW1P 1SD).

Political Opinion 2, Continued.

IF WE seek independence, we should expect to have United Nations support, as such is far more acceptable to the United Nations than 'colony' status, whether it is as a British colony or an Argentine one.

WITH regard to capability, like Belize, I believe we should expect British support for an appropriate period. The Royal Marine Force as at present, plus some small air defence and a fisheries protection vessel and police, should suffice. Financial help would be required for medical and education staff, and, again for an appropriate period, a UK officer to administer the Government, until the time we can get under our own steam.

FALKLAND Islands waters would be extended westwards as far as the median line between the Islands and South America and elsewhere up to a 200 mile limit. South Georgia and Dependent British Antarctic Territory would be the responsibility of Britain naturally with total access to these Islands.

I DO not think that in the fore-going we are expecting too much of Britain; it would be no more than Britain is preparing to do and has been doing for Belize.

SYDNEY MILLER

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ITEMS FROM THE FALKLAND ISLANDS GAZETTE VOL XC NOS.7 & 9Resignations

Mrs Victoria Townsend, Teacher, Education Department.
 Mr Thomas Keane, Constable, Police & Prisons Department.
 Mrs Una Wallace, Private Secretary, Secretariat.
 Miss Christina Ferguson, Clerk, Public Service.

Appointments

Miss Edith Smith, Clerk, Public Service.
 Mr David Emsley, Meteorological Assistant.
 Mrs Betty Biggs, Clerk, Public Service.
 Miss Sonia Summers, Clerk, Public Service.
 Mr Anthony Bryson, Constable, Police & Prisons Department.
 Mr Patrick Peck, Clerk, Public Service.
 Mrs Jeanmarie Mahony, Teacher, Education Department.
 Mr James Mahony, Teacher, Education Department.
 Mr Henry Banner, Engineering Surveyor, Public Works Department.

Transfers

Mr Owen Summers: from Meteorological Assistant to trainee, Grasslands Trials Unit.
 Mr Thomas Perry: from General Foreman, P.W.D., to Municipal Officer, P.W.D.

COST OF LIVING

Quarter ended 30th June 1981: Percentage increase over 1971 prices: 281.75%. Average increase over the past four quarters: 261.40%

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1: A charge of 30p per mile plus boarding charge of £11.50.

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 8 years to 15 years inclusive - $\frac{1}{2}$ of adult fare

A rebate of 12p per mile will be given to persons normally resident in the Colony and the maximum fare chargeable to such person shall be £25 for any one flight.

Baggage: Every passenger may take with him free of charge, personal baggage to a maximum weight of 30lbs. Baggage in excess of this weight will be carried only at the aircraft commanders' discretion; and shall be charged at 10p per lb for the first 10lbs, and at the rate of 15p per lb thereafter.

WOT, NO EPIOBLASMA FLORENTINA FLORENTINA?

Yes, according to the F.I.Gazette of 26 June 1981, the *Fusconaia Cuneolus*, *Lampsilis brevicula* and *Lexingtonia dolabelloides* all share the same fate as the *Epioblasma florentina florentina* (alias *Dysnomia florentina florentina*). They form sections of restricted freshwater mussels; so, sorry, you cannot import or export them! Among the 15 million (it seems like it) things of this world that be restricted according to the Gospel of St.Hunt, are: Clawed Jird (Mongolian Jerbil) *Bubalus bubalis* (Domestic water buffalo), *Procyon cancrivorus* (Crah-eating raccoon), *Psephotus haematt..thingummyjig...* (Red-rumped parakeet). So all those intending setting up a mail order pet-shop, put all ideas of Wied's ring-necked lizards, Turnip-tailed gecko's etc crawling round the peat shed out of your head!!

BOAT BOARDED

An incident occurred recently whereby a Polish fishing trawler was ordered to stop and was then boarded by an Argentine Naval Officer who delivered a paper which stated that the Poles were prohibited to fish in the area around the Falklands which the Argentines say belongs to them.

The Polish fleet was said to be about 7 miles outside of the 200-mile limit claimed by the Argentines around the Republic's coastline.

Chief Secretary Dick Baker - currently Acting Governor while Mr Rex Hunt is on leave - sent a report of the incident to the Foreign and Commonwealth Office and to the British Embassy in Buenos Aires.

The FCO have now indicated their intention to protest to the Argentine authorities on the grounds that the Argentine Navy's intervention was based on the claim that the fishing vessels were in Argentine territorial waters, whereas Her Majesty's Government regards this area as being "High Seas".

The Commander of the Polish fishing fleet has reported that he has also made diplomatic representations.

GOVERNOR'S RETURN

The Governor, Mr Rex Hunt, is expected to return to the Falklands on the 15th September.

STAFF MOVEMENTS WITHIN GOVERNMENT

A few staff movements have taken place within the Government Departments. The Treasury, for a long time snail-paced in its transactions due to there being just one desk-window in operation, now has an additional window open which is called the "Quick Service Counter", this is manned by Mr Robert King. The other window is manned by Tracey Peck. Robert, who used to work in the Customs office, has had his former post filled by Mr Fraser Wallace who moved from the Police Force. Mr Robert Short and Mr Andy Brownlee are two new policemen.

DEVELOPMENT OFFICER?

An advert appearing in a recent issue of a Scottish paper advertised the job of Development Officer in the Falklands:-

The successful candidate will prepare a development plan and individual projects and co-ordinate all government's resources to see that the development plan is kept to schedule. The prime qualification is an ability backed by experience to prepare development projects in a form attractive to aid agencies.

Experience in monitoring development projects overall and for individual projects is also essential. The candidate must be familiar with fiscal and financial policy as it relates to development, preferably in a dependent territory. Some knowledge of cost accounting and taxation policy is highly desirable.

The person appointed must also be able to collaborate with all sections of Government and the private sector in order to co-ordinate the scarce resources to overcome the considerable constraints imposed notably by lack of transport, shortage of equipment and manpower. Candidates under 55 years preferable, should be UK citizens.

Appointment 2-3 years.....etc....etc.

This appointment can be regarded as a complete waste of time and money. A Development Officer is just not needed!

THE DATE HONGKONG DREAMS TO THINK ABOUT

Ask any question you like in HongKong and you'll get a straight answer. Except when you ask the question: What happens on June 30, 1997? That is when HongKong's 99-year lease on the New Territories runs out. Ninety-seven per cent of the land area will revert to China.

Will the Communist Chinese want to let Hongkong remain a British Colony and renew the lease? Would a government in Britain in the 1990's, especially a Socialist one, want to continue as a colonial power? Could Hongkong continue to be a vital business and investment centre in Asia if its status were to change? Is there a danger that if all goes wrong, hundreds of thousands of Hongkong people with British passports will take to the sea like the Vietnamese boat people and become a problem for Britain?

No-one really knows the answer. Until recently, most people in this bustling, prosperous trading post did not want to think about it. But within the next 12 months the air has to be cleared. Because the uncertain future poses a serious practical problem for people wanting to take out a 15-year mortgage. Already house prices are beginning to drop. And the moment the bankers and investors sense a shift of confidence away from Hongkong, there could be a massive flight of capital. Every straw in the wind from Peking is analysed endlessly for hidden meanings. Two years ago, with the assurance from Chinese Vice-Premier Deng Xiaoping that investors should put their hearts at ease, there was a surge of optimism. Now that Deng has run into opposition over his modernisation programme in China, people in Hongkong wonder whether the assurance of a man in his 70's will have much meaning in 16 years time.

The latest word from 'senior Chinese sources' on the eve of Lord Carrington's visit to China was that Peking is in no hurry to review the question. But the anonymous sources sought to allay anxieties by saying that investors interests would not be harmed. The Chinese are not unmindful of the value of capitalist investment. Forty per cent of their foreign currency reserves come from trade and commerce through Hongkong. In the last three years, China's trade with Hongkong has trebled to about £3,000 million. On top of that, China gets around £500 million in remittances sent back from earnings in Hongkong.

Even more significant is the enormous property investment in Hongkong by the Communist Chinese. With Hongkong companies they have bought a 1,211 acre site in the New Territories to build a new town for half a million people at a cost of £700 million. The Chinese have also established special economic zones in provinces bordering the colony and encouraged Hongkong industrialists to take part in 400 joint ventures inside China. But some wary Hongkong economists are worrying whether this may not be a step towards the colony being ultimately transformed itself into a special zone under the Communist Chinese.

Hongkong is a door to - and a window on - the capitalist world for China. But Peking is unwilling to lose face among the Third World by seeming to endorse Hongkong colonial status. Yet a solution is becoming urgent. And Peking would be wise to ponder the observation of one of the most respected old China hands: 'Hongkong is unique and must stay so, for it is not just a colony of Britain, it is also an unofficial colony of China.'

By John Dickie, Diplomatic Correspondent, Daily Mail (UK).

"In fortunate consequence, the Rock looks set fair to remain our colony for a while longer yet, to the profound relief of the Gibraltarians, the great satisfaction of the British and to the continuing annoyance of Spain." George Gale in the Daily Express after full British citizenship had been granted to residents of the Rock of Gibraltar.

WHAT SORT OF ELECTION DO THEY BLOODY WELL CALL THIS THEN?

The General Election within the Falklands for Legislative Council which rolls along with Nomination Day set for September 15th is going to be a rather farcical event. Why? Well, according to the Foreign and Commonwealth Office Legal Adviser, persons working for Government on a full or part-time basis, are now barred from standing as prospective candidates as they are classed as receiving "emoluments under The Crown". Naturally, Civil Servants on salaried basis, are prohibited from standing but now that the ruling has been extended to prevent hourly paid Government workers - clerks to roadsweepers - from "having a go", the amount of eligible candidates has been drastically cut, Government being the major employer.

The whole shebang came to light when Mr Neville Bennett - an hourly paid worker in Government's Central Store - and Mr David Colville - an hourly paid employee of the Plant & Transport Authority - indicated that they were thinking of standing for election to Legislative Council. Telegrams were sent by Acting Governor Mr Dick Baker to the FCO Legal Adviser, explaining that no definite legislation was in evidence to the extent of hourly paid employees with Government standing for election and back came the reply which said, without beating about the bush "Tough!"

The only way that Messrs Bennett and Colville could stand for election would be to relinquish their posts with Government.

If he then stood for election, was elected, he lost his job with Government anyway. If he stood for election and was defeated, there was no guarantee whatsoever that he could receive his job back with Government anyway.

It's a big decision to chuck in one's job in the Falklands because there is only one other choice of employment for those living in Stanley: the Falkland Islands Company, and they are not exactly crying out for people to fill vacancies which don't exist!

Both Mr Bennett and Mr Colville are Members of the Executive Committee of the General Employees Union and it was hoped that LegCo would have a Union representative on it this time.

At the time of writing, it is understood that Mr Neville Bennett will not be forfeiting his job with Government and is remaining with Central Store, and Mr D. Colville, not wanting to disregard 3 years work with PATA is staying with them.

Other prospective candidates, unaffected by the ruling, who have come to light are: Mr Graham Bound, Mr Alexander (Alec) Betts, Mr Stuart Wallace and Mr Willy Bowles. Mr Syd Miller has intimated that he would be prepared to stand for Council if enough people asked him to.

Mr Colville's manifesto included:

The abolition of Executive Council

Pensions to rise accordingly with COLB awards.

Retention of COLB awards to hourly-paid workers.

OSAS Officers to be restricted to 2 terms under OSAS then if wishing to stay, by all means, AT FALKLAND ISLANDS RATES.

A more intensive, forward looking Housing Programme.

The revision of fines for vandalism and crimes connected with excessive alcoholism.

The elimination of the need for a Governor.

Abolition of all talks with Argentina wherein sovereignty is discussed.

The F=I=TIMES urges all voters who are not positively sure of the motives of candidates to keep the Falklands under the Union Jack and as a possession of Her Majesty the Queen to either DESTROY YOUR VOTE or STAY AWAY. Better safe than sorry. Better British than at the mercy of right-wing militarism.

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Mr Eric Ogden MP, a Member of the Falkland Islands Committee, speaking at the Annual Falkland Islands Reception in the Great Hall of Lincoln's Inn, London, said:

Friends of the British citizens of the British Falkland Islands. Thank you, for showing by your presence here today, your continuing support for the freedom, security, welfare and well-being of everyone in that part of Her Majesty's Realms and Territories beyond the Seas.

Your Committee and your Falkland Islands Office have had a busy and effective year. The 'Hot Line' between the Islands and the Office and between the Office and the Islands, has been very hot indeed. Your Chairman, Sir John Barlow, well supported and advised by Sir Nigel Fisher, has opened doors to the Foreign Office faster and more effectively than I have seen them opened in the 17 years I have been a Member of Parliament. The opinions of the people of the Falkland Islands, the hopes and needs of the people of the Falkland Islands, are known with crystal clarity to Her Majesty's Ministers, including the First Minister of the Crown, the Prime Minister herself.

Sovereignty, nationality, trade and development; many other matters have been given detailed consideration by the Committee members in a manner which would be the envy of any Royal Commission or Select Committee of any House of Parliament. We are grateful for the continuing interest and support of the former Minister of State, the Rt. Hon. Ted Rowlands MP. Your Committee, strongly supported by Air Commodore Frow and his staff, have had more than one meeting with the Minister of State at the Foreign Office on Sovereignty and the "Ridley Options". The Rt. Hon. Nicholas Ridley MP is an honourable, able and determined man. His word is his bond. He has responsibilities for all British citizens and interests through the whole of South America and the South West Atlantic. We have responsibilities for the British citizens and British interests in and around the British Falkland Islands. Those interests need not conflict. They can be mutually advantageous.

Mr Ridley has confirmed that British Sovereignty of the British Falkland Islands will not be ceded to anyone, without the freely given consent of the people of the Falkland Islands, confirmed by the Parliament of this United Kingdom. Our task is to strengthen and maintain the Minister and the Government in that resolve. British Nationality is a complicated matter. We are grateful to Mr Michael Shersby MP, and other Members of Parliament, for the efforts they have made in recent weeks and months in this regard, and will continue to make on behalf of the Falkland Islanders. We have the personal guarantee of the Minister of State, that no citizen of the Falkland Islands will have any difficulty in having free access to and from the United Kingdom at any time. We want more than that, and the recent developments in regard to Gibraltar are relevant to this task and have not gone unnoticed.

On a personal note, Mr Shersby and I may be able to visit the Islands in late August. We want our visit to be much more than a "guided tour". You have the opportunity today, to tell us who you think we should meet and talk with on our visit, so that we can properly gauge the real opinions of the Islanders. We want all the views, not just a selected and edited version.

The battle is by no means lost, but it is not yet won. This is the time, this is the year for another great Battle of the Falkland Islands. Another great victory in which we all must share."

(Abridged version of Mr Ogden's speech).

SANDISON INTERVIEW MAKES SPARKS

An interview, broadcast on the Falkland Islands Broadcasting Station, as part of Patrick Watts' 'News Magazine', between Patrick and John Sandison, caused many comments after it was aired.

Sandison, a member of the religious Baha'i cult which is growing pretty strongly in the Falkland Islands, spoke out on quite a few topics and touched frequently on the 'hot potato' both at home and within the ODM - the Stanley School Hostel.

One disgruntled listener to the interview, hard-working dairyman Malcolm Ashworth of Stanley, comments:-

"I have just listened to tonight's (25th August) News Magazine. I must confess myself appalled at the Watts-Sandison interview.

I did not think that the F.I. Broadcasting Service would broadcast such an egotistic and offensive item. I feel that for comments and criticisms to be made in such a self-opinionated way by a person of only 2 years residence in the colony is a contravention of good manners, especially as the critic leaves the Colony the following morning and persons and departments criticised are unable to reply.

I sincerely hope this type of interview will not become a regular feature of our listening.

With the boot on the other foot, I feel that if Mr Sandison (and others like him) were to put their money where their mouths were, and do something rather than saying what they have done, can do and will do, the whole community will be more likely to benefit from their "expertise".

MALCOLM ASHWORTH

Ed: Well said Malcolm. I don't know if 'Technical Trades Teacher' includes a course on how to screw down windows!

WHERE'S THE CREST THEN?

Er...would you believe next time?

CONGRATULATIONS DEPARTMENT

Well, it must be admitted that congratulations are given out in small doses, if ever, so:

Congratulations to the FIBS and Patrick Watts for compulsive listening with the weekly 'Discussion Programme'. It's certainly interesting to hear "other" people's views on various topics. It's just a pity that a lot of folk are 'mike-shy' and are hesitant at applying to become one of the panel.....

Congratulations to Cable & Wireless Limited for providing an ultra-first class service, although this was never in question.....

Congratulations to the Falkland Islands Company's West Store Staff for providing a well laid out shop.....

Congratulations to JOHN AYERS on his appointment as Chief Pilot with Pilatus Britten, Norman (who manufacture the Islander range of aircraft) on the Isle of Wight.

PATA JOINS BUREAU

The Plant & Transport Authority, in a concerted effort to cut out expensive time-lag in the method of obtaining quotations for, and the ordering of spare parts, have joined the Telex Bureau service operated by Cable & Wireless Ltd.

One of the benefits gained by PATA, apart from the speed of reply factor, is the loss of the 'Price valid for 60 days' bugbear on orders, the original price of spares usually being lost as the long process of obtaining quotes with C.I.F. prices, replying to the firm, then contacting Crown Agents, - all by letter, usually meant PATA paying a reviewed price.

The Secretariat are reportedly interested in acquiring improved telex facilities.

SPARROWHAWK HOUSE OPEN

Mr John Smith, taking over from where Mr Dave Ryan left off with his Guest House 'Byron House', is all set, together with wife Ileen, to welcome their first guests in the re-named Byron House "Sparrowhawk House".

John has re-decorated the hallway in such a way that one has the impression of standing in the tween decks of a ship. Guests who will eat in the 'Breakfast Room' will not be content just to sit and chew away at their sausages and egg, for their eyes will be gazing upon the many interesting artifacts which form the decor of this room. From a divers helmet to a wooden gravemarker lamenting some poor chap who fell overboard on a one-way ticket to Davy Jones Locker, from pistols, ships nameplates and bells to ancient books.

In the lounge - well heated by gas - a guest can gaze in rapt fascination at what is described as a P-SS POT, amongst the fascinating objects which decorate the Lounge.

John, Ileen, family and friends have put a lot of hard work into giving Byron House that was a new lease of life, and guests can look forward to a happy comfortable stay when in the Falklands.

Bed, Full Breakfast, Pre-Bedtime Snack and Hot Water Bottle:- £12 per person.

GREETINGS TO:

Dave Marr, Basil The Road,
Jon Walton, George & Co,
Len, Teresa, Jeannie, Gene
Richner (thanks for letter)
and Dr James Dawson (Harry
will write sometime!)

be leaving the site. Apparently and according to British law, the client, if unsatisfied with the contractofs finishing can order them back to the site and if they refuse within 14 days, the client impounds everything on the site. It certainly looks as if the Public Works Department will be called upon, at the expense of all other work, to finish the job. As with the Islander, this is another Jim Parker Folly that has no excuse.

HOSTEL DELAYED YET AGAIN

The Stanley School Hostel, long in the minds of the Falklands population and indeed the British taxpayer, has reached another stumbling block in its finishing process.

Due to be inspected and given a partial certificate of completion on August 27th, the delay occurred when the client, the Falkland Islands Government, refused to "take over" after many faults were discovered.

Following bouts of heavy rain, flooding took place, electrical wiring was seen to be hanging down and ceiling tiles had also been falling off.

A worker on the site who has since left his contract job said that he had been congratulated on his work with the plumbing by Director of Public Works Mr John Brodrick, and then his work had been interfered with by "others" and more-or-less ruined.

It has been reported that a fault has been found in the structural calculations by ODA, although this cannot be confirmed as authority hedge with their statements.

Following the last visit by Mr Nicholas Ridley to the Falklands, upon seeing the Stanley School Hostel he said that when he got back to England "heads would roll" over the mess that the Hostel project had become. Since then Mary Rosser of ODA has been retired a second time, John Hodges has been shifted to African matters, and ODA's Architectural Adviser, Eric Riley, is taking the blame for the design.

The FIC, who are now the contractors after their subsidiary company TCT disappeared from the scene, recently issued a statement that they considered the Hostel completed and will

STIFF RECORDS and PHONOGRAM RECORDSALVIN STARDUST Pretend/Goose Bumps BUY 124

Remember Shane Fenton & The Fentones? No? Welcome aboard! Here is Shane himself, alias Alvin Stardust who used to perform on the Magnet label and had a massive hit with My Coo-Ca-Choo. Stiff have come up with an excellent single from Alvin in which the production, instrumentation - the lot - is superb. Watch pretend zip up the charts. Side 2, "Goose Bumps" is a Stardust composition and somewhat mediocre but the A side eliminates all competition.

THE BELLE STARS Slick Trick/Take Another Look BUY 123

After a rather disappointing "Hiawatha", the all-girl group The Belle Stars emerge from the Stiff stables with two meaty songs with a lot of effort behind them. Both Slick Trick and Take Another Look are rapid movers with a great bass line. The only criticism is that the vocals could be a bit louder, still, the sleeve thoughtfully carries the lyrics of "Slick Trick".

MADNESS Shut Up/A Town With No Name BUY 126

The Nutty Boys have slipped a bit with this one. Unfortunately, "Shut Up" sounds too much like a re-hash of tracks off their "Absolutely" album. The flip side is the better track being an instrumental which conjurs visions of Clint Eastwood chewing on a seegar with a corpse at his feet. As usual, the Nutty sound is all there on both tracks and the finished product cannot be faulted but "Shut Up" is rather disappointing. Better luck next time!

SOFT CELL Tainted Love/Where Did Our Love Go (Double A Side) BZS2

Vocals & Percussion: Marc Almond, Synthesizers & Percussion: David Ball. That's it. Those two lads make up "Soft Cell" who, at the time of writing, have Tainted Love reaching the top of the charts. The vocals are excellent in that they are clear and the music is good, although creating that "empty" feel. Millions of fans cannot be wrong as the charts prove and Soft Cell will be okay if they continue to pump out this type of stuff. Good single, good songs, Soft Cell are in the business.

THIN LIZZY Trouble Boys/Memory Pain LIZZY 9

Good single this from the old rockers Thin Lizzy (Thin is supposed to be pronounced "Tin" by the way) and this a must for fans who number Status Quo amongst their idols. Trouble Boys is an unashamed twelve-bar with just the right pace, not overfast like Motorhead or Iron Maiden - to be sure it's fine. The flip song "Memory Pain" is a slow blues and features some really excellent guitar work. This song is nice and long. This should do well in the HM charts.

STARPLAY 1 It's My Party/Waiting In The Wings BROKEN 2
DAVE STEWART WITH BARBARA GASKIN

STIFF star Dave Stewart, together with the delectable Barbara Gaskin have come up with one of the best sounds in modern music yet. "It's My Party" grabs you by the chunders as soon as you hear it. The way the song breaks into the quieter vocal passages is really well done. Barbara's vocals are excellent - on the A side aided by Amanda Parsons - and both tracks are deserving of top rating. BUY IT!

Starplay 2 See You Shake/My Own Front Door WAY OF THE WEST

One of the better groups to emerge on the music front, Way of the West press another good single where both sides should have had A-side status. Whoever the drummer is, give him a medal for inventiveness. The public should be quite content to be "the ones who must watch while we entertain". Pete Carney & Co have real talent and Way of the West will be Way at The Top with their unique brand of music. MER 79.

SONGBOOK

Remember that great little record on the STIFF label 'The Ballad of Lady Di'? Well, if you can still hum the tune, fit these words to it when next your rubber duck sinks 'neath the waves of your bathwater!

THE BALLAD OF A STRUGGLE Chords: A E D

Now Ridley had a brainstorm whilst walking down to work
He thought: Now I will show 'em all that I am not a berk
I'll go down to the Falklands and set the people free
And when I return I will not spurn a polished OBE

I'll put the facts quite baldly we don't want them any more
And I've taken it upon myself to show them freedoms door
I'll offer Freeze or Lease-Back, they won't be left in the lurch
I can't mention Condominium - they're banned by the Catholic Church.

Oh Nicholas, las, las, please don't be so crass
Take all your suggestions boy and shove 'em up your nose.

Well Ridley travelled southwards and gave his ideas a mention
The Governor agreed with Nick (still thinking of his pension)
But when the Town Hall meeting started getting super-hot
Old H.E. upped and stopped it and said 'Right folks, that's your lot'.

(Chorus)

The days they passed, the months went by, and all morale was rotten
Then the talks came round again - they all should be forgotten
But round the table Councillors went their brains all set to grapple
With the reality of sovereignty being haggled in the Big Apple.

(Chorus)

The talks were fruitless once again, a failure more-or-less,
And still the situation stays a pointless, childish mess
But in the House Lord Buxton tells us all not to be windy
He won't let the place be given away - where else could he send Cindy?
So do not worry Kelper folk, you can grin from ear to ear,
The age-old wrangle carries on from year to blessed year,
And though the talkers talk a lot and the sceptics carry on,
The Falklands will be British long after we're all dead and gone!

(Chorus till fade-out)

(Apologies to Hon. Nick Jones & Ian Macrae who wrote/sang
the Ballad of Lady Di).

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MORE PENFRIENDS!

I have been trying to get to know more about your Islands and would like to correspond with somebody there.

Mrs Gladys Lewis * 26 Julia Drive * Guelph * Ontario * Canada N1H 5W1

I am most interested in contacting someone living on the Falkland Islands, young, old, male or female.

Leon Engstrom * RR No. 1 * Vanderhoof * British Columbia * Canada V0J 3A0

My name is Mrs Clopotaru Viórica. I am 36 years old, and I'm a Doctor. I would like to exchange stamps of East Europe with those of the Falklands and British Antarctic Territory.

P.O.Box 6146 * Bucuresti 61 * Sector 4 * Romania.

Notice of Marriage

Between MARINA - daughter of Clive and William Morrison, and BARI - son of Peg and Ted Svendsen of Auckland, New Zealand. At Auckland Registry Office on 29th May 1981.

I wish to find a penfriend in the Falkland Islands. I enclose an introductory letter intended to help a would-be correspondent to decide if he or she wishes to write to me.

Mr L.Wilkinson * 85 Lower Antley Street * Accrington * Lancashire BB5 0BA
(Introductory letter will be passed on to potential penfriend(s) upon application to the Editor).

I want to write to girls or boys between the ages of 16-20 years of age.

Prince Charles B.Acquah * P.O.Box 1144 * Cape-Coast * Ghana * West Africa.

I would like to establish a regular correspondence with a penfriend.

Julian Arculus * 8 Asthill Grove * Coventry CV3 6HP * West Midlands.

I am looking for somebody to supply me with mounted specimens of ducks and geese found in the Falkland Islands. I would be willing to pay mounting expense, postage and handling.

Victor Wilcke * 5401 Woodlawn Avenue No.2 * Chicago * Illinois 60615 * USA.

My hobbies are stamp collecting and exchange and genealogy. I have traced my family to 1258 in England. I have 50,000 stamps in my collection and another 100,000 to exchange.

C.A.Horn * 237 Capital Avenue * Danham Springs * Louisiana 70725 * USA.

I am very interested in exchanging postcards and corresponding with someone in the Falkland Islands.

Jurgen Reuther * DDR-9373 Ehrenfriedersdorf * Schillerstrasse 59 * German Democratic Republic.

I would like to start a correspondence and exchange postcards of my country with someone in the Falkland Islands please. I am 16 years old.

Milan Kriz * Mercova 13b * 612 00 BRNO * Czechoslovakia.

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NEW CONTRIBUTOR TO THE F.I. TIMES : "BARNETT".

T.G.....Welcome tourist.
T.....Thankyou Tourist Guide.
T.G.....Welcome to the promised land of the Falkland Islands.
T.....Well, I am not so sure of that, what about your Darwin Road?
T.G.....Promised 3 years ago.
T.....And what about the swimming pool?
T.G.....Promised 2 years ago.
T.....What about this Oil Jetty?
T.G.....?Promised last year.
T.....When is the next flight out of here?
T.G.....Promised next Tuesday.
T.....Yes, you certainly have a promised land here!

FALKLANESE ABBREVIATIONS

- F.I.B.S. - or is it lies?
- F.I.G.A.S. - For It Gets Airborne Sometimes.
- P.A.T.A. - Phone Again Tomorrow Afternoon.
- F.I.D.F. - For I've Done Fighting.
- F.I.C. - Fools Idiots & Crooks.
- T.C.T. - Trash Crash and Trouble.
- Y.P.F. - You Pay First.
- G.T.U. - God Taught Us.
- F.I.P.F. - Fines Imprison Pardon & Freedom.

Overheard at the Pearly Gates
St.Peter: Where did you come from?
Kelper: Stanley in the Falklands.
St.Peter: Hurry up and get inside, you're the first we've had from there!

CUSC

The "Clean Up Stanley Campaign" has been going fairly well in the short time that the scheme has been operational. A call for members of the public to contact Municipal Officer Mr Tom Perry if they wished heavy items of unwanted junk to be disposed of has resulted in welcoming response.

Regrettably however, people are still throwing beer cans, sweet wrappers and cigarette packets on the pavements despite ample litter bins being provided.

DARWIN ROAD

The Darwin Road construction gang will be moving out soon to recommence work on the road project. Previously, work on the project has ceased for the winter period, but Director of Public Works, Mr John Brodrick of Roughton & Partners Consulting Engineers, said there was no need for work to cease as ditching and other necessary jobs aligned to road construction could be carried out.

One segment of the road gang will work towards Bluff Cove from Kilometre 12 where work ceased around April, and another part of the gang will operate towards the Kilometre 12 mark from Bluff Cove, a base camp to be set up there.

Happier times are ahead for the plant operators who have been suffering under conditions worse than the labours of Hercules with the rusted, barely-moving junk rolling along under the pseudonym of "earthmoving equipment", as finance has been arranged through ODA to provide the Plant and Transport Authority with enough cash (hopefully in the $\frac{1}{2}$ of a million bracket) to purchase the required equipment for the road project.

However, it is thought that the ODA have underestimated the total cost of the Darwin Road project (about 1.4 million pounds for 60+ miles) and at present it is thought the cash will dry up by the time the road reaches Fitzroy.

Birth: In New Zealand to Mr & Mrs Randolph and Pam Goss, a daughter, Carol Heather Ann. Randolph is a son of Mr & Mrs W. Goss of Stanley.

AIRSTRIP ADVICE

The DPW together with the Public Works Engineering Surveyor Mr Harry Bonner, paid a visit a month or so ago to the settlements of Fox Bay East and Pebble Island to give advice on drainage of those settlements airstrips.

Bad weather had caused the strips to be inoperable due to extreme wetness.

Advice on the drainage of Camp airstrips is available from the PWD provided requests are channelled through the Aviation Department.

WEDDING DANCE

In celebration of the Royal Wedding between the Prince of Wales and Lady Diana Spencer, the Royal Marines held a dance in the Town Hall on the eve of the great day, July 28th.

Money raised at the dance was going to be used to purchase books for the School Hostel but apparently, the Royal British Legion has kindly donated books. The matter of what the cash will eventually be spent on is to be discussed.

ROY COVE DIVISION

Applicants for sections of Roy Cove farm, bought by the Falkland Islands Government for subdivision purposes, have been waiting anxiously to hear if their applications have proved successful. Unfortunately, not much information is at hand at the time of writing, but it is understood that Messrs Hirtle, M. Barnes, O Connelly and S. Bonner have been lucky.

ACCIDENT WITH CAT

How can a Cat nearly crush a Land Rover? Easy, when the Cat involved is a Caterpillar 944 bit of heavy plant.

Operator, Mr Pat Whitney was driving the Caterpillar up the Monument hill a while ago when the machine started rolling back. As a Land Rover was immediately behind the Cat, Mr Whitney flipped the Cat into the gorse bush which flanks the road at that point and the Cat tipped over.

Mr Whitney was commended for his prompt action in avoiding a possibly bad accident and, luckily, Mr Whitney escaped injury.

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Councillors in the past have seemingly made their stand by producing fire and brimstone speeches and then sat back contentedly, letting others, such as the Falkland Islands Committee and friends do the donkey work involved in bludgeoning Parliament in to accepting the Islanders wishes. Results have been forthcoming. Repeated statements have been made by Parliament that the Falkland Islands will not be handed over to Argentina against the wishes of the people. This statement - although from a Tory Government - must be trusted. If not, the ordinary man-in-the-street, Britain as a whole, will question the lack of trust placed in them by the Falklands resulting in a 'don't care if they are given away' attitude on their part. To say the average Briton does not care about the Falklands and its apparent future cannot hold water. Fair enough, a large proportion of Britons do not know where the Falklands are. Why? Because Councillors in the past have not given enough thought to large scale publicity of the Colony's struggle in Britain and other countries.

The Falkland Islands Government should be issuing statements to the British Press as often as possible, highlighting the peoples views. One wildlife programme means nothing. One Pebble Mill documentary means nothing. The twinning of Stanley with Whitby because the latter has also possession of a whalebone arch means absolutely nothing.

The whole issue has to be continuously rammed down the throats of all at home and overseas that Argentina has NO claim whatever, the people DO NOT want them. In other words, with the prodding of Councillors, Britain has to make a WORLD DECLARATION that BRITAIN does not recognise the Argentine claim to the sovereignty of the Falklands.

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CARD OF THANKS :- The family of the late Mrs Mabel Barnes wish to thank all her friends and neighbours for their help and kindness she received during her last years of failing health. We would also like to express our thanks for all the wreaths, flowers and cards received from so many of her friends and contemporaries on the death of our mother. Our grateful thanks also to the Doctor and staff for the loving care and attention she received during her last few weeks in hospital.
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IS P.A.T.A. VIABLE?

During the November 5th Legislative Council Meeting, in which the 6 new Members were sworn in for their term of four years, and in which a Motion for Adjournment was tabled and moved, the Planning and Transport Authority and the Darwin Road Project came under the hammer by two new Councillors.
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ALSO IN THIS ISSUE

Thoughts On A Discussion and Against The Grain, two thought provoking letters by Mr Neil Watson of Long Island.

LEGO Elections

Full results, and what the successful candidates said at their first meeting.

MUSIC

Madness have their new elpee on the market. Entitled "7" (it's their 3rd album) this latest offering from The Nutty Boys is reviewed.



THUMBS DOWN FOR "IRON" POSTS

The usage of a particular type of fencing post, known locally as an "iron" post, due to its extreme hardness, came under the hammer at the Coroner's inquest held recently into the tragic death, while fencing in Camp, of Mr Melvyn Summers.

Melvyn died at Fitzroy after an ironwood (Qubracho) post he was using as a strainer post snapped off at ground level and struck him on the right frontal bone of the skull. The post was alleged to have had a fault not visible externally, and according to locals with experience, these posts all carry the trait of unreliability.

It was emphasised by the Coroner (Mr H. Bennett OBE) that greater care should be taken during fencing when this particular fence post was being utilised; also, he touched on the matter of the controversial high-tensile steel wire, common in use on a lot of farms, as this is also considered to be dangerous if not handled with extreme caution - this wire has already cost the sight in one eye of two people.

The Coroner recommended that protective clothing and headgear should be used when fencing.

NEW COINS FOR COLONY

New 50p coins have arrived in the Colony. The cupro-nickel coins have the profiles of HRH Prince and Princess of Wales on the reverse. A silver version of this coin is available which will cost £25.

The coins were struck in celebration of the Royal Wedding and all children resident in the Falklands on Royal Wedding Day (July 29th) will receive a cupro-nickel 50p piece.

BAHIA BUEN SUCESO/A.E.S.

The Argentine tourist-cum-cargo ship the Bahia Buen Suceso, arrived in Stanley on 15th October but had to wait until a fuel ship had finished offloading before it could dock.

Another visit of the AES has occurred and this time she carried 600 tons of cargo plus 2 tractors, 4 Land Rovers, 2 Chrysler Dodge tipper trucks, several cars and a vehicle for the Royal Marine Detachment. Via the AES, the Post Office in Stanley received some 45 bags of paper mail and 5 bags of parcels, the bulk of the surface mail arriving by RRS John Biscoe.

POLISH BOUTIQUE

The evidence of visitors to Stanley from the Polish fishing fleet can often be seen in the form of merchandise, usually of the clothing kind, espied in certain places.

Bath towels, shoes, sandals, boots, shirts -- even Polish eau de cologne -- can be had at bargain prices.

It is not known whether any profit is put towards the 'Solidarity' campaign.

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SUPER SUE

Sue Barker, Britain's No 1 woman tennis star, celebrates victory after defeating Mima Jausovec of Yugoslavia by 4 - 6, 6 - 1, 6 - 1 to win the Daihatsu Challenge trophy at Brighton, south-east England.

Miss Barker, who has recently suffered with a back injury and illness, lost the first set after being upset by a changed line call. She recovered magnificently and played accurate forehand shots, volleys and smashes to win the second and third sets comfortably.

Miss Barker is now preparing for the Federation Cup tournament. She will lead the British team against the rest of the world in Japan.

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P.A.T.A. COMES UNDER FIRE

One of the old chestnuts since its formation way back in 1978, the Plant and Transport Authority came under attack at the first meeting of the new Legislative Council by Councillor's Terry Peck and Ron Binnie.

"Delenda est Carthago"
No tools no spares
No cash no cares
No skills no cause to flatter
No plant no grant
Mon pauvre enfant
No load no road no PATA!

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Since the formation of PATA - which incidentally was a condition involved in getting the ODA grant to build the Darwin Road - the Plant & Transport Authority has come under constant attack and criticism, rightly so in some cases but more often wrong.

It would be a lie to say that the Councillors in the Parker regime were not hoodwinked by a glowing report by Woodward on the state of the plant belonging to Johnston Construction Ltd, and which they (Johnston's) were only too pleased to get rid of. It is the policy of major construction companies who do the bulk of their work overseas, to cost their jobs with the price of heavy plant and associated equipment in mind, knowing full well that it will more than likely be driven to its limits and thereafter dumped, as shipping worn out plant back to the United Kingdom or wherever their company base is, would not only be highly expensive, but in most cases unallowable as most machinery, once exported from the UK, is not allowed to re-enter.

The recent attacks on the Plant & Transport Authority comes in the wake of a similar, though more mild, attack from Councillor Lionel Blake of Hill Cove, in a broadcast address prior to his leaving the Colony for CPA talks in Fiji. On the subject of hire rates, Blake said that "we can refuse to pay them and hope for the best". What Blake did not take into consideration was that the hire rates charged by PATA in 1981 are 1978 world rates based on the SPON's construction industry reference book (the UK builder's bible).

The trouble with these boyos is that they never come and find out first. In the case of Messrs Peck and Binnie, they should have found out that PATA IS COMPLETELY INDEPENDENT FROM THE DARWIN ROAD PROJECT. The estimates for the financial year are totally separate from other Government Departments and that of the grant for the Darwin Road (Development 'B'1). They keep saying "The Darwin Road is bloody slow, what's PATA doing"? In fact, ( the mistake of joining the two separate operations together apart) the Darwin Road is COMPLETELY UP TO THE SCHEDULE AS LAID DOWN BY ODA. We don't want to see the road built in 3, 4 or even 5 years. We want to see the road built properly; we want to utilise all of the ODA grant, because, if the money allocated by the UK Government is not spent in the year of allocation, the Colony never sees the balance.

Another thing that must be remembered is the state of the Plant. The eager-for-glory Parker was desperate to get three things moving as a feather in his cap for when he finished his tour with the Falkland Islands: The Stanley School Hostel, the FIGAS Islander project and the Darwin Road.....continued in this issue.

PATA COMES UNDER FIRE - Continued

The only trouble was that Gentleman Jim did not quite know which one to start first, so right lads, let's have a bash at all three at once. It can be remembered that Mr Basil Morrison had to pull his labour off the Darwin Road at one stage (August 1979) to concentrate on building the Hangar; then the late Mr Tony Kirk was seen operating a JCB 807 on the Hostel site together with other labour which should have been utilised on the Darwin Road. The plant was suffering all this time, with an expected duty life of only about 4 years full work, this Johnston's plant had already been working about seven years, and is now operating at nearly 2½ times past its recommended replacement life. A danger; but the Darwin Road is wanted; it has to be used. The Plant & Transport Authority has had an excellent gift from the ODA of a Caterpillar D6 and a Grid Roller. Neither of them were serviceable when they got here. The Grid Roller still is unserviceable because PATA cannot afford to buy the spares to fix it, the cost of spares for this machine incidentally only running to within a thousand or so pounds less than the cost of a brand new machine.

To say, as was said in Council, that "misuse" of money had taken place is a contemptuous statement, more often heard in Communist countries where Ivan is getting 3 roubles a week more than Igor; every penny spent on the Plant & Transport Authority and indeed the Darwin Road is carefully scrutinised - ask Mr Harold Rowlands and Mr John Brodrick.

Mr Rowlands, as Financial Secretary, is, as everyone in the Colony knows, unshakeable when it comes to cash, especially with British Taxpayer's money (don't forget that lads), and Mr Brodrick, as Director of Public Works, is tighter on the purse strings than "Kaffir Kicker" Mason ever was. I don't think that these men, capable men, are doing anything less than a good job and will continue to do so.

"Why spend 50 quid on spares and then pay 60 quid on top of that to fly them out?"

Because both PATA and the Darwin Road would suffer:

- a) PATA would lose income on the plant that was off the road for the three months between boats.
- b) The Darwin Road would be without the particular machine.

"Why wasn't the plant ready for September?"

It was, what was needed. The labour on the Darwin Road was used in the Clean-Up Stanley Campaign, the preparataion of the new Housing Site: AND FINISHING OFF AN ACCESS ROAD FOR THE ARGENTINE HOUSE! Even though the Colony is small, there is work of all sorts to be done. Labour will have to be found for the landscaping of the Hostel before long also. The plant, on the books as serviceable, is working. If the Councillor's had not ignored the petition to bar the erection of the Argy house, that would have been one job less for the Darwin Road labour to be involved in. What with exporting meat (What about the Ajax Bay project then?) and senseless attacks, Council is off to a good start:, and, is PATA going to fold up? The answer to that is monosyllabic and they bounce!

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The above was written as an editorial and does not reflect the views of the Administration, the management or workforce of the Plant & Transport Authority or Darwin Road sector of the Public Works Department, and can be classed as fair comment on Councillor's statements.

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Appointments

James Burgess, Storeman, C.Store.

Completion of Contract

Andrew Clarke, Asst. Teacher

Re-Appointments

Andrew Clarke, Asst. Teacher

James Stephenson, Forecaster,  
Meteorological Department.Dog Inspectors

Mr Patrick Short - San Carlos

Mr Thomas McGhie - Roy Cove

POSTAGE RATES RISE IN APRIL

Postage rates both Airmail and Surface, rise by 4p in the case of air with effect from April 15th 1982. Local postage has risen from 3p to 5p for an ordinary letter, this increase having taken effect on November 2nd.

Following, are the new rates due in April:-

AIRMAIL - To All Countries

Letters - 17p per ½oz  
 Postcards - 13p  
 Printed Papers - 10p per ½oz  
 Small Packets - 10p per ½oz  
 Aerogrammes (E) - 15p  
 Aerogrammes (S) - 14p  
 Air Parcels to UK not over one pound in weight: 355p  
 Each additional 1lb - 200p

SURFACE MAIL - To All Countries

| Wt.  | Letters | Printed Papers | Small Packets |
|------|---------|----------------|---------------|
| 1oz  | 12p     | 6p             | -             |
| 4oz  | 29p     | 13p            | 13p           |
| 8oz  | 58p     | 24p            | 24p           |
| 11lb | 130p    | 43p            | 43p           |
| 21b  | 192p    | 72p            | 72p           |
| 41b  | 312p    | 101p           | -             |

Postcards: 8p

Literature for the Blind: Free.

Parcels direct to the United Kingdom

|                |       |
|----------------|-------|
| Not over 2 lb  | 360p  |
| Not over 7 lb  | 505p  |
| Not over 11 lb | 665p  |
| Not over 22 lb | 965p  |
| Not over 33 lb | 1315p |
| Not over 44 lb | 1670p |

Falkland Islands Inland Parcels

|                |      |
|----------------|------|
| Not over 2 lb  | 25p  |
| Not over 7 lb  | 50p  |
| Not over 11 lb | 67p  |
| Not over 22 lb | 125p |

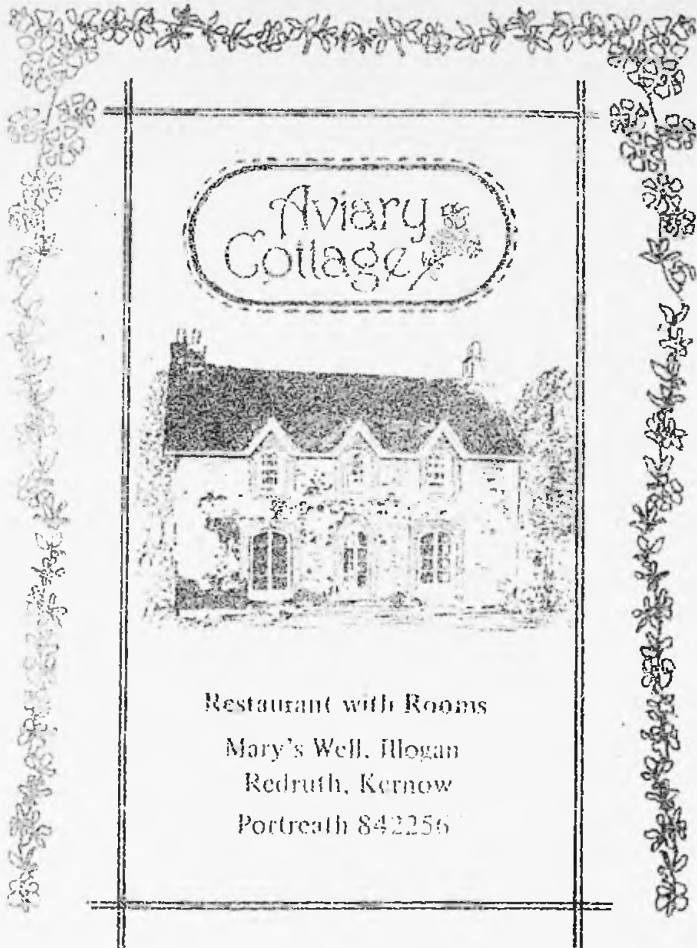
proper that we have the right of abode in the UK, but, as far as the dispute with Argentina goes, it seems to me a slightly negative attitude in our stand against that country's claim. There is no way that I regard Britain as home. At the same time, there is no way that I would live here under Argentine rule.

"Falkland Politics" produced one of the most interesting discussion programmes on FIBS that we have heard. I support the majority of opinions and sentiments expressed but I would like to make one or two comments critical or otherwise. I was never taken in by Mr Ridley's lease back suggestion and was very surprised to hear that three members of the discussion panel were. The ownership of these islands was to be ceded to the Argentine so the principle behind the idea was all wrong to start with. The period of lease back of the Islands by Britain from Argentina must be totally irrelevant as it would still leave a generation of Falkland Islanders at some point in the future carrying the baby. To see one's self alright through one's lifetime and leave the problem for one's grandchildren is a pretty poor principle to my way of thinking.

To me, the lease back proposal was nothing more than a means towards the ultimate end. It leads one to think why was the British Government so anxious to push it through? My theory is that apart from hoping that it would see Argentine national pride honoured, and that Falkland Islanders would see it as a means of encouraging outside investment, Britain was wanting to cover all its bets and ensure that it got its hands on all or part of any oil that exists.

I suspect that the British Government may be having more than a little pressure put on it by international oil companies. A situation where Britain lost total control of the Falklands, through independence to that territory or by ceding sovereignty to Argentina, followed by a major oil strike, would have the Government in power with a few awkward questions to answer.

Another point of interest in the discussion was the question of Falkland Islanders having the right of abode in the United Kingdom. I signed the petition to be presented to the Prime Minister. Somehow though, I have this nagging feeling that it must appear that we are preparing our lines of retreat. It is only



Aviary Cottage Hotel extends a particularly warm welcome to all Falkland Islanders who stop over in its cosy, family atmosphere.

Aviary Cottage is a charming Cornish country house set in its own 2½ acre grounds. This is the former home of James Tangye, the famous English Engineer and has its origins in the early 19th century when Cornwall witnessed its own industrial revolution.

Today Aviary Cottage offers an old world hospitality and welcome. The main lounge with its colourful decor, comfortably enveloping arm-chairs and Gothic style windows opening onto the patio offers a relaxing charm rarely found in today's busy world.

In the restaurant you will find the menu wide and varied, cooking international dishes with traditional Cornish fare and there is an extensive list of quality wines.

The aim of the Sherwood family at Aviary Cottage is to make a stay in their care a memorable one and to ensure that the friendly service and high standards of food and comfort will make guests look forward with pleasure to a return visit.

To find Aviary Cottage travel along the A30 on the Redruth/Camborne by pass and take the exit sign marked Portreath. Follow the road signs to Portreath passing the Tolgus tin mine museum. At the village of Bridge turn left at the Bridge Inn and climb up the hill to Illogan taking the first right turn. At the church turn right again and turn right almost immediately at the school travelling down a narrow country lane to Aviary Cottage.

Special rates are available for Falkland Islanders who book before December 31st 1981. Further details regarding the tariff can be had by contacting Mr Sherwood at the hotel address.

The elections to find new members of Legislative Council have been and gone, with a few "new" faces taking their seat around the Council Table. How did the voting go? Almost an 80% turnout occurred and the results:::::

WEST FALKLAND

Lionel Geoffrey BLAKE                      Returned unopposed.

EAST FALKLAND

|                    |           |                 |
|--------------------|-----------|-----------------|
| Ronald Eric BINNIE | 133 votes | <u>R.Binnie</u> |
| Brook HARDCASTLE   | 72 votes  |                 |

EAST STANLEY

|                           |          |               |
|---------------------------|----------|---------------|
| William Henry GOSS        | 93 votes |               |
| Stuart Barrett WALLACE    | 43 votes |               |
| Michael Ronald HARRIS     | 37 votes | <u>W.Goss</u> |
| Christopher Richard SPALL | 22 votes |               |

WEST STANLEY

|                             |           |                |
|-----------------------------|-----------|----------------|
| John Edward CHEEK           | 115 votes |                |
| William Edward BOWLES       | 67 votes  |                |
| Desmond George Buckley KING | 61 votes  | <u>J.Cheek</u> |
| Graham Leslie BOUND         | 28 votes  |                |

CAMP DIVISION

|                            |           |                |
|----------------------------|-----------|----------------|
| Anthony Thomas BLAKE       | 173 votes |                |
| Timothy John Durose MILLER | 126 votes |                |
| Alan Charles MILLER        | 43 votes  | <u>A.Blake</u> |

STANLEY DIVISION

|                             |           |               |
|-----------------------------|-----------|---------------|
| Terence John PECK           | 110 votes |               |
| William Edward BOWLES       | 94 votes  |               |
| Stuart Barrett WALLACE      | 74 votes  |               |
| Desmond George Buckley KING | 58 votes  | <u>T.Peck</u> |
| Donald DAVIDSON             | 56 votes  |               |
| Michael Ronald HARRIS       | 41 votes  |               |
| Janet Linda CHEEK           | 39 votes  |               |

The new Members, Messrs Blake (L), Goss, Binnie, Cheek, Blake (A) and Peck, met in the Court and Council Chamber in the Town Hall, Stanley on November 5th, in the presence of HE The Governor, for the declaration of oaths and the first Council meeting of the new 4-year term.

Joined by ex-officio LegCo Members, Mr Dick Baker the Chief Secretary, and Financial Secretary Mr Harold Rowlands OBE, the Council Meeting was held mainly to propose a Motion for Adjournment in readiness for the first "big" council meeting in January 1982; to be followed of course by the Budget Meeting in June at the cessation of the current Financial Year.

After a very short address by HE, the Members were invited to speak on the Motion, the more salient points printed below:-

Councillor Terence Peck

A number of Government owned houses were offered for sale during this last year at what I consider to be exceptionally high prices. Why? Why were the local Falkland Island resident and occupants not given the option to buy them at a reasonable price. A few of these same properties were offered for sale 100% cheaper only two to three years previously. The Government did not bind itself to accept the highest of any tender - of course it did. There are still a few of these properties unsold as yet. There are interested persons waiting to buy a home of their own. These houses should be offered for sale at a realistic price, a price within reach of the average Falkland Islander, this would go some way towards reassuring our own people that they're still wanted.      Continued on Page 12.....





И ПУАНИИИИИ

I hate these  
kamikaze  
Cattle Egrets!!

I hate to spoil our trip love,  
but I've forgotten our "White Cards"



Sorry folks,  
no ink left

BIRTHS (Registered in Stanley) July 1981 to present.

July 5th To Colin and Irene MACDONALD a daughter KATHLEEN ROSE  
July 15th To John and Madiline MCLEOD (Nee Lewis) a daughter LOUISE  
July 29th To Gavin and Anna MARSH (Nee Porter) a daughter KAREN DIANA  
Aug 29th To Donald and Margaret DAVIDSON (Nee Spilsbury) a daughter  
CATHERINE  
Sept 12th To Roy and Elizabeth ROSS (Nee Nightingale) a daughter CARA JANE  
Oct 5th To David and Gwynne CLARKE (Nee Molkenbuhr) a son JOSEPH GWYN

MARRIAGES



June 5th Marvin Thomas CLARKE to Trudi Ann PORTER  
Aug 1st Gavin Brook HARDCASTLE to Deborah Jane Hilton SMITH  
Aug 15th Derek SMITH to Julia Trinidad SANCHEZ  
Sep 24th Simon BONNER to Susan Anne BUTLER  
Oct 10th Neil Frazer FORD to Penelope Rose MCKAY  
Oct 12th Kevin Seaton KILMARTIN to Dinah May BROWN  
Oct 24th Dennis James HURPHREYS to Margaret Anne KNIGHT

DEATHS

|               |                          |               |
|---------------|--------------------------|---------------|
| February 1st  | Nicholay IVANOV **       | Aged 30 years |
| February 15th | William Joseph CANTLIE   | Aged 60 years |
| March 19th    | June Elliott LEE         | Aged 59 years |
| May 5th       | Frederick William BARNES | Aged 86 years |
| July 26th     | Mabel Annie BARNES       | Aged 85 years |
| Sept 26th     | Melvyn Nigel SUMMERS     | Aged 25 years |

\*\* Polish Seaman

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FOOTBALL LEAGUE A.G.M.

The Falkland Islands Football League held its Annual General Meeting on October 29th with the following officers being elected:-

Chairman: Mr A.Grieve  
Treasurer: Mr V.Steen  
Secretary: Mr S.Angel

FALKLAND ISLANDS JOURNAL 1981/THE FALKLAND ISLANDS BY IAN STRANGE

Two worthwhile publications have been made available in the Colony recently: The 1981 issue of The Falkland Islands Journal and the revised edition of Mr Ian Strange's book "The Falkland Islands".

The Journal proves once again to be good value for one pound seventy pence worth of absorbing reading, highlight of this issue being the interesting continuation of the history of the Falkland Islands Company.

Mr Strange's book is a very good aid for those wishing to increase their knowledge of the Falklands but, unfortunately, there are a few omissions and some of the photographs are much outdated. A better attempt at fact gathering could have come in handy but all in all, a worthwhile addition to the bookshelf. (Published by David & Charles).

### ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTY!!

One of the more unusual events to be staged recently, was a Hilti-sponsored nail-throwing marathon, which was held at the "Robin Hood" public house in Ablecote, Stourbridge.

Bizarre though it might sound, this was actually a serious and professional attempt to gain a place in the Guinness Book of Records and, at the same time, raise money for charity.

For 56 hours and 35 minutes a team of experienced throwers led by engineer-cum-publican Gerry McLaren, punished the dart board (or rather, three dart boards!) with hundreds of well-aimed nails. By the end, they had achieved a new record time for 1,000,001.

The actual nails employed were Hilti NK97 cartridge tool nails, which were specially modified for the occasion. Such was their precision and the thrower's accuracy that some 260 one-hundred-plus scores were recorded, with Gerry McLaren actually managing the magic "one hundred and eighty!"

For the technically minded, the team threw from the standard competition distance and they started and finished on a double.

From Hilti (St. Britain) and the lads emphasise that this is not a sport for the untrained and inexperienced: the potential dangers are obvious if the nails are not directed by a well-practised hand.

- Reprinted from an issue of "The Plant Engineer" -

### CALCULATIONS ALL UPSET

Miss Whitney caused the upset of the Auckland gymnastic championships when she finished runner-up to Christine Douglas in the womens elite section.

Nadia Sokolov - the New Zealand representative - was in third place as a result of Miss Whitney's performance, the first time she has beaten Miss Sokolov in a combined and compulsory exercise competition.

All three women registered international class scores of more than 100 points.

- Reported on by Mr Fred Whitney, Stanley -

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AGAINST THE GRAIN By Neil  
Watson.

There are a few questions regarding the recent grain shortages and the resultant (so we are told) political hassle that I would be very interested to hear the answers to:-

1. Is it true that the original plan to send "Monsunen" to Mar del Plata was cancelled because of the Argentine insistence to put a pilot on board?
2. What happened about the idea to have a Polish vessel bring grain from Uruguay?
3. Who went begging to the Argentines to fly the grain in etc.?
4. Who succumbed to Argentine threats not to offload the grain from the "Hercules" aircraft if the potatoes could not be landed?

The other night on the discussion programme, there was talk about the hardships that we might have to put up with if we tell the Argys "No more talks". What happens when we run a bit short of grain? Instead of using our own resources and initiative to get some grain with Monsunen or Forrest, we allow the Argentines to call the tune.

The Argentines chalk up another plus, and we, the hardy, the resilient, the independent minded Kelpers are left grovelling once again.

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WHAT'S IN A NAME??

Okay, why the change in name AGAIN? Nothing really, just that some folk insist on saying "When's the next Monthly Review coming out"? that the editor got a kick out of using a Review logo proving that the Times caters for all tastes!!

ALTERNATIVE LISTENING: Dave Colville - Reprobate MkIII

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Drum Tapes by Pansongs (London) Percussion: A-R Generator Unit.

JUST CARRY ON By L.Dearling  
Fitzroy.

The Canaries used to be called the Fortunate Isles and along with the Azores and Madeira they still are. No generals, no peppery tycoons trouble them, no-one tells them what's what. There is no bother about the Queen of Spain taking a few days off to steal round the beaches; they could tell her to push off but they don't, and no-one suggests they ought to.

The populations can take their little trips to Madrid and Lisbon without a stupid white card. They aren't stuck with continual arguments. They don't interfere with anybody. They just trade. They don't hit the headlines. They just carry on the same as they always did.

They may not be rich but they seem to be happy. It shouldn't be beyond the skills of the diplomats to let this happiness spread to the other Atlantic islands to the south of the lucky Spanish and Portuguese provinces, and then they could say they had done something really worthwhile.

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What's black and writes verse?  
Sir John Bitumen!!  
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NEW LORRIES FOR ROAD PROJECT

Two new Chrysler Dodge lorries have been purchased from the UK for use on the road project. The tippers are already in action on the Darwin road.



### WELCOME TO WALES

An emotional greeting from an elderly disabled man for the Prince and Princess of Wales as they pause to talk to well-wishers on the first day of their three-day visit to Wales.

The Royal couple, making the first visit to the Principality since their marriage, were given a rapturous welcome as they walked through the vast crowds who waited to greet them.

At Caernarvon Castle the Prince and Princess, who was wearing a red jacket, dark green pleated skirt and broad brimmed red hat - delighting her hosts by the choice of the Welsh national colours - went to the slate podium where Charles was presented as Prince of Wales by the Queen in 1969. Here they listened to local children singing traditional Welsh folk songs.

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### LONG LIVE THE FALKLAND BRITISH!

I am sending good wishes for Christmas and a happy new year to all Britons in the Falklands, and a message of hope that the siege the Falklanders have bravely resisted may soon be over.

I feel that I can understand the treacherous way in which the 'British' Government has betrayed the Falklanders, their own people, when foreigners in their millions are challenging the British people for control of Britain's destiny.

It is a disgrace that a country - so mighty in the past - cannot even compete with a two-bit country like Taiwan. There is a saying that all good things must come to an end. Well, let it be known that nothing ends without a fight. The Falklands war is Britain's war. This message must be hammered home: "No further discussions with the Argentine, and for the Falklands to be made a province with the United Kingdom with representation at Westminster".

Long Live Britain! Long Live The Falkland British!  
Mark Erickson-Rohrer, 104 Southgate Rd,  
Old Swan, Liverpool L13 5XZ, UK.

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### LOCAL STONE LOOKS GOOD

A new house being built for St Mary's RC Church Monseigneur Daniel Spraggon, is well on its way to completion. A special feature of this new house is the use in the foundations of local stone, skilfully wrought, hewn and laid by craftsmen from a visiting yacht. Msr Spraggon said that the original plan called for an open complex type house with an open porch/patio. It is easy to imagine Monseigneur Spraggon and Father Monaghan sitting in chairs, sipping tea - with a 25-knot wind blasting them both! Main fabrication of the house is being done by W.E.Dowles Woodworking Contractors with Mr Terry Peck doing the plumbing/heating system.

### NO HANDOVER SAYS SHERSBY

The Falkland Islands will not be handed over was the message from Mr Michael Shersby MP in a letter to the Daily Telegraph.

Mr Shersby was replying to a previously published letter from a Mrs Godfrey who stated that Britain should resettle Falkland Islanders in New Zealand when Britain hands the Falklands over to Argentina.

Mr Shersby, who accompanied Mr Eric Ogden MP to the Falklands a while back on a CPA delegation visit, went on to say: "There is, therefore, no question whatever of the Falkland Islands being handed over sooner or later to Argentina. This will not happen because it is contrary to the wishes of the Falkland Islanders,"

"The Foreign Secretary (Lord Carrington) has made it clear on a number of occasions that there will be no change in the constitutional position of the Falkland Islands unless it is the wish of the inhabitants."

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### BIRTH (OVERSEAS)

To Linda and David Hardy, a daughter, Joanne Elizabeth, 23rd November 1981. Joanne weighed in at 7lbs 1oz and entered life at Croydon, Greater London.

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Asst.Typist: Rowena Summers  
Photo repros: Mr P.Gilding(School Photography Club) and  
Mr P.King  
Logo Design: Trina Design  
Materials: LGB Investments-Stanley.  
Review Material: STIFF Records and PHONOGRAM Records.

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PHOTO'S

The two large photographs featured in this issue were taken from the FIGAS Islander aircraft by Mr Peter Gilding and show a completed section of the Stanley/Darwin Road looking towards Stanley as it snakes through the almost "lunar" landscape; the other shows the Stanley School Hostel site with Race Course Road in the foreground.

DANCES GALORE!

After a spell with no dances - a well loved feature of Stanley life - being held in the Town Hall, the Christmas "hop" season got under way on the 27th November with a dance held by "Agartha Kristy", a local "Country & Western"/Ballad group. The dance was well attended but suffered the atmosphere which befalls the first dance for a long while. "Agartha Kristy's" current line up is: Peter King: Drums; Dave Colville: Bass; Alec Betts: Vocals/Rhythm Guitar, and Gerry Robson: Vocals/Lead Guitar.

The next dance cropped up on Saturday 5th November when the Royal Marine detachment (NP 8901) held a dance in honour of the last visit to these waters of HMS Endurance. Again this dance was well attended and the bar was packed solid. A depleted Agartha Kristy played, Gerry Robson being absent, teaching on Sea Lion Island. Phil Middleton and his Disco Unit was DJ at both the above mentioned dances.

The traditional Battle Day Dance, organised by the Falkland Islands Defence Force, was held on December 8th, and reports have it that it was very good indeed. Agartha Kristy was booked to play, but were unable to as Alec Betts had to fly to Punta Arenas, Chile, on business.

DJ for Battle Day was Mrs Betty Ford who has vast experience of what dances locals like and controls the music professionally.

Next in line came Ms Myriam Booth and her Country & Western Dance held on Saturday..sorry, Friday December 11th .....and this proved to be a highly enjoyable dance for all those who attended, although sweat could be gathered in buckets! Mainly Country & Western music was played - that's what the dance was for - but freakers were able to skin out to Root Music when Myriam spun some rock discs. It was nice to hear "Buena" (STIFF of course) by Joe King Carrasco and The Crowns being played as this is an excellent dance song, and which is not Argentine as someone kept bleating in your friendly reporter's ear but Texan-Mexican.

Dances galore! And there are more to come what with the SSA Dances and the "happy" one: New Year's Eve!

The Che' Coat Band, (Pete King, Charlie Keenleyside, Dave Colville and Simon Goss) who made only 3 public performances last year before Charlie left for further training with Cable & Wireless - 2 gigs at Val's Disco and 1 at the Stanley Social Club - have begun rehearsals again now that Charlie "Pappalardi" is back and DC now has a swallow proof mike which it is hoped will increase visual impact, if not at least decrease the risk of Shure Dynamic tonsillitis!!

(The above drivel was written by the Editor the morning after the night before at Myriam's dance - vodka is quite good innit?)



## H.E. THE GOVERNOR'S BROADCAST SPEECH

On Tuesday December 1st, H.E. The Governor Mr Rex Hunt, made a speech which was broadcast in Mr Patrick Watt's "News Magazine". Edited parts of the broadcast are printed: "Good Evening. I thought it was about time I had a round up of the various developments that have taken place since I last spoke on the box, and brought you up to date with Government affairs before I leave for South Georgia and Signy next week on HMS Endurance.

First, the talks with the Argentines about the future of these Islands. Councillors have already chosen two of their elected members to attend the next round of talks, and I expect an official announcement, giving their names, and the date and place very shortly. This will be a simultaneous announcement in London, B.A. and here.

Secondly, the Hostel. When I last spoke to you I said that with maximum co-operation and effort by all concerned, I was sure that we could get the building completed satisfactorily.

In this spirit, Mr Beasley of Coalite and Mr Nicholson came out from England last week to see what they could do to help, and they have attempted in the last seven days to get the building in a suitable condition for occupation.

Unfortunately, after inspecting the Hostel this afternoon, and despite noticeable progress, we have not been able to agree that it is now in a suitable condition for occupation: they say it is: we say that it isn't.

Now, Mr Beasley is a general manager, I am a diplomat, Mr Brodrick, the Director of Public Works is a civil engineer - as far as I know the only civil engineer on these Islands. I am sure that all of you listening to me this evening will agree that Mr Brodrick is the best man here to judge whether a building is in a suitable condition for occupation or not. He says it is not, and I have pledged in him my full support and that of all your Councillors in this.

Where we go from here I am not yet sure. Mr Beasley leaves tomorrow and will report back to his Board and have further discussions with the ODA, but, if they finally decide not to perform as requested by Mr Brodrick, we shall have to finish the building ourselves. I am afraid that this may mean even longer delay to this already long overdue project. But, as the British Government's senior representative here, it is my duty to see that the building is handed over to the Falkland Islands Government as complete and maintenance free as possible and, as Head of the Falkland Islands Government, it is equally my duty to take over a building that the children of these islands will be happy to live in.



Above photograph captures GERALD CHEEK in pensive mood at Stanley Rifle Range. In the background is Robert Macaskill and to the fore: Mr Fred Clark.

#### GOVERNOR'S SPEECH CONTINUED

I am truly sorry that we have been unable to reach agreement over these past few days, because in all respects, we enjoy excellent relations with the F.I.C. and their parent company Coalite.

Now for some better news. I had a look at the Darwin Road last week and was most impressed with the rapid progress made since they opened up the new quarry near Bluff Cove. They have done 3 kilometres in the last 2 weeks, which is a record to date. If the weather holds, and if the machines keep going - two big "ifs" I must admit - we should link up the two ends within the next seven or eight weeks. I should like here to pay tribute to the road gangs for this excellent performance, and also to congratulate PATA for keeping plant going that should really have been thrown on the scrap-heap years ago. I have some encouragement for them in that we have recently negotiated some supply of credit with the ECGD, that is the Export Credit Guarantee Department in London, for the purchase of new plant, some of which we hope to get on this month's sailing of the charter vessel. With luck, it should be on the road and in action by the end of January.

Turning now to Stanley town; I had some rude words to say about this before I went on leave and I'd just like to say now how pleased I am to see that there has been such a marked improvement. It is much tidier than it used to be and many people are taking pride in the appearance of their houses and gardens. I should like to compliment Tom Perry and his gang for getting the Clean Up Stanley Campaign under way, and to thank all those volunteers and individuals who have rallied around to help. I would also like to compliment Malcolm Binnie and his gang for the fine start they have made to improving Stanley roads.

It is not too early yet to be thinking about our 150th anniversary celebrations in January 1983; and I should like to see Stanley looking spick and span by then."

The above edited speech was transcribed from cassette recordings.

Ian Dury & The Blockheads .. Juke Box Dury

SEEZ 41

At long last a compilation album featuring the best of the Blockheads with Mister Dury in the chair. Long awaited and well worth it, this album proves the excellent musicianship which was the Blockheads and Ian's bitingly funny and true to life lyrics. All the tracks on the album are ace, but stand-outers are "Sex & Drugs & Rock & Roll", "Sweet Gene Vincent" and the excellent music of "Inbetweens" and "Reasons To Be Cheerful (Part 3)". It's a pity that "Clever Trevor" is not included as opposed to "You'll See Glimpses" but you can't have your cake and eat it. Yes, an album worthy of the title: "Plasticus Artisticus"! :!

David Essex - Be Bop The Future MERCURY 6359 064

Musicians such as Herbie Flowers, Rabbit and Al Kooper combine with Mr Hairy Essex to produce a surprisingly good album; surprisingly because one usually associates Mr Essex with "Bubblegum" type music.

This album makes frequent use of synthesisers (on all tracks bar two) and it is a pleasing hunk of vinyl in many ways, lyrically and musically.

David Essex wrote 8 out of the 10 album tracks, the other two being oldies by Gene Vincent and Ripelle/Roberds/Macleod. Star Track: "Totally Secure".

The Belle Stars - Another Latin Love Song BUY 130

After suffering a shortage of all-female groups of note (rememberable ones being Birtha, Fanny, The Supremes) it makes a change to listen to a female group which doesn't shag you out like Girlschool. The Belle Stars more than proved their worth on "Slick Trick" which was excellent, and again they come up with a goodie in Another Latin Love Song, this being part of a 4-track e.p. The Belle Stars have it all before them in 1982, and it must surely be album time soon?

Billy Bremner - Loud Music In Cars BUY 125

Not the ex-Leeds/Scotland poison dwarf, but his namesake who sounds like RCA's Moon Martin. Nothing notable about this song or the flip "The Price Is Right". Listenable but uninspiring.

Nutty Boys MADNESS have seven members in the band, their latest album is called '7' and it is currently number seven in the Dutch charts where it has been for seven weeks!

Dave Colville - Reprobate MkIII FIT 23C (C60 Cassette)

Root Music and Admiral Brownisms combined to give you listening sickness. Tracks include: Don't Ask Me - Photon - Schizophrenia - Neo-Nazi Nationals - Crosswind, and much more skill. Compositions, Vocals, Electric, Acoustic, Bass and Fuzz Guitars, Organ and Synthesiser by Dave Colville. Drum Tapes by PANSONGS (UK)

CRUIZE - STATELY JAZZ: Watch this space next issue for a report on the new Bing - he even reads the F.I.TIMES (the fool)!

REMEMBER TO DRESS UP AND COME BACK YOUR QUIFF

THE SPEEDWELL WILL SOON GET SOME TAPES DOWN FROM STIFF

YOU WON'T HAVE TO SEND OFF TO BUY FROM U.K.

THE SPEEDWELL WILL HELP YOU IN SPENDING YOUR PAY. Yes it has happened!

The Speedwell Store will be acquiring STIFF Cassettes hopefully in time for Christmas. Lene Lovich, Ian Dury, Wreckless Eric, Madness and the other STIFF Students are coming to the Falklands. Listen for announcements on local radio and.....have you seen the Root?



CROSS COUNTRY VEHICLES LIMITED

Unit 22 - Bridge Street Mill -  
Witney - Oxfordshire OX8 6LH  
Tel: 0993 73530 73218  
Telex: 83147 Ref: 4 x 4 PARTS.

Cross Country Vehicles Limited have recently published a revised price/parts list for their range of 2,500

Land Rover NEW parts. As the list is too long to print in its entirety in this issue, any persons interested in obtaining copies of the lists should contact the Editor at P.O.Box 60 -- in writing please.

Some parts are taken from the list to give you some idea of what is on offer. The prices quoted include 15% VAT which is of course not applicable to the Falkland Islands, so deduct the relevant amount from the published prices:

| <u>PART NUMBER</u> | <u>NOMENCLATURE</u>                                                                | <u>PRICE (£)</u>     |
|--------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|
| GLR 120            | Overdrive Unit (Genuine Fairey) Complete with full simple d.i.y. fitting instrcns. | 220.00               |
| GLR 121/22         | Free Wheeling Hubs (State vehicle model)                                           | 28.25                |
| CCV1               | Weber carburettor (To replace Zenith)                                              | 39.00                |
| CCV1a              | Weber carburettor (To replace Solex)                                               | 48.50                |
|                    | Diesel turbocharger kit                                                            | Price on application |
| CCV 11             | Safari Door wiper kit                                                              | 23.10                |
| CCV 12             | Safari Door washer kit                                                             | 9.80                 |
| 333031/H           | Safari Door heated glass                                                           | 24.88                |
| CCV 13             | 5 ton recovery tow web (nylon)                                                     | 6.53                 |
| AKM 3648           | Series III Workshop Manual (Leyland)                                               | 8.75                 |
| 606407/8           | Series IIA Workshop Manual (Leyland)                                               | 25.00                |
| CCV 20             | Sound insulation pads (box of 64)                                                  | 9.15                 |
| 320853/4           | Door Top (without glass Aluminium clad)                                            | 18.50                |
| 395529/30          | Door Bottom Assembly (Side Doors)                                                  | 34.00                |
| CCV 31             | Door Skin (Side Doors)                                                             | 11.03                |
| CCV 41             | Alpine Light Kits (2 shaped glasses/Rubbers)                                       | 24.95                |
| 333140             | Door Striker Plate                                                                 | 1.90                 |
| RTC 772            | Diesel Cylinder Head Suffix K SIIA onwards)                                        | 225.00               |
| 527167R            | Reground crankshaft. Petrol or Diesel                                              | 58.95                |
| GCP 129            | Clutch Plate SIIA and III 9½"                                                      | 10.60                |
| GCP 109            | Clutch Plate SII/IIA 9"                                                            | 13.10                |
| GCC 127            | Clutch Cover SII/IIA 9"                                                            | 21.50                |
| GMC 310            | Series IIIA Master Cylinder                                                        | 14.00                |
| 608457             | Crown Wheel and Pinion                                                             | 51.00                |
| 576767/8           | Half Shaft Salisbury Axle 109" SIII (State Side)                                   | 21.95                |
| 533579/80          | Half Shaft ENV Axle (State Side)                                                   | 23.85                |
| 608464/320902      | Track rod ends (UNF) Each R or L Thread                                            | 5.08                 |
| RTC 1808/9         | Track rod ends (Metric) Each                                                       | 6.68                 |
| PRC 1716           | Ballast resistor                                                                   | 3.60                 |

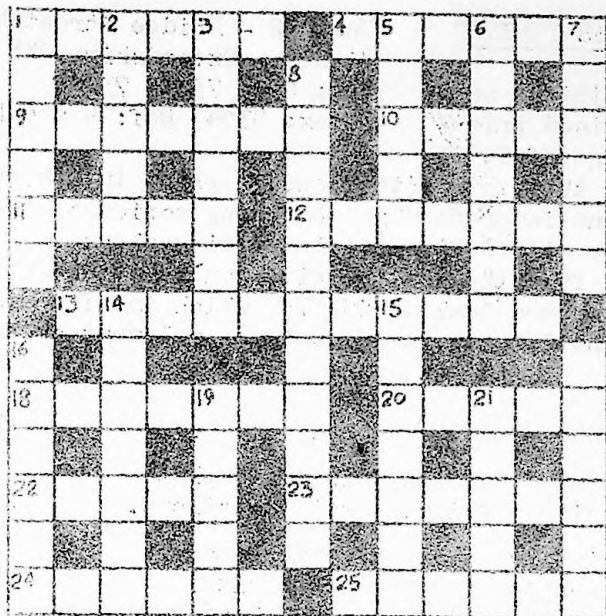
Interested persons may also ask for price lists by writing to the above address but please include return postage costs.

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JOBS WANTED

Employment wanted for  
Welsh Family wishing to emigrate; for further  
details: Mr & Mrs J.W.Griffith  
Bod Elwy  
Station Road  
Llanrug  
Caernarfon  
Gwynedd  
North Wales.

CROSSWORD NUMBER 3 BY "CRUX"



PRIZE: Bottle of Wine  
from CRUX for first  
correct entry opened.

Closing date is 2 weeks from  
publication.

Entries in sealed envelope  
to CRUX c/o P.O.Box 60,  
Stanley, please.

CLUES ACROSS

1. Turn or reverse in front of the gallery. (6)
4. Depart hurriedly - the old king is surrounded! (6)
9. After disturbing a snake we turn around to get an early look. (7)
13. In the Middle East they conceal varied acts of wickedness. (5)
11. Clothe - but mostly denude! (5)
12. Brown, smart chap, leaves the circle. (7)
13. In order to help I sent for the girl on 3 down. (11)
18. Hide from this beast in the Wild West! (7)
20. This material, so we hear, was not very stable. (5)
22. Obscure trophy that Brands's carried off? (5)
23. This stock may need to gain points to advance along right lines! (7)
24. Mark one of the men who a long time ago spelt out hidden message? (6)
25. He could be responsible for "Time" magazine - or "Tide" possibly. (6)

CLUES DOWN

1. Nasty Jack - from the comic strip, perhaps! (6)
2. Made to scale, often in wood. (5)
3. Wrong time to err for old vessel relying on manpower. (7)
5. Behave like a starved man or bird. (5)
6. Well-known prisoner hiding resentment makes excellent marriage prospect. (7)
7. What is organised for this girl's return? (6)
8. She could probably manage a spell in different parts of Norfolk, but it's all work for 13 across! (11)
14. Makes a difference to one's personal estate! (7)
15. It's nicely settled - so let's end the turmoil! (7)
16. Miss Derek returns before long, but reveals a figure without curves! (6)
17. Something nutritious found lying in the saloon for one who might well be hungry. (6)
19. Find common ground in a Greek village. (5)
21. Half dozen turn back, get surrounded by French and survive! (5)

ENDURANCE - IS THE LAST YEAR SO BAD?

With the current visit to these latitudes by HMS Endurance being heralded as its last, speculation as to what will happen to the ship once it is scrapped has arisen, at least according to The Financial Times. An item from the Financial Times intimates that Endurance could be sold to Brazil, but this speculation is unconfirmed.

The disappearance from these waters of Endurance is not too great a catastrophe as some people insist, being as it is, merely a flag-waving exercise. To fly the flag, we still have the British Antarctic Survey Ships John Biscoe and Bransfield, and to think that Endurance is some form of deterrent is laughable. The disappearance from the Falkland scene of the Endurance is just a bit of tradition being phased out; it had to and indeed has to come, and the writing-off of HMS Endurance is a sensible step in HM Government's attitude in curbing unnecessary expenditure.

The Falkland Islands has itself made sweeping cuts in public spending, as was evident in the June Budget Sessions, and, where justified, they have to be locked upon realistically and borne. The same way of thinking occurs in Britain thus the albeit reluctant decision to axe Endurance. In truth, Endurance is (or was) an expensive taxi and unlike the BAS ships has no scientific objectives or suchlike to underwrite the expense of keeping it afloat as part of the British fleet as it is today.

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F.I.COMMITTEE FUND RAISERS

The local branch of the Falkland Islands Committee have recently announced plans for fund raising activities in 1982, incorporating ideas such as radio bingo and a lottery. The FRCOM have also said that a form of bazaar would be held as soon as convenient in early 1982.

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THE NOVEMBER WEATHER

|                         |    |                                    |
|-------------------------|----|------------------------------------|
| Average Temperature     | -- | 8.3 degrees C                      |
| Highest Temperature     | -- | 20.9 degrees C                     |
| Lowest Temperature      | -  | 0.1 degree C                       |
| Average Daily Sun       | -  | 7.9 hours                          |
| Total Rainfall          | -- | 24.3 millimetres                   |
| Average Windspeed       | -- | 17.8 knots                         |
| Highest Gust            | -- | 59 knots on 14th and 16th November |
| Gale Force Windspeed    | -  | 23 hours                           |
| 10 knots or less        | -- | 184 hours                          |
| Ground Frost Recordings | -- | 7 occasions                        |

SUMMARY: A warm, dry and sunny November with more wind than usual.

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SOCCER

|              |          |   |          |   |
|--------------|----------|---|----------|---|
| Sun Nov 22nd | REDSOX   | 4 | RANGERS  | 0 |
| Thu Nov 26th | RANGERS  | 4 | MUSTANGS | 2 |
| Sun Nov 29th | MUSTANGS | 3 | REDSOX   | 0 |

Friendly: POLISH TRAWLER XI 1 STANLEY 5

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FLASHBACK: The "Lindblad Explorer" leaves Punta Arenas for the third excursion on Saturday February 28th, visiting Fox Bay, Carcass Island, West Point Island and Port Stanley from March 1st. This expedition does not go to the Antarctic but, instead, visits South Georgia, Gough Island, Tristan da Cunha and Cape Town, South Africa.

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SENIOR SCHOOL BOOKLET GIVES THE FACTS

An excellently produced booklet entitled "Stanley Senior School Information Booklet" giving full details in layman's terms of what goes on in our little nation's educational institution of the Senior Grade. The foreword by Education boss Mr John Fowler, says: "Stanley Senior School is, in my opinion, a good school, which, with your help, is committed to becoming even better. While few of us like change simply for changes sake, and revolutions are perhaps best left to more volatile countries, I hope very much that the evolutionary process will continue in our schools."

What do they teach?

The booklet explains exactly what each "lesson" is intended to achieve i.e. English: Punctuation, Spelling, Basic Grammar etc., and the exams able to be taken viz:-

- English Language to GCE Level
- English Literature to GCE Level
- Mathematics to CSE and GCE Level
- Human Biology to CSE and GCE Level
- Biology to GCE Level
- Rural Environmental Science to CSE Level
- Parentcraft to CSE Level
- Technical Science - this carries no examination.
- Spanish (Language) to GCE and CSE Level
- Geography and History to GCE Level
- Civics - no examination
- Art to CSE and GCE Level

Who controls the exams?

University of London Examining Board:- This Board, together with that of the University of Cambridge, grade exams under the General Certificate of Education; the school's courses leading to Ordinary Level.

Southern Regions Examination Board:- grades exams in the Certificate of Secondary Education range.

Royal Society of Arts conduct examinations leading to qualifications in subjects with a commercial bias such as typing.

What the heck is "Civics" and "Parentcraft"?

Civics is a basic course which does not entail an exam, designed to provide the upcoming school leavers with basic ground knowledge in financial and domestic management, politics, civil rights, civil law and public welfare. Parentcraft is described as being a course in a Social Science vein including lessons on preparation for marriage, pregnancy, child birth, child health, production of toys and garments, and other related subjects concerned with the precarious step into the 'adult' world. This course leads to CSE Level of examination and is optional to all 4th Year pupils. Those not wishing to learn Parentcraft are offered Technical Science, which carries no examination.

The booklet, distributed to parents, is a clear, easily read insight into the Stanley Senior School and, after reading and digesting the info, one can hold the "knocks" against the Senior School in contempt.

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OCEAN MERMAID

Following a 31-day trip from Auckland, New Zealand, the yacht "Ocean Mermaid" put into Stanley on the night of the 27th November.

The crew have indicated that they intend to remain in Stanley for a month or so before continuing their voyage to Antigua where the yacht is due to be sold.

### LEGCO MEETING

The first "full" Legislative Council Meeting has been set by The Governor to take place in the Court & Council Chamber at the Town Hall in Stanley on January 5th 1982 from 0930hrs onwards.

### UNION MEETING - 100% AGAINST COLB CUTBACKS

The General Employees Union called an extraordinary general meeting a few weeks ago to enable the Executive Committee to hear the general opinions of members on the proposal by FIC to cut out the cost of living bonus, or at best, to grant 50% of the entitlement.

With a good attendance swelling the Town Hall Refreshment Room, the meeting were 100% against any form of compromise and agreed that if necessary, strike action would take place.

The expected FIC move - coming after the Camp Conditions included a 50% cutback in the COLB agreed to by Camp Delegates Dave Smith and Ben Minnell - came after Union officials met Government/FIC over the Stanley Conditions (1982). The Government were reported as staying very much in the background. Further meetings will take place as all decisions by FIC Stanley Boss Harry Milne, seemingly have to come via London, with regard to the COLB topic.

The COLB question comes up before the Executive Council on December 14th - Councillor Terry Peck and Mrs Mary Jennings being both Union Members also being EXCO members.

Strike action would mean a halt of the development projects and public services where carried out by hourly paid employees, picketing of places of employment and scab-calling.

The last strike was in November 1975 and hit the shearing season.

The farmers relented after seven days, and thousands of dead sheep.

One argument in favour of retention of the cost of living bonus is that the ratio between the take-home pay of the average worker and UK worker in comparison to prices charged for foodstuffs - based on average unskilled labour in UK reaping £85 per 40 hours take home pay compared with the Falkland average of about £48-50 take home pay with retail prices almost 65% dearer due to freight costs.

### HOSTEL USELESS

As H.E. The Governor mentioned in his speech, the Hostel was not considered fit for hand over on the date hoped for by Coalite. Mr Brodrick, at the time of going to press, was engaged in correspondence with FIC and ODA on the matter.

### SHIPPING

Bransfield, the BAS research ship arrived in Stanley on 26th November and departed at around 2300 on Nov 28th.

The World Discoverer arrived in Stanley on November 27th after failing to put in at Volunteer Point due to rough weather, which disappointed many voyagers. The WD sailed for Antarctica via New and West Point islands on 29th.

### HILL DEAD

Familiar Falkland Islands visitor and Jason Islands owner Len Hill, died recently while returning to England after a visit here. Len owned "Birdland" in England and travelled back and forth from UK to the Falklands regularly.

### NO THANKS TO ROY COVE SECTION

Recent reports have it that New Zealander Peter Henderson has turned down the offer of Roy Cove section number 3. He has said that he is interested in other land in the Colony if and when it becomes available.

The section turned down by Henderson will be offered to second-on-the-list Mr Ian Butler, also from New Zealand.

Scotsman Craig Harris is engaged in financial arrangements which he hopes will enable him to purchase Section 1 of the Roy Cove split on offer to him.

STANLEY SOCIAL CLUB - CHILDREN'S SPORTS 1981

The Saturday afternoon set aside for the 1981 Children's Sports, organised by the Stanley Social Club, turned out a scorcher, and an enjoyable afternoon was had by participants and spectators alike.

It just goes to show that age in the field of sport does not pose any problem as was proven by Harry Bonner who made valiant efforts to unravel the tug-o'-war rope (secretly observed by the rock-hopping beer swillers)!!

It is regretted that due to space reasons, only the FIRST placings can be published, but congratulations to the 2nd's and 3rd's also.

The date of the sports was 8th December (Battle Day Afternoon).

| <u>Age Group</u> | <u>Race</u>  | <u>Winner</u>                                   |
|------------------|--------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| 10-12            | 100 Yards    | Lisa Watson                                     |
| 8-9              | 80 Yards     | Simon Goodwin                                   |
| 5-7              | 60 Yards     | Owen Betts                                      |
| 3-4              | 30 Yards     | Christopher Eynon                               |
| 13-15            | 100 Yards    | Rosemary Short                                  |
| Toddlers         |              | Mark Spruce                                     |
| 10-12            | 4 Legged     | Katrina Clarke, Jamie Tomlinson, Joanne Bonner. |
| 8-9              | 3 Legged     | Paula Pole-Evans/Jackie Jaffray                 |
| 5-7              | 3 Legged     | Jenny Baylis/Ruth Colbert                       |
| 3-4              | 40 Yards     | Christopher Eynon                               |
| 13-15            | Variety      | Paul Summers                                    |
| 10-12            | Variety      | Sheila Butler                                   |
| 8-9              | Variety      | Simon Goodwin                                   |
| 5-7              | Variety      | Roy Summers                                     |
| Toddlers         |              | Kenneth Gaiger                                  |
| 12-15            | Slow Bicycle | Zane Hirtle                                     |
| 8-11             | Slow Bicycle | Paul Phillips                                   |
| 10-12            | Wheelbarrow  | Duane Stewart/Darren Clifton                    |
| 8-9              | Wheelbarrow  | Paul Phillips/Simon Goodwin                     |
| 5-7              | Hopping      | Roy Summers                                     |
| 10-12            | Relay        | Paul Blake/Aaron Stewart                        |
| 8-9              | Relay        | Paul Phillips/Simon Goodwin                     |
| 5-7              | Relay        | Troyd Bowles/Michael Thompson                   |
| 13-15            | 150 Yards    | Paul Summers                                    |
| 8-9              | High Jump    | Simon Goodwin                                   |
| 10-12            | High Jump    | Paul Blake                                      |
| 13-15            | High Jump    | Patricia Card                                   |
| 11-15            | Consolation  | Tony McLaren                                    |
| 8-10             | Consolation  | Andrew Newman                                   |
| 5-7              | Consolation  | Paul Clarke                                     |
| 8-9              | Bicycle      | Paul Phillips                                   |
| 10-12            | Bicycle      | Darren Clifton                                  |
| 13-15            | Bicycle      | Basil Faria                                     |

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ST. MARY'S BAZAAR

Usually the better bazaar of the year, this year's St. Mary's RC Church bazaar was rather disappointing by way of attendance than is normal.

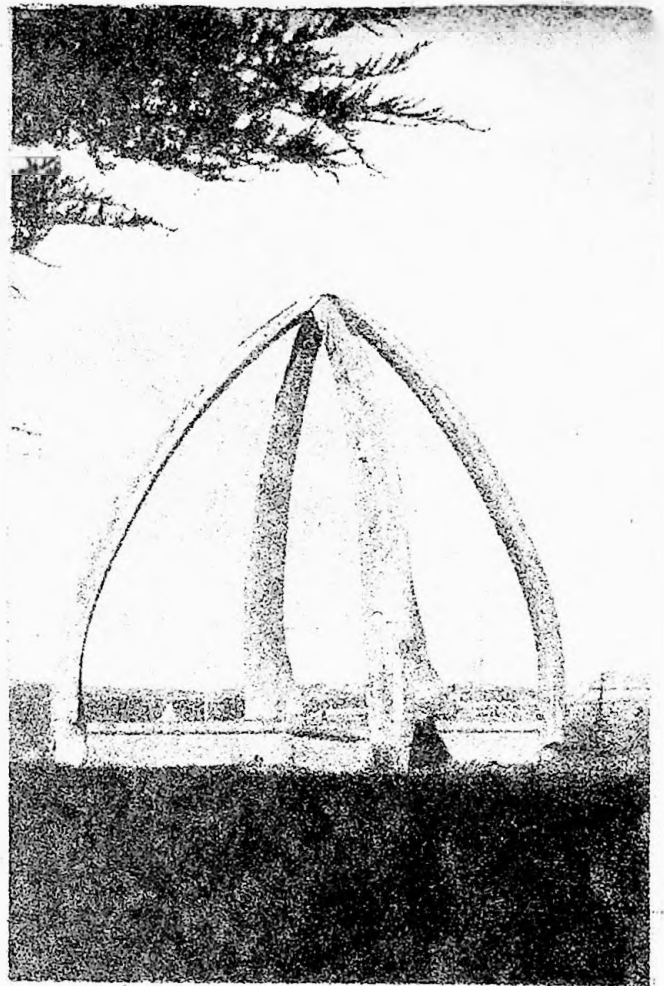
However, the Wheel of Fortune, under the direction of Jeremy "Wrecker" Smith and Gavin "Googer" Short, was well attended, as was the Raffle Stall and Bottle Stall. The announced takings amounted to £3,932.84p, but Monseigneur Daniel Spraggon showed the Editor his cheque stubs for the bazaar expenses, which says goodbye to half of the takings.

Despite the seeming lack of attendance, St. Mary's Bazaar is a popular annual event and a welcome evening out.

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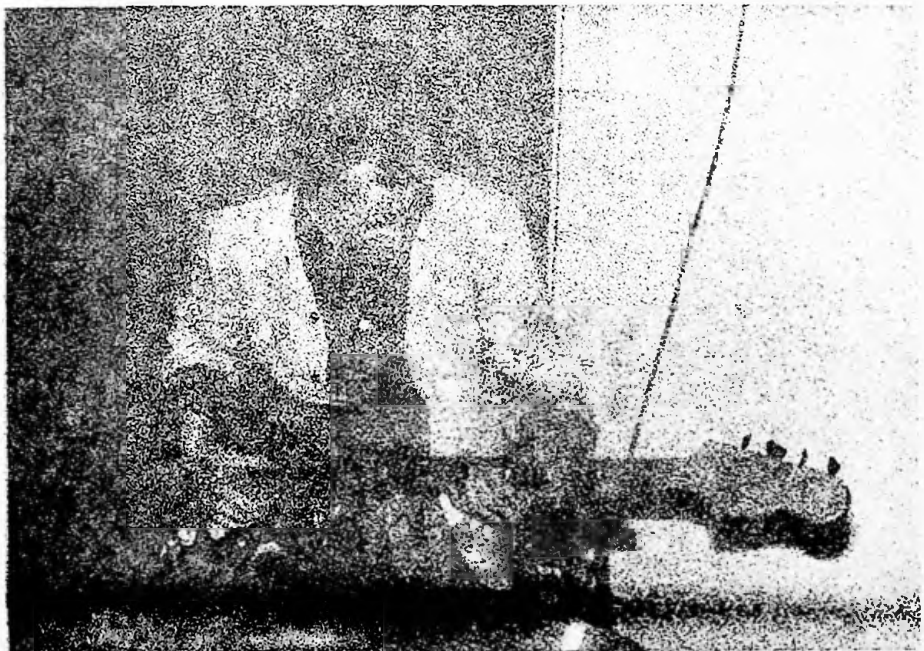


Christ Church Cathedral, Port Stanley

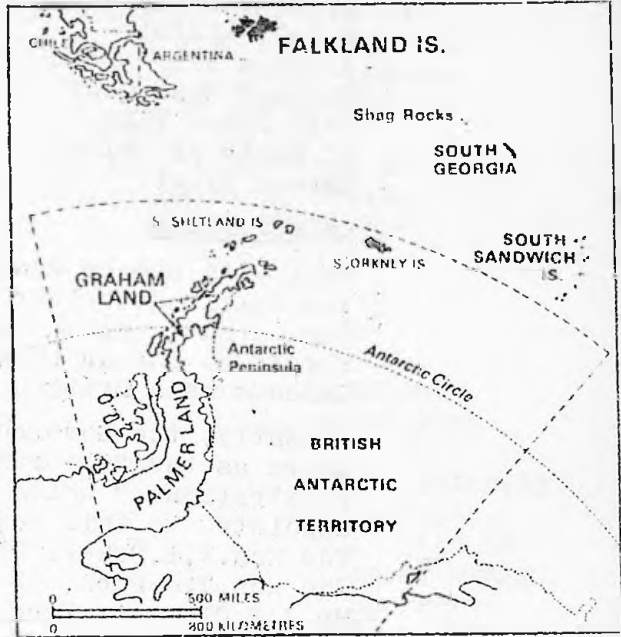
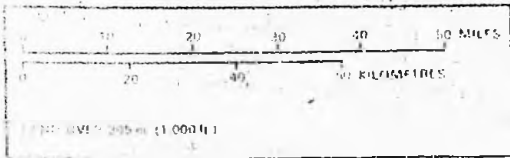


Whalebone Arch, Port Stanley

Below: Dave Colville, editor of the Times playing Bass Guitar for Agatha Kristy at the Royal Marines dance in the Town Hall on Saturday 5th December 1981. What a posc!!



# The Falkland Islands TIMES



SOUTH ATLANTIC OCEAN



60°W

58°

DECEMBER WEATHER

|                     |                 |                     |
|---------------------|-----------------|---------------------|
| Average Temperature | : 8.6 degrees C | December proved to  |
| Highest Temperature | : 19.8 " " "    | be windier, warmer, |
| Lowest Temperature  | : 0.6 " " "     | sunnier and drier   |
| Average Daily Sun   | : 7.1 hours     | than usual.         |
| Total Rainfall      | : 62.4 mm       |                     |
| Average Wind Speed  | : 18.6 knots    |                     |
| Highest Wind Gust   | : 60 knots      |                     |
| Gale Force Wind     | : 33 hours      |                     |
| 10 Knots or below   | : 150 hours     |                     |
| Ground Frost        | : 7 occasions   |                     |

CELEBRATIONS

What with a poor response to the Royal Wedding of last July in the Falklands celebration wise, it seems that all stops are being pulled out - or at least proposals have been laid down - with regard to celebrations for the 150th Anniversary of the Falkland Islands as a British Colony.

Recently, the Governor called a meeting of a committee to be known as the "Co-ordinating Committee for 150th Anniversary Celebrations," which was held at Government House. People appointed to this committee by H.E. The Governor are:-

The Hon. F.E. Baker, OBE, Chief Secretary  
The Hon. T.J. Peck, CPM, Legislative Councillor  
Mr J.T. Clement, Exec Secretary, Sheepowner's Association  
Mrs Velma Malcolm, BEM, Rose Hotel  
Mr T.G. Spruce, Falkland Islands Company  
Mr I. Stewart, Cable & Wireless Public Limited Company  
Mr D. King, Chairman, Stanley Sports Association  
Major G. Noott, Commanding Officer, Royal Marines, NP8901  
Mr J. Brodrick, Director of Public Works  
Mr R. Lamb, Chief Police Officer  
Mr J. Fowler, Superintendent of Education

The persons on the above committee, it is understood, will form sub-committees to cover all aspects of proposals for the celebrations. It is reported that one proposal called for the cancellation of the traditional Christmas Sports Meeting for 1982 which will be put back until early January 1983 to form a full week of sporting activity.

H.E. unwittingly upset some people at the Prize-Giving dance on the second day of this December's Sports Meeting, when in his customary speech he mentioned the celebrations for 1983 briefly and said the 150th resettlement of the Falkland Islands, the word "resettlement" causing the annoyance.

JOHN AYERS

So many persons have asked for John Ayer's UK address in order that they can drop him a line, here it is:-  
30 Greenham Drive, Nettlesome, Seaview, Isle of Wight.

PENFRIENDS

Correspondent wanted for man interested in collecting Falkland Islands stamps. Michael Marcroft, 25 Heathway, Shirley, Croydon, Surrey, England.

Stamp collector from United States looking to trade with collector from Falkland Islands: Please write: Mary Dawson, 2231 Pacific Avenue, A4, Costa Mesa, California 92627 USA.

LETTER

From: Joy & Victor Cooper (Rev.), Avalon, Bridgetown, Totnes,  
Devon, England.

Dear Editor,

May I, through the pages of your newspaper, send friendly greetings and seasonable greetings to those lovely people - the Falkland Islanders! I have long admired them, and in the summer was delighted to see a photograph of a group of people, happy and smiling and waving Union Jacks, in our newspaper.

It does our hearts good to see such evidence of loyalty to Britain - goodness knows we haven't so many friends nowadays, and we need your friendship! I pray that our leaders will be wise enough to Keep the Falklands under British rule, not to be annexed by Argentina. We admire your spirit.

You obviously have something over there that we sadly lack in England today - a close-knit and warm, loving Community. May you always keep this close, family feeling of caring and sharing.

Yours etc.

JUNIOR SCHOOL COMMONWEALTH DAY APPEAL

New Year, Christmas and Commonwealth Day.....three different times of the year, but with one very important link. Times when we try to extend our thoughts to others.

This year the Infant/Junior School tried to think of an activity that would really link us with another part of the Commonwealth, by action as well as thought. It was decided to assist a child in one of the poorer, underdeveloped countries, by way of sponsorship through the charity organisation Action Aid. Hence our Sponsored Spell, held on Commonwealth Day, and to be quite honest, we were staggered by the generous nature of your response. Our original intention to sponsor a single child was changed by the tremendous success of the appeal. We are now able to sponsor two children: a boy and girl, for about 3½ years.

The children, (Billistrong Egesa and Kiongo Losenge), live in very poor, rural districts of Kenya. Their diet is meagre, often consisting of a single meal a day of maize and beans. Housing is overcrowded, sanitation poor and water supplies usually inadequate.

Our funds are used to help in the childrens education. Primary schools are free, the Government supplying the teachers and books.

However, the local community and the parents must provide the buildings and school equipment. Obviously, the poorest areas with the greatest need cannot provide these things, and it is to these areas that Action Aid directs its funds. In the case of the two children that we are sponsoring, Action Aid will provide them with adequate school clothing, equipment and mid-day meals. We would like to thank you all for your generous response to our appeal, and of course, a special thanks on behalf of Billistrong and Kiongo.  
JOHN PEATFIELD - HEADMASTER - INFANT/JUNIOR SCHOOL - STANLEY.

A child's life is worth less than \$100 according to this year's "State of the World's Children" report from UNICEF. Spent on each of the world's poorest children, says the report, such a sum could have provided the basics of life and prevented the deaths of 17 million young children during 1981. Only one in ten of those children, for example, was immunised against the six most common diseases of childhood. "The cost of so immunising all of the Third World's children," says UNICEF, "works out at approximately \$5 per child. The cost of not doing so works out at approximately five million deaths per year."

From UNICEF's "State Of The Worlds Children 1981-82" report.



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THE NEXT ISSUE OF THE TIMES WILL CONTAIN REVIEWS OF JONA LEWIE  
AND HIS NEWIE PLUS P H O N O G R A M RECORDS GREAT NEW OFFERINGS  
FROM: Thin Lizzy - 10cc - Rick Wakeman - The Teardrop Explodes -  
Soft Cell - Afraid Of Mice. All great albums, so keep a look out  
in the Feb issue for STIFF & PHONOGRAM ... Modern Music par  
excellence!

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LETTER

From: Mr E.Collins, 81 Clay-Hill Drive, Balme St.,  
Wyke, Nr.BrADFORD, Yorks.

Date: 14th Jan 1982

Dear Sir,

Just a few lines to let you know I was one of a  
few of the chaps in the Army who were sent out to the Falkland  
Islands during the 1939-45 war. We set off by sea in a convoy  
on the 21st of June 1942. You see, the trouble was both the  
Argentinians and the people of Chile wanted the Falkland Islands  
so we were sent out. We arrived on the 11th August 1942 and were  
billeted in with people of the Falklands until our Camp was built.

There were: The Royal Corps of Signals - The Royal Ordnance  
Corps, The Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers - The Royal  
Army Service Corps (as they were known at that time) - The Royal  
Army Medical Corps - The Royal Engineers - The Royal Artillery -  
and us, the 11th Battalion West Yorks Regiment, and some Royal  
Army Veterinary Corps. We helped to build the Camps. Some were  
over the Camber side, one was an Artillery Camp in Stanley itself,  
then there was the main Camp up past the Governor's House up  
towards the Wireless Station. We moved into the Main Camp on the  
24th of December 1942.

We left the Falkland Islands by boat at the start of February  
1944 and while we were coming away, more troops were arriving. On  
our way back to England we were anchored just outside Dakar, West  
Africa for about 5 hours and we were also anchored off Gibraltar  
for 11 days and never got ashore at all. We finished up at Liverpool,  
went from there to Tavistock and after that, to France.

Yours faithfully etc.

E. COLLINS



Stanley Sports Association 69th Annual Meeting - December 1981

Held at Stanley Racecourse, Saturday 26th & Monday 28th

FOOT EVENTS

| <u>Event</u>            | <u>1st</u>                | <u>2nd</u>                    | <u>3rd</u>                      |
|-------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 200 Yards               | A. Brownlee               | R. Kiddle                     | A. Betts                        |
| Potato Race<br>(Ladies) | Mrs Watson                | Mrs Eynon                     | C. Alazia                       |
| One Mile                | Marine Holding            | A. Betts                      |                                 |
| Wheelbarrow             | G. Johnson &<br>T. Lee    | J. Middleton &<br>R. Kiddle   | I. McPhee &<br>Mrs Earle        |
| Sack Race               | N. Keenleyside            | A. Betts                      | R. Kiddle                       |
| Relay Race.             | S. Pearce &<br>C. Peck    | N. Keenleyside &<br>Miss King | D. Pettersson &<br>M. Binnie    |
| Stepping 100            | E. Vidal                  | P. Watts                      | R. Hewitt                       |
| Backwards 80yd          | R. Macaskill              | R. Short                      | N. McKay                        |
| Tug-O-War (M)           | The Big Uns               | The Shearers                  |                                 |
| Tug-O-War (F)           | Married Ladies            | ???????                       |                                 |
| 3-Legged                | S. Pearce &<br>Miss Check | G. Bound &<br>B. King         | N. Keenleyside &<br>J. Ashworth |
| 100 Yards               | S. Pearce                 | R. Fenson                     | A. Jones                        |
| 440 Yards               | S. Pearce                 | ?????                         | R. Fenson                       |
| Sack Race (F)           | C. Eynon                  | G. Watson                     | R. Jaffray                      |
| Ladies Race 80yd        | C. Alazia                 | N. Luxton                     | C. Wells                        |
| Long Jump               | S. Pearce                 | S. Holding                    | R. Fenson                       |

STEER RIDING -- Sunday 27th December 1981

Champion 1981: K. Browning  
 Runner-Up : R. Short  
 Third Placing: N. McKay

H O R S E E V E N T S

| <u>Event</u>                     | <u>Placings</u>                                          | <u>Horse</u>                                   |
|----------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|
| Maiden Plate<br>600 Yards        | 1 E. Goss<br>2 R. Binnie                                 | Makeda<br>Patsie                               |
| Bransfield Plate<br>600 Yards    | 1 S. Morrison<br>2 E. Goss<br>3 T. Phillips              | Crepello<br>Farego<br>Polly Pops               |
| Kelper Store<br>Plate 600 Yards  | 1 N. Watson<br>2 K. Whitney<br>3 R. Binnie<br>4 M. Betts | Sally I<br>Long Island<br>Catriona<br>Sunshine |
| West Falkland<br>Plate 800 Yards | 1 N. Watson<br>2 E. Goss<br>3 O. Summers                 | Torcaz<br>Lucinda<br>Easter Hero               |
| Trotting Race<br>1 Mile          | 1 R. Binnie<br>2 L. Coutts<br>3 E. Goss                  | Demon<br>Mandy<br>Karabas                      |

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STANLEY SPORTS ASSOCIATION 69th MEETING RESULTS 1981

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| <u>Event</u>                             | <u>Placing</u>                                             | <u>Horse</u>                                    |
|------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| Rincon Grande Teenage<br>Plate 400 Yards | 1 T. Bonner<br>2 P. Watson<br>3 N. McPhee<br>4 K. Miller   | Rainbow<br>Sally II<br>Mister Softee<br>Aladdin |
| Pinza Gallop 300 Yds                     | 1 L. Watson<br>2 M. Goss<br>3 K. Miller                    | Tears<br>Denver<br>Heidi                        |
| Chief Secretary's<br>Plate 600 Yards     | 1 R. Binnie<br>2 K. Whitney<br>3 M. Betts<br>4 S. Morrison | Catriona<br>Long Island<br>Sunshine<br>Martini  |
| Governor's Cup<br>700 Yards              | 1 N. Watson<br>2 E. Goss<br>3 K. Whitney<br>4 O. Summers   | Sally I<br>Lucinda<br>Gina<br>Easter Hero       |
| E. G. Rowe Memorial<br>Race 500 Yards    | 1 E. Goss<br>2 S. Morrison<br>3 R. Binnie                  | Makeda<br>Crepello<br>Patsie                    |
| Musical Chairs<br>Gymkhana               | 1 R. Binnie<br>2 R. Short<br>3 A. Turner                   |                                                 |
| Rincon Grande Plate<br>900 Yards         | 1 N. Watson<br>2 E. Goss<br>3 O. Summers<br>4 M. Betts     | Torcaz<br>Lucinda<br>Easter Hero<br>Sundance    |
| Ladies Trotting Race<br>1 Mile           | 1 A. Draycott<br>2 L. Coutts<br>3 D. McKay                 | Bella<br>Mandy<br>Charmaine                     |
| The A. G. Barton Prize<br>500 Yards      | 1 R. Binnie<br>2 K. Whitney<br>3 N. Watson<br>4 M. Betts   | Catriona<br>Long Island<br>Reinbeau<br>Sunshine |
| Berkeley Sound Plate<br>600 Yards        | 1 A. Turner<br>2 E. Goss<br>3 O. Summers                   | Helena<br>Lucinda<br>Tina                       |
| Caledonian Stakes<br>700 Yards           | 1 N. Watson<br>2 K. Whitney<br>3 S. Morrison               | Sally I<br>Gina<br>Bonita                       |
| Colville Chase<br>300 Yards              | 1 O. Summers<br>2 A. Turner<br>3 S. Morrison               | Mandy<br>Helena<br>Crepello                     |

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STANLEY SPORTS ASSOCIATION'S DECEMBER 1981 MEETING RESULTS

Continued.

| <u>Event</u>                                           | <u>Placing</u>       | <u>Horse</u>    |
|--------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------|
| The Mile                                               | 1 N. Watson          | Torcaz          |
|                                                        | 2 O. Summers         | Easter Hero     |
|                                                        | 3 M. Betts           | Sundance        |
| Trotting Race<br>1 Mile                                | 1 A. Draycott        | Bella           |
|                                                        | 2 L. Coutts          | Mandy           |
|                                                        | 3 S. Morrison        | Iap             |
| Andrew Bruce Trophy<br>600 Yards                       | 1 E. Goss            | Makeda          |
|                                                        | 2 K. Whitney         | Gina            |
|                                                        | 3 N. Watson          | Reinbeau        |
|                                                        | 4 O. Summers         | Tina            |
| Troop Race 300 Yards                                   | 1 R. Binnie          | Catrina         |
|                                                        | 2 S. Morrison        | Crepello        |
|                                                        | 3 E. Goss            | Denver          |
|                                                        | 4 N. Watson          | Sally II        |
| Veterans Handicap<br>80 Yards                          | 1 M. McLeod          |                 |
|                                                        | 2 A. McLeod          |                 |
|                                                        | 3 S. Cletherbe       |                 |
| Chartres Plate<br>500 Yards                            | 1 N. Watson          | Helena          |
|                                                        | 2 K. Whitney         | Long Island     |
|                                                        | 3 E. Goss            | Lucinda         |
|                                                        | 4 M. Betts           | Sunshine        |
| Port San Carlos Prize<br>440 Yards                     | 1 S. Poole           | Mandy           |
|                                                        | 2 ???Goss            | Denver          |
|                                                        | 3 T. Bonner          | Reinbeau        |
|                                                        | 4 A. Jones           | Fencer          |
| Defence Force Race<br>500 Yards                        | 1 N. Watson          | Sally I         |
|                                                        | 2 E. Goss            | Makeda          |
|                                                        | 3 O. Summers         | Easter Hero     |
|                                                        | 4 M. Betts           | Sunshine        |
| Junior Gallop 600 Yds                                  | 1 L. Watson          | Tears           |
|                                                        | 2 M. Goss            | Denver          |
|                                                        | 3 T. Whitney         | Miss Fitzroy    |
| Falkland (Woolsales)<br>Plate 600 Yards                | 1 N. Watson          | Sally I         |
|                                                        | 2 K. Whitney         | Long Island     |
|                                                        | 3 E. Goss            | Lucinda         |
|                                                        | 4 O. Summers         | Tina            |
| Scillonian Stakes<br>440 Yards                         | 1 A. Turner          | Helena          |
|                                                        | 2 E. Goss            | Lucinda         |
|                                                        | 3 R. Binnie          | Catrina         |
| Ladies Gallop 500 Yds                                  | 1 M. Betts           | Sunshine        |
|                                                        | 2 S. Middleton       | Fencer          |
|                                                        | 3 T. Pettersson      | Reinbeau        |
| Home Charm Young<br>Jockeys Challenge<br>Cup 500 Yards | 1 A. Turner          | Diddle Melodian |
|                                                        | 2 T. Pettersson      | Mr Softee       |
|                                                        | 3 T. Bonner          | Sundance        |
|                                                        | 4 P. Watson          | Sally II        |
| Gretna Green<br>Gymkhana                               | 1 A. Turner/R. Short |                 |
| Consolation Race<br>500 Yards                          | 1 P. Gilding         | Mounshine       |
|                                                        | 2 A. Turner          | Red Run         |
|                                                        | 3 R. Binnie          | Denon           |
| Junior Rincon Grande<br>Plate 400 Yards                | 1 M. Goss            | Denver          |
|                                                        | 2 L. Watson          | Tears           |
|                                                        | 3 K. Miller          | Aladdin         |
|                                                        | 4 M. Binnie          | New Year        |

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Falkland penguins outnumber humans 5,000 to one.  
These gentoos head in after a hard day of fishing.

The above photograph was reproduced from an article appearing in an issue of the "SMITHSONIAN" magazine by FRED STREBEIGH.

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SPORTS ASSOCIATION RESULTS Continued from previous page

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|---------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Salvador Prize<br>(Champion Race)<br>800 Yards    | 1 A. Turner<br>2 N. Watson<br>3 E. Goss     | Helena<br>Torcaz<br>Lucinda     |
| Woolbrokers Plate<br>(Champion Race)<br>600 Yards | 1 N. Watson<br>2 K. Whitney<br>3 O. Summers | Sally I<br>Long Island<br>Mandy |
| Association Race<br>500 Yards                     | 1 D. King<br>2 G. Butler<br>3 R. Peart      | Torcaz<br>Tears<br>Misere       |

CHAMPION JOCKEY 1981: NEIL WATSON

The results appearing in this issue were compiled by BRIAN WELLS, Secretary (with Mrs S. Whitney) of the SSA.

Where ????? appears, the Editor could not decipher Brian's writing!!

UNION DISPUTE OVER COST OF LIVING BONUS

The Stanley workers who are members of the General Employees Union stopped work on midnight, January 15th, awaiting further development regarding the 1982 Stanley Conditions Agreement between employers and employees. Full, comprehensive reports will appear in the next TIMES

F.I. COMMITTEE MEETING

A meeting of the Falkland Islands Committee was held in the Town Hall Refreshment Room on Thursday at 2030. Minutes were read, elections of new committee members were held and matters arising dealt with. The attendance at this meeting was fair to middling. ..(Jan 21st)

SPIRIT OF PENTAX

A yacht, the "Spirit of Pentax", sponsored by the famous Japanese camera manufacturers, arrived in Port Stanley recently for minor repairs.

LETTER

From: Mr Tim Miller, Stanley.

Date: January 3rd 1982

Dear Sir,

I listened with dismay and amazement to the recent Government broadcast that HMS Endurance had to steam to Montevideo, Uruguay, to collect her replacement helicopter, as the R.A.F. Hercules flying it out from Britain did not have the range to fly here without having to rely on a diversionary airfield in Argentina.

Like all Kelpers, I am long used to successive British Governments treating us as ignorant illiterates, but even Whitehall is pushing it a bit to expect us to believe this one.

By no means an aircraft expert, I am however aware of the following points:-

1. The C 130 Hercules is world famous for its tremendous payload/range capabilities and its reliability.
2. A couple of years ago, Hercules aircraft of the Israeli airforce flew, fully loaded with commandos, to raid and rescue hijacked passengers in Entebbe, Uganda - their flight path was well over 3,000 miles non-stop without refuelling.
3. The "Darwin" used to steam 1,015 miles from Stanley to Montevideo, according to my mathematics that makes 2,030 for the round trip if bad weather prevented a landing here, I am not aware that our geographical position has altered since then - perhaps FCO can correct me?
4. U.S. and Argentine Hercules aircraft frequently make long flights into Antarctica - where is their diversionary airfield if bad weather prevents them from landing down south?

In other words, it IS perfectly feasible for a loaded Hercules to fly here from Montevideo, circle overhead for some time if needed, and then still fly straight back to Uruguay if weather prevents a landing here. Also, if you look at a map, you see 530 miles away from Stanley a place called Punta Arenas in Chile.

It is claimed that it would not be diplomatic to land in Argentina if needed, as the cargo is a military one. Apparently F.C.O. and the Governor are unaware of the Antarctic Treaty signed 21 years ago; the Endurance is covered by that Treaty and the helicopter in question is un-armed - their weapons being stored on the ship.

No, the real reason why the Endurance has to steam to Uruguay at a far higher cost than that for an aircraft coming here, and further delay her time schedule, is because the Thatcher Government, like its predecessors, is SCARED of upsetting a South American Dictator, by flying a British owned aircraft, carrying British for a British ship, to a British airport in a British Territory.

One can only conclude that the repeated "assurances" we get from the U.K. that in case of emergency we would be re-inforced and defended, are little more than a pack of lies. If the RAF cannot fly here with an unarmed helicopter for a ship covered by the Antarctic Treaty, HOW could they fly in troops and supplies in a crisis?

To use the words of a well known ex-Councillor, the Governor's explanation "is a lot of bullshit".

Yours faithfully,  
T.J.D. MILLER

## RIFLE ASSOCIATION

By Stan Smith, Hon. Secretary.

The Defence Force Rifle Association 1981/82 shooting season commenced to a good start on October 4th with 13 competitors taking part. To date, the seasons programme has been keeping close to schedule, with good attendance maintained throughout. Once again there has been a small increase in membership, which is very encouraging and always nice to see new faces have a go and showing great interest; this is a most welcome sign, which also indicates that rifle shooting holds one of the top places in the sporting events held in these islands.

As normal, the Stanley Cup, which is shot for under service conditions, was held this year on the 5th December, in which 16 members took part - with rather a strong wind prevailing taking its toll in various quarters, which resulted in GERALD CHEEK emerging the winner with a fine 34 out of 35 points at 500 yards thus giving an aggregate total of 122 points.

The Christmas Hampers again proved very popular, again 16 members contesting 12 beautiful hampers in an effort to secure a Bottle of Scotch concealed in one of the parcels. However, the lucky winner was A.H. FORD who selected the right parcel when only five were left to choose from - well done Harry!

1982 is now with us and perhaps holds in store one of the most outstanding highlights of Rifle Shooting in the history of the Falkland Islands when it is hoped that 2 of our members will be attending the Commonwealth Games held in Brisbane from 30th September to 9th October 1982, this event having been made possible only by sponsorship of the COALITE GROUP LIMITED - a most generous gesture, and indeed, very much appreciated - with Local Bisley only three weeks away, there is no doubt that all sights will be set on the Brisbane Games, with all members testing their skills over the Bisley Meeting, in an effort to secure a place in representing the Falklands in their first ever Commonwealth Games.

## RIGHT NOTE - WRONG PICTURE

Recently, the Argentines launched a 1,000,000 peso banknote, and all was seemingly well in that inflation ravaged country, until someone spotted that the idyllic scene on the reverse of the note was not a picture of somewhere in Argentina, but in URUGUAY! Needless to say, the first print of the million peso note was destroyed.

## COLOUR WITH SOUND FOR MIKE

Falkland Islands television "pioneer" - Mike "Logie" Peake - has set another smallscreen first in this country by transmitting colour t.v. pictures complete with sound from the gear in his house to the t.v. set belonging to Mr Doug Hansen, Stanley.

Although the distance involved in this particular transmission was relatively small, Mike says that his transmitter is powerful enough to blanket the town and, his box of tricks is built of bits and pieces, and his aerial manufactured from bits of the ex-Argentine temporary runway.

Mike transmitted on UHF Band V which is four times the frequency of 2-metre sets, specially chosen by Mike so as not to interfere with 2-metre sets, ham radios or the local broadcasting station.

Mike would like to express his thanks to Doug Hansen for his co-operation in this project.

## THE INS AND OUTS FLIGHTWISE

Info will appear in future issues of the TIMES when info is made available from Immigration.

IN .....Tuesday 5th January 1982  
Mr & Mrs Len McGill, Miss Kim Robertson, Jean Hardy, Kenneth Harwood and 20 others.

OUT .....Wednesday 6th Jan 1982  
S.Lamb, J.Blackburn, P.May, G.Fleet, J.Noone, W.Wislon, O.Whitley, E.Whitley, J.Peatfield, A.Peatfield, L.Napier, E.McCullam, M and A Matthews, A and D Hunt and 18 others.

IN .....13th January 1982  
R.Checkley, S,L & T Love, L.Napier, S.Evans, E.McCullam, J.Noone, G.Fleet and 16 others.

OUT .....14th January 1982  
S.Hardcastle, M.Cox, C.Robertson, D.Cheek, J.Selwood, J.Halliday, J.Turner, the Woodhams family and 15 others.

#### CHEERIO TO TWIN-OTTERS

At Rothera Base in British Antarctic Territory, the 20th of November 1981 will go down in history as one of British Antarctic Territory's and British Antarctic Survey's more expensive days for a severe storm raged. Nothing unusual about that down south, except that this time BAS's 2 De-Havilland Twin-Otter planes were wrecked beyond repair.

Luckily, there were no human casualties.

#### ADDIS - STILL NO CLUE

Despite further investigation, no further clues as to the reasons behind Marine Alan Addis' disappearance from the North Arm area on East Falkland have come to the fore.

A couple of months back, fresh investigations, at the urging of Alan's mother, culminated in the visit to the Falklands of RMP Captain Gallagher, who, together with local Police Chief Ronnie Lamb, conducted fresh rounds of questioning.

The main speculation is that Marine Addis fell into the sea and was swept away.

#### THE O.K. FOR BARRACKS - LATER

Contrary to reports that the proposed new Royal Marine Barracks would not after all be constructed, reports have come in that they will in fact proceed as planned - but later, unconfirmed dating being given as the summer season of 1983/4.

The Foreign and Commonwealth Office have emphasised that this later-than-envisaged start is just a matter of available finance and in no way lessens the UK Government's commitments to the Falkland Islands.

#### HOSTEL - GUNITE FIGHT AT THE "NOT O.K." CORRAL

The seemingly never ending ruckus over the shoddy work which is the Stanley School Hostel continues. Director of Public Works, Mr John Brodrick, is adamant that he will not accept the Hostel as suitable in its present condition, but on a recent visit to the colony, Coalite man Mr Beasley maintains it is ready for occupation.

#### POLITICAL ASYLUM FOR POLES

A few weeks ago, a Government announcement revealed that a 23 years-old Polish fisherman from the Polish fishing fleet ship "Gryf Pomorsky" had asked for, as Government put it: "permission to remain in the Falklands."

Permission was granted and since then the Pole has been joined by 2 others.

Poles seeking political asylum from their Soviet -pressured homeland has now reportedly reached epidemic proportions, the main refugee accepting country being Austria.

It has been reported that by September 1981, some 15,000 Poles had registered with the Austrian authorities, with a "guesstimated" 8,000 to 10,000 having entered Austria without yet registering. Once in Austria, the Polish refugees await permission to enter the USA, Canada or Australia, their seemingly three most preferred destinations.

#### TALKS CANCELLED BY ARGENTINES

The round of talks scheduled for mid-December in Geneva, Switzerland, were cancelled at short notice by the Argentines as they were undergoing a major re-shuffle within their military junta, with President Viola being ousted.

It is not yet known when the talks - asked for by the Argentines - will be held.

In 1965 the General Assembly of the United Nations approved a resolution inviting Britain and Argentina to hold discussions with a view to finding a peaceful solution to the problem, bearing in mind the interests of the Falkland Islanders, subsequently, talks have taken place over the years.

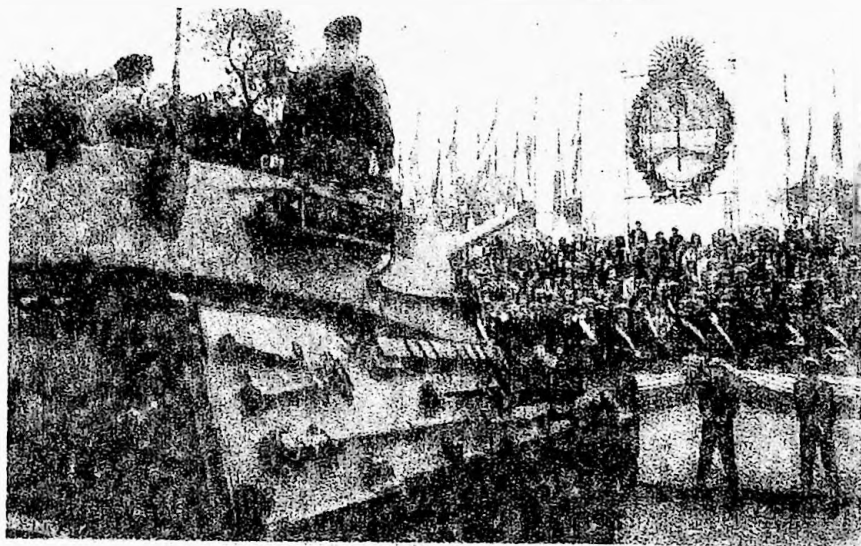
#### QSL CARD FOR REG SILVEY

Design a QSL card for radio-man Reg Silvey (works at Cape Pembroke Lighthouse) pertaining to the Falkland Islands. A cash prize will be paid to the winning designer selected by Reg. Send design to: QSL Design, P.O.Box 60, Stanley.

The winning design will also be published in the TIMES.

# Why U.S. and Russia Woo Ailing Argentina

A nation beset by economic chaos and political turmoil finds itself the target of attention of two superpowers with motives of their own.



From The "U.S. News & World Report" magazine.

EVEN AS a wave of economic, political and social turmoil gathers force in Argentina, the United States and the Soviet Union are engaged in a growing rivalry to forge closer ties with this rich and strategic country. Washington is looking for a powerful friend to help it thwart Communist designs in the Western Hemisphere. Moscow is eager to step in and expand its influence any place it perceives U.S. prestige to be on the downgrade - especially in a nation overlooking important South Atlantic sea-lanes. Target of the superpowers is the harried military regime that has ruled this country of 28 million people for 5½ years and is wrestling with economic chaos and mounting discontent.

PRESIDENT REAGAN is determined to erase the enmity created in the late 1970's when the Carter administration accused the junta of widespread human-rights violations. That attack enraged Argentine leaders, who argued that strong-arm methods were necessary to stamp out rampant terrorism. In its effort to restore smoother relations, the Reagan White House has lifted an arms embargo imposed against Argentina in 1976 and has sent top diplomats and military officers to Buenos Aires on fence-mending missions. In return, Reagan has been heartened by prospects that the staunchly anti-Communist Argentines will co-operate with the U.S. in repulsing Cuban subversion in Central America. Nevertheless, Argentina has a long record of touchy relations with the U.S. - for instance, it remained neutral in World War II until the last few months of the conflict - and few analysts expect that a close partnership can soon be created. The Soviet Union, for its part, has moved fast to cash in on the deterioration of U.S./Argentine relations that developed in the Carter years. In a relatively short time, the Russians have become Argentina's No.1 trading partner, with emphasis on farm products.

CIVILIAN CRITICS - including the powerful Peronistas, the labour-based political movement formed by the late President Juan Domingo Peron in the late 1940's - are calling on the junta to set a date for a return to civilian rule. All this is a far cry from the prosperous era promised by generals and admirals in March 1976, when they overthrew Maria Estela Martinez de Peron who had become President in mid-1974 upon the death of her husband.

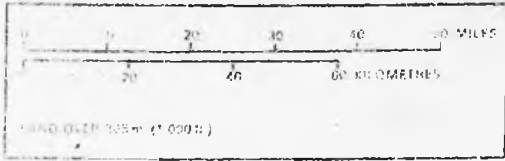


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HOSTEL LATEST: NOTICES INDICATE DANGEROUS STRUCTURE  
WHAT NEEDHAM AND CAMM SAID AT TCT MEETING  
WILL BRITISH TAXPAYER HAVE TO FORK OUT?

Director of Public Works Mr John Brodrick, currently in the UK for discussions with ODA on the Hostel project, dropped a bombshell when a telex was received from him instructing the Public Works Department to construct and erect notices informing the public that the School Hostel was a dangerous structure. These notices were duly made, painted and erected.

John Brodrick has been adamant from the start of his tour as DPW that he would not, under any circumstances, accept the Hostel on behalf of the client (Falkland Islands Government) until the structure met with his professional approval. It is pleasing to see that in the face of pressure from certain quarters he has stuck to his guns, and it must be noted here that his professional pride is not the main factor in the Hostel issue but that John Brodrick is genuinely determined to see that schoolchildren have a safe, habitable and pleasant building to live and learn in.

One of the main highlights of the Hostel wrangle in the past was one TCT Co-ordination Meeting when Messrs Needham and Camm of Coalite were in attendance. Although tensions at that particular meeting were high, no punch-ups occurred, though expected, as Needham and Camm stubbornly insisted that there was nothing wrong with the structure.

The date of the meeting was Thursday December 11th, 1980. A long time ago maybe, but nothing has changed.....some extracts from that meeting: (In attendance: Mr J.Brodrick, DPW, Chairman; Mr Derek Turner, Building Supt. PWD; Mr John Fowler, Supt. of Education; Mr R.Buckett, Mechanical Supt; Mr I.McMeeken, Project Executive TCT; Mr C.Nicholson, Site Supervisor TCT; Mr H.Milne, Stanley Manager FIC; Mr Needham, Chairman, The Coalite Group; Mr Harry Camm, Consultant to The Coalite Group.)

One of the main bones-of-contention over the Hostel was the plumbing. The piping was designed to allow little or no access for maintenance purposes and arguments reigned over this matter.....

"Mr Turner was perturbed about the possibility of the pipes freezing as there was about 1" of gunite, weatherproof membrane and lagging between the elements and the piping. Mr Nicholson ventured that he did not see the weather becoming that cold; and again, Mr Camm stressed the view that it was too late in the day to bring these things up. The Chairman retorted that he did not accept this view for one minute and was concerned over the trouble that eventual freezing could cause; Mr Camm said that he thought there would be no freezing trouble at all as there would be flowing water, heated insulation, and temperatures were not as extreme in the Falklands as in some parts of the U.K."

"Mr Camm asked again "What do you want us to do?" The Chairman replied "The pipes taken out of the cavities and put in the rooms and concealed." Mr Needham read some correspondence relevant to recent contractual arrangements with ODA and said that he firmly understood that TCT would continue with the design to the standard and manner approved up to the time when Coalite entered the proceedings. The Chairman asked Mr Needham if he would be happy to leave a building like the Hostel in the Falklands, to which Mr Needham said yes, he would, and added that the Chairman's worst fears, in his opinion, would not be likely to materialise. Mr Needham did, however, make mention that he would not have plumbing like this in his own house.

"Mr Needham said "Contractually, we think that we have completed our obligations. I think you are making a mountain out of a rather small mole-hill." The Chairman asked: "As Contractors, can you offer us any alternative to cavity plumbing?" Mr McMeeken said "I think it is irrelevant to Minute our opinion on it." Mr Needham said "We said we would do it if you pay for it, and I am getting the impression that we are on a hiding for nothing and are being made to appear as ogres. We want simply to make sure that we honour our commitment to Nicholas Ridley to get the thing finished." The Chairman said that he was sorry that it appeared that Coalite were being made to 'appear as ogres', and stressed that this was not the case. Continued.....

HOSTEL LATEST Continued

.....The Chairman said that in fact he plays two roles. One as Supervising Officer, and the other as Director of Public Works who has to accept responsibility when the building is taken over. Mr Fowler, taking Mr Needhams' point, said that he thought they were dealing with a situation with parties who have come in late. (Coalite). Mr Needham stated: "Our commitment to the Falkland Islands is substantial, and a serious misunderstanding is going to arise over a trivial matter."

The Chairman replied: "This is not a trivial matter. We are doing the best we can to make this job go with a swing, but nevertheless, there are basic faults in the plumbing. I shall be on your side at the Board of Health Meeting. I have done a great deal to help this project, but I have got to come up with answers. Dr Summers has brought attention to various points." Mr McMeeken asked why Dr Summers had taken so long to raise these points. The Chairman said that Dr Summers was concerned over points in the Health Regulations. The Chairman also said: "One of my concerns is that I have proper answers as to which way the contract is going. The whole design contravenes regulations. There should be 60 square feet per person in a room, (sleeping). When it comes to such matters I am just a Civil Servant of the F.I.G. and I hope to have the right answers."

The Chairman mentioned temperature movement in the roof and produced close-up photographs of the cracks. He said that he has written to ODA asking if they are satisfied. Mr Camm said that he had already expressed concern with Mr Nicholson and Mr McMeeken, and said that it all comes back to the point of design, and said that they (Coalite) were not responsible for that.

Mr Needham said "Wherever a roof is flat there will be problems where water is concerned." Mr Camm said "I think it should be alright. This is coming back to the point made - we do not like it. This emphasises that point." Mr Turner said "The roof worries me more than the pipes. Two coats of resin is not considered to be a waterproof membrane." Mr Camm said "We are just as concerned as you are." The Chairman said that he hoped he would be able to get an opinion from ODA on the method proposed for making the roof watertight and weatherproof.

And so on and so forth.....until the present when the red letters on the PWD notices affixed to the Hostel declare "Danger. This is a dangerous structure. Keep Out.

The roof is warped and weak; the doors do not fit properly; the walls are cracked; the exterior skin is holed; some outside window sills are rotten (the editor nearly snapped one off in a trial); the windows are gapped.....the whole place is a bloody disaster and disappointment. Will the British taxpayer have to cough up another £350,000 to put things right? Certainly the FIG will not have to, or even be expected to, come up with some money for repair. Will it have to be knocked down and rebuilt? How much longer do we have to wait? Why did the Governor say that it looks as though PWD would have to work on it at the expense of other projects? Why aren't Coalite made to make good? So many questions not enough straight answers.....until John B gets back.

More on the Hostel in the next issue.

Note: The authenticity of the quotes from the meeting are qualified by the fact that the editor used to record the Minutes at the TCT meetings for both "sides".

Graciela Alfano-Mujer

1982

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ISLAS MALVINAS  
REPUBLICA ARGENTINA

CHEEKY ARGENTINES COUNTERACT LADY DI STAMP ISSUE

According to an Argentine magazine La Semana (The Week), the Argentines gave the thumbs down to a set of stamps issued by Britain for the Falkland Islands honouring Lady Di (now the Princess of Wales) and in retaliation have come up with their own set of "Islas Malvinas/Republica Argentina" stamps, featuring some famous Argentine personalities such as a world cup soccer hero and Fangio the famous racing driver from yesteryear. Reproduced above is the 5000 Peso stamp.

The Argentine magazine said: It's been a long time now, Di, more than 100 years, that we Argentines want justice: we want the Malvinas back. This isn't a whim, nor is there anything arbitrary about this. Those islands, so far south, so windy, so full of sheep and rare bird species, belong to us legally and historically.

Using force against a tiny colony of Argentines, an armed British force seized the Malvinas, established settlers there and claimed to be the legitimate owners of land they had seized by strength. Our country is a peaceful country, Di. Maybe this is because we like you - beside the fact that you're relaxed, spontaneous, that you make being a princess look good. Because there's something in your regard that suggests peace, and peace means justice. We didn't like to see your pretty face on the British stamps issued for Islas Malvinas. We don't like that shy smile of yours seeming to approve an injustice, even if it's only on a postage stamp. As you learn to be a queen, Di, it's a good thing for you to know that there's a piece of territory - very far from your home - over which you have neither the right nor the duty to reign.

## SNIPPETS

### JOINT COUNCIL MEETING

At the time of writing, a meeting of Joint Councils (Legislative & Executive) is scheduled for Tuesday March 16th in which the outcome of the recent talks between the governments of Argentina and Britain at which Councillors Check and Blake were in attendance, will be discussed.

### SECRETARY'S VISIT

Mr Michael Hickson, First Secretary at the British Embassy in Buenos Aires, paid a one week visit to the Falklands recently.

### MORE POLISH ASYLUM SEEKERS

The number of Poles granted permission to stay in the Falkland Islands now totals 9 (as of March 13).

### DEVELOPMENT OFFICER

FIG has accepted the recommendations of ODA for the post of Development Officer; this post being given to yet another old-timer, this person being 61 years of age.

### HANDLEY STAYS

Dr Bob Handley has accepted terms offered by FIG and will be working as a locum at the KEM Hospital whilst Doctors Hilary and Daniel Haines are on mid-tour leave. Bob has done a stint with the KEMH before and has also worked with British Antarctic Survey down south. His appointment is expected to start in May this year.

### LANDSCAPING PREPARATION TO GO AHEAD

Mr Ron Buckett, PATA's Mechanical Superintendent will be working on the land adjacent to the Stanley School Hostel, operating the Drott excavator in preparing the land for landscaping. Mr Buckett, looking over the site, said that there was a lot of debris left by the workers, such as lumps of concrete, bits of piping and rusty metal.

### RED HERRING

Some dead fish had recently been washed ashore and speculation as to the cause of their death led to investigation. Apparently, the fish had died 'in trawl', the largeness of a particular catch causing the fish in the net to suffer undue pressure causing their expiration.

### HERCULES ALLOWED TO LAND

Due to the kindness and humane feelings of the Falkland Island people, an Argentine Hercules aircraft in difficulties was allowed to land at Stanley Airport on Sunday March 7th. The plane was on its way to Buenos Aires from Marambio base in Antarctica and suffered heavy fuel loss necessitating an emergency touch down. Approximately 5000 litres of fuel is gauged at being the loss sustained by a ruptured fuel tank link pipe.

The Hercules finally made its way to Rio Gallegos where complete repairs could be effected. The plane was refuelled in Stanley.

### TAFF AND FLASH SAY CHEERS

Royal Marines Taff Crowley (Sgt) and Gordon 'Flash' Fleet (Cpl) asked for space to say thanks and goodbye to all of their friends in the Falklands.

### JUST JADE

Programmes have been played on the air featuring a couple known as 'Jade' who sing songs with guitar and rhythm-box accompaniment. The female half of the duo is Nicky Summers, grand-daughter of Mrs Lena McMillan of Stanley, and great-grand-daughter of Mrs L. Summers of Brandon Road, Stanley.

The duo play and sing a wide-ranging variety of songs.

## COUNCILLORS RETURN

Councillors John Cheek and Lionel Blake returned to the Falklands on Tuesday March 2nd after being present in New York for further negotiations over the sovereignty of the Falklands dispute between the governments of Argentina and Great Britain. The talks had taken place on February 26th/27th.

The British Delegation was fronted by Mr Richard Luce MP, Minister of State at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office. Councillors Cheek and Blake formed part of this delegation.

## BIRDS EYE/WALLS - "PRIMITIVE"

Mr Hardwicke accompanied by Mr Graham, both representatives of the giant UK food group Birds Eye-Walls, paid a flying visit to Stanley indicating an interest in buying meat, but not beef, as all their beef supplies come from Argentina.

Messrs Hardwicke and Graham met representatives from the Sheep Owners Association, among others, at a dinner at Government House.

They said that the abattoir in Stanley - owned by the Falkland Islands Company - was the most primitive sighted in their 30-odd years of travelling and viewing slaughterhouse facilities, although they seemed impressed with the quality of mutton killed at Stanley.

## MR J.C.B. FOR PATA

With recent reports on the BBC World Service News that JCB of Rocester, Staffs, had cancelled a multi-million pound order for engines from British Leyland, it was felt within the Plant and Transport Authority as a great relief when an engine was found to be in position in PATA's new JCB 807B tracked excavator! Arriving on the last A.E.S. voyage, the machine was put together ready for use by PATA fitters under the direction of Mr Joe Potts, JCB's Servicing chap in their Caracas, Venezuela office.

PATA now has 5 JCB machines in service: 2 807's, 1 807B, 1 7B and 1 3D. Local contractor, Mr John Rowlands, also has two JCB machines.

When it was time for Joe to head back to Caracas, he presented PATA with a scroll of an 807B which carried an inscribed plaque on the plinth. In turn, PATA presented Joe with a proof set of Falkland Islands coinage.

Joe enjoyed his stay and boarded at Malvine Guest House run by Don and Margaret Davidson, accommodation he saw as excellent, and he hopes to visit the Falklands again in the future. (See photos elsewhere in this issue).

## PHOTOS OR BLURBS?

After one letter from a chap in UK ordering reprints of photos (Cathedral and Whalebone Arch) appearing in a back issue of the TIMES, the Editor would like to take this opportunity to apologise for the lack of tonal quality in photo's appearing. This is due solely to the fact that "trial by error" is taking place in the use of the Electronic Cutter and the right combination for cutting will be reached in time!

## LATE MATE!

Yes, the TIMES is late....again. Well, by the time February rolled around, there was nothing to fill the great blank spaces with, so a wait was inevitable. Still, as the saying goes: Better late than never.....

## CRUX CROSSWORD SOLUTION

The solution to CRUX Number 3 will appear in the next issue.

## I WANT MY MUMMY!

I promised the Old Dutch that I'd mention her name in the rag to make her sit up in her bathchair...the Editor's mater has been appointed editor of the National Association of Local Government Officers (NALGO) bulletin "SOWAT" for the Solent Water Authority Southampton region. Islanders in Southampton who wish to attack my old dear for giving birth to me can contact Mrs Jill Colville on Southampton 27017 or 438221, or dynamite 124 Kathleen Road!!! The choice is yours.....

## COULD THE FALKLANDS BE INTEGRATED WITH THE UNITED KINGDOM?

Before, during and after Ridley's plans for the future of the Falkland Islands, many people thought that apart from independence in some form or another, the colony could become integrated with the United Kingdom. How easy it would be to achieve this state of affairs is not known, certainly the twinning of Stanley with Whitby might be a step forward in the right direction. Perhaps this would be one way of thwarting the demands made by the De-Colonization Committee of the United Nations, a body that presses for autonomy in all territories administered by a 'foster' nation. Perhaps this outlook could, as TIMES reader Ron Newman of Alaska writes.....be influential in helping resist the pressure for negotiations leading to the surrender of the Falkland Islands to Argentina from so many sources. And certainly the United Nations is one of these, the western industrialised nations outvoted at every turn by the vast majority of third-world countries working together with the Soviet bloc, and almost always against the interests of the West. Without the three vetoes possible in the Security Council by the U.S., Britain and France, protecting these interests, the West would be almost totally vulnerable to these anti-West manoeuvres, so common in that body.

But in the meantime, it can exert considerable pressure including those in Britain who feel it necessary to obey its mandates, such as Resolution 2065 (XX) of the General Assembly regarding the claim by Argentina over the Falklands. Since there are those in Britain who are allowing themselves to be subjected to this pressure, and thereby paying attention to this resolution, and since Britain in fact holds the key to any resolution of this dispute, any solution, to this matter of obvious utmost urgency to those at the centre of the controversy, should include a way to defuse this pressure emanating from the U.N. To me, it seems the best and most direct method of removing this issue out of the hands of the General Assembly or any part of the U.N., rendering this organisation entirely impotent regarding any aspect of the issue, would be for Britain to make the entire matter, in effect, a domestic issue.

And, under the Charter of the United Nations, they are still prevented from concerning themselves with 'domestic issues' of individual, sovereign nations. And of course this is done by making the Falkland Islands an integral part of the homeland - the United Kingdom. This precise same procedure has been used by many countries, and some with a situation remarkably similar to the Britain/Falkland Islands geographical relationship--although seldom with the close similarity in cultural matters, this latter aspect making it an even more apt solution in your case. There are many, many examples of this solution to the territorial problem by other countries, and this letter would get to be a long one indeed if I gave more than a few here.

One obvious example is France. This country is divided into departments electing Senators and Deputies to the French Parliament. But as an integral part of France, it includes 'overseas departments', which also directly elect Senators and Deputies to the French Parliament. Most of these are islands or groups of islands scattered about the globe. For example, Reunion is an island in the Indian Ocean, many thousands of miles away from France itself. Yet it elects 3 Deputies and 2 Senators to the Parliament in Paris, and is again considered an integral part of France. Consequently, as far as the United Nations are concerned, any problems arising on the island of Reunion in the Indian Ocean, are an internal, domestic matter in France, with no jurisdiction over the solution in any way. Likewise, the two islands of St. Pierre and Miquelon, a few miles off the coast of Newfoundland in Canada, made the transition to department-status in 1976, and elect, directly, one Deputy and one Senator to the French Parliament in Paris. There are many other examples of these overseas French territories (Departments), an integral part of France--and the U.N., by its Charter, is prevented from concerning themselves with any of them.

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Denmark adopted a similar policy in regard to their huge island territory of Greenland, by the 1953 Danish Constitution changing it to become an integral part of Denmark--in fact, two counties within Denmark! And with representation elected directly to the Folketing. In 1978, this status was changed, and considerable autonomy granted, the 'home-rule' granting independence to basically everything but defence and foreign affairs. But again, out of the hands, and jurisdiction of the U.N.

Even here, in the United States, the island group formerly known as the Sandwich Islands, 2,000 miles off the Pacific Coast of the U.S., is now an integral part of the United States, a state known as Hawaii. Again, the U.N. has no jurisdiction over any of its affairs--strictly a domestic matter within the U.S.--despite its location so far from the shores of the contiguous 48 states.

Even Alaska--the Soviet Union does not recognise the transaction by the Russian Government in 1867, transferring ownership from Russia to the United States, considering it an act by an 'illegal' government, then ruling Russia. Consequently, since Russia does not recognise this transfer of ownership as being legitimate, in effect it still claims not just the Aleutian Islands but the entire present state of over 586,000 square miles! Shades of Argentina! However, we lose very little sleep over this here in Alaska, feeling quite secure being an integral part of the United States since 1959, and knowing any attempt to, in any way, acquire ownership again, would be considered by the U.S. as equivalent to the Soviet Union trying to acquire ownership over California, or any other state of the Union, and the resultant identical reaction. And that of course would be the situation regarding the Falkland Islands, if it, for instance, was made a 'county' within the U.K.--or granted the same status as say the Isle of Man, or the Channel Islands enjoy. Inhabitants of these islands, or of the Shetlands, although not residing on the 'mainland' are nevertheless a part of the 'homeland' and their relevant security thereby guaranteed. By no stretch of the imagination or by no possible evidence attainable are the Falkland Islands any less 'British' in every sense and meaning of that word than these islands lying closer to the 'mainland'. In fact, evidence would maintain instead that there are today counties in the U.K. that could be considered less British than the Falkland Islands because of the considerable number of immigrants that have entered certain areas of Britain, bringing with them cultural mores and values sometimes quite different from the British.

My suggestion, in other words, would be for you there in the Falklands to petition the British Government in every manner possible to allow the admittance of the Falkland Islands as an integral part of the United Kingdom, electing at least one member of parliament directly to the House of Commons. Such a declaration by the British Government would remove, and at once, the issue of the Falkland Islands versus Argentina controversy out of the jurisdiction of the United Nations, becoming, almost at once, entirely a domestic matter within the jurisdiction of the United Kingdom alone! And any attempt at the acquisition of one portion of the U.K. would be met with precisely the same response as the attempt at acquisition of another portion of the U.K. It's as simple as that! In other words, the same as our reply to the Soviet Union regarding Alaska. It works!

JOHN NEWMAN, FAIRBANKS, ALASKA, U.S.A.

#### NEO-NAZI INFILTRATORS

Apparently the Falkland Islands Committee London Office have had approaches made by the neo-Nazi organisation the National Front to "let us in". It is felt that if any member of that particular organisation was let loose in the F.I. Office, the whole structure of the Committee would collapse. It's a pity that when Sir Oswald Mosley kicked the bucket, the neo-nezi Blackshirts he spawned didn't follow suit.

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ALCOLM ASHWORTH WRITES

I feel I must comment at this time on something which has concerned me for some time. I refer to the production (or non-production) of various food commodities for local consumption.

The practice of importing various vegetables including potatoes, cabbage, carrots and lettuce by air from Argentina has disturbed me for some time.

However, I was appalled to learn of the importation on the last Charter Vessel of a consignment of potatoes from England, especially as a large part of these were damaged in transit.

I believe we have in the Falklands most of the basic requirements to grow potatoes (and other temperate vegetables) in large quantities. There is no shortage of land, and I believe no owner or manager would discourage any bona-fide attempt at food production by failing to make land available. There is (thanks to Dee King and the Horticultural Society) a large quantity of new, quality seed potatoes available. There is plenty of experience and advice available locally from private individuals and the C.F.U.

The only commodity which seems to be in short supply is people of sufficient energy and enterprise to combine these requirements for potatoes or vegetable growing.

My other complaint is against various individuals who are attempting to reasonable quantities of cattle for export. If the enquiries I have received are any indication, the people of Stanley are crying out for beef. It is also my experience that a reasonable beef animal can be sold in Stanley for considerably more than the prices being offered for export. I sincerely hope we are not entering on another facet of extraction farming to the detriment of the people of these Islands.

Finally, I would like to express my sincere belief that when the people of the Falklands begin to make more effort to provide for themselves rather than rely on imports from various sources, then the rest of the world will be more inclined to listen when we say what we want our future to be.

ROSS ROAD EAST  
STANLEY  
8 FEBRUARY 1982

*Penfriend*

Last week we had an article on the "Falkland Islands" and in it I saw your name. I hope you will publish my name and address to find a friend who would be interested in writing to me. I'm 33 years old, married with one child. I collect stamps, First Day Covers, Special Cancellations, Coins, View-Cards and I also like magazines and can send all of the above mentioned things.  
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(PS: Now the "TIMES" has infiltrated Israel, there are ample opportunities to make the Falklands "case" wider known. Don't bottle it up, WRITE!)

*Penfriend:-*

I would like to regularly correspond with a person on the Islands, and am wondering if there is a member of the community who would be interested in - or is at present collecting - British stamps, whereby we could exchange stamps and information.....

MICHAEL MARCROFT + 25 HEATHWAY + SHIRLEY + CROYDON + SURREY + ENGLAND

*Penfriend:-*

Stamp collector from United States looking to trade with collector from Falkland Islands.....

MARY DAWSON + 2231 PACIFIC AVENUE + A4 + COSTA MESA + CA 92627 + USA

*Penfriend:-*

I am a young Ghanain boy aged 16 years and I would like to correspond with young people of the Falkland Islands both male and female.....

CHARLES ERNEST + P.O.BOX 251 + CAPE COAST + GHANA.

*Penfriend:-*

I would like to correspond with a boy of about 15 to 16 years old from the Falkland Islands. My hobbies are: Swimming, football, tennis, squash and gardening. I am a member of the Air Training Corps.....

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**HONGKONG LEASE**

Chinese leaders are studying the problem of Hongkong's lease to Britain, but do not wish to take any steps harmful to the colony, Mr Humphrey Atkins, the Deputy Foreign Secretary said.

Speaking after a four day visit to China, Mr Atkins said Chinese leaders recognised the need to solve the issue of the lease, which expires in 1997 leaving most of Hongkong's territory under Chinese rule.

"Now, it is very clear to me that they are addressing their minds to this problem and they recognise that it is not possible simply for everybody to do nothing", he said.

Chinese leaders would consider the economic advantages of Hongkong as a financial centre in deciding its future. "They did, in fact, say that the prosperity of Hongkong must not be damaged and that they would not want to do anything like that", he said. He later flew to Seoul for a four-day visit. (Associated Press)

*Birth in UK:-*

January 2nd 1982 to Tony and Delia GIBBINS (Nee SHORT) of Arbroath, Scotland, a daughter SELINA.

(Delia Gibbins, 103 Benedict Road, Arbroath, Angus, Scotland)

*Overheard.....*

At Town Hall dance on February 13th/14th, when punch-up started: OLD DEAR: "These modern dances don't make any sense to me, look at that BASHING TIGHT SERGEANT!!" (Ed: If you don't get it, there's no hope!)



DEFENCE FORCE RIFLE ASSOCIATION

B I S L E Y 1 9 8 2

Compiled and written by J.S.SMITH - Honorary Secretary.

The 1982 Bisley Competitions commenced on Saturday 6th February, with 18 competitors assembling at the 900 yard mound shortly after 9am to compete for the Bishops Trophy; on completion of this range, S.Smith's 32 was on top followed closely by T.Pettersson on 30, I.Jones and Susan Whitney on 29, with several 28's still in contention. 10.00 yards showed a slight increase in wind which caused some difficulty for many. I.Jones and S.Smith returned 30 each, thus securing the Trophy for S.Smith with 62, I.Jones 59 and Betty Ford 57.

The Douthwaite over 3,5 & 600 yards emerged into an excellent competition: T.Pettersson winning with 33,31,35 = 99; G.Cheek 32,34,32 = 98, and S.Smith 30,34,32 = 96; H.Ford 34,30,31 = 95, I.Jones and Susan Whitney scoring 92 and 90 respectively.

The B.E.Johnson prize, 10 rounds at 5 and 600 yards proved equally exciting. Again T.Pettersson topping the list with 45,49 = 94; I.Jones 45,46 = 91; D.Pettersson 46,44 = 90. A special mention here for Susan Whitney who was fourth with 49,41 = 90, thus losing one point only at 500 yards. Due to inclement weather, no competitions were held on 7th Feb.

2nd Stage Championship was competed for on 14th Feb. A fairly strong south of west wind prevailed throughout, with G.Cheek showing some of his old sparkle producing a 45,43,49 = 138, failing with his final shot at 600 yards to return a possible and win the competition.

Ian Jones settled in well with a 46,46,46 = 138 to equal G.Cheek and force a tie shoot for the trophy, T.Pettersson coming third with 47,44,45 = 136.

The tie shoot between I.Jones and G.Cheek proved to be as exciting as the original competition, after both competitors firing 1 sighter and 5rds to count again tied on 22 pts; on the shot-for-shot basis, I.Jones scored an inner 4. G.Cheek scored a Bulls Eye 5 thus winning the trophy and edging I.Jones into 2nd place.

The F.I.Co.Ltd. Handicap again saw a very closely contested competition with Terence Summers scoring 89 = 6.4 = 95.4; I.Jones 95, and R.Finlayson 87 + 7.2 = 94.2.

T.Pettersson won the Grand Aggregate on 343, I.Jones 337, and S.Smith 336. Susan Whitney topped the list in the Junior Grand Aggregate with 266, P.W.Peck 263, and Ken Summers.

The final for the Championship was competed for on Saturday 20th February. 8 finalists took the mound at 900 yards with a strong westerly wind to combat, with variation in wind from 11 - 16 minutes right, scores ranging from 60 to 66 respectively. D.Pettersson's 66 gained a few points on the leaders at this stage; at 1000 yards disaster struck with zero scores registering all along the board, however, the wind now had increased to some 22 minutes, with changes constantly experienced, and an adjustment of 14 minutes was made by one competitor, who, incidentally, went on to win the championship.

In these conditions, there is an old saying: 'guts is all that's needed': perhaps, often true. The final result: I.Jones 138 + 114 = 252, G.Cheek 138 + 113 = 251, and S.Smith 129 + 116 = 245.

For those who did not qualify for the finals the Consortium Cup was won by T.Dobyns 121, Betty Rozee 118.4 and T.Summers 117.6.

Four teams contested the Bonner Memorial Team Trophy, again shot in a very strong wind South of West, saw S.Smith's team edging out winners from H.Ford's team 345 pts. each, G.Cheek's team 3rd on 339.

Over.....



STILL OPEN

The contest to design a QSL Card for Radio Ham Reg Silvey is still open. Two entries only have so far been received and more are welcome. Reg's call sign is VP8QE, and he would like designs pertaining to the Falklands. Entries: "QSL Contest" P.O.Box 60, Stanley, please.

AROUND AND ABOUT WITH ADMIRAL BROWN

There is a hell of a lot of news around, but, unfortunately, most of it is unable to be printed - the good, juicy bits of news that is! However, roving reporter Admiral Brown has been delving around the S-bend to see what's what.....

Hi folks and welcome to the Goose Green Gala Punch-Up! In the red-corner, assorted visitors and likewise in the blue-corner. Round one, seconds out...

X comes out in his jim-jams rarin' to go. Y is ready but is a bit slow on the reactions and receives a torch on the temple. X laughs and says "Huh, that'll make him 'light' headed, but the grin disappears as his night attire is reduced to shreds, with a deft hock to the peeper turning his eye a nice shade of black!

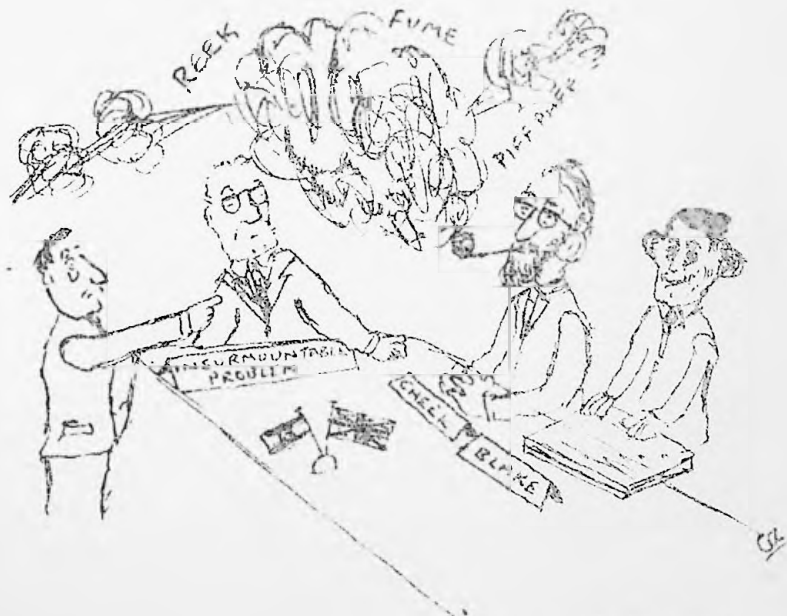
Excitement mounts as X carries on but Y retires gracefully. Yes, Goose Green Sports 1982 turned out to be a wham-bam flim-flam in jim-jams!

Overheard that the new call-sign at Moody Brook is VP8KY-Jelly.....

Soagghhhh! Christ! A broken ankle. Never mind, by the time I get into town it'll be healed up...and...ouch!....those nice doctors in BA will do wondrous things for me....oof!....must speak (hobble, crawl) on the R/T again.....

I'm clear, I'm clear, it wasn't me, they knew I didn't do it  
I got a written apology, ha, ha, the cops they blew it  
The moving finger having writ, they say that it moves on  
But it weren't my finger I was moving, ha, ha, too late, I'm gone.....

(From: Scribblings in Stanley Gaol, Sheidenhaus & Roots, £7.95)



"....First item on the Agenda:- put that @C@R&+cc/1 pipe out!..."

MUSICOLOGICALASTHENONOMY STIFF AND PHONOGRAM RECORDS.

MADNESS: Cardiac Arrest/In The City. +++++ BUY 140 (STIFF)  
Stiff's top group Madness seem to pluck the good sounds from out of thin air and this release offers no less than two fine tracks, worthwhile samples of their skill both as musicians and composers. 'Cardiac Arrest' is taken from their excellent '7' Album and is a 'well-spread' song with a very hummable melody. The B-side 'In The City' is a well paced mover which could reach the top chart places on its own merit. Madness continue to push out the sound of the '80's and long may they do so.

JONA LEWIE: I Think I'll Get My Hair Cut/What Have I Done  
BUY 139 (STIFF)

Master of interesting originality, Mr Jona Lewie, comes up with another good single although the B-side pips the A-side. 'What Have I Done' is a very good song which moves along nicely with plenty of piano while 'Haircut' is in a more 'Louise-ish' vein. Both songs represent Mr Lewie's talent well and it's about time he pulled an album out of the hat. One wonders if he will ever top the fantastic 'Stop The Cavalry' or even 'Big Shot' ...he keeps trying and one day he'll be there! +++++

THEATRE OF HATE: Do You Believe In The West World/Propaganda  
BRR 2 (Burning Rome)

Theatre of Hate seem to be new on the scene and although the A-side is a rather raucous, muddy arrangement, it is a good song (after the first few plays) to listen to. Much preferred is the flip 'Propaganda' which has a perfecto mucho drum intro. Interesting to see what they follow this single with. +++

AFRAID OF MICE: Afraid of Mice. (ALBUM) +++++

AM are one of the best sounds to come out of New Wave in recent years and this album package containing 12 tracks (including Popstar) is good listening. This album didn't seem to be as harsh as one would be led to believe and some tracks notably Video Queen and the Politicians, are excellent. Intercontinental remains one of the bands best songs and is featured on this album.

THE TEARDROP EXPLODES: Wilder. (ALBUM) +++++

The class group, TTE, open up Julian Copes bag of tricks to combine lyrical skill with great musicianship. Star Track; The Culture Banker. The many fans of Teardrop need no encouragement to pick up this album; but for those who have never heard them: you're missing something! With 11 tracks flying by like nobody's business you can only hope for more frequent releases.

THIN LIZZY: Renegade (ALBUM) +++++

Fans of heavy metal, blues and electronic music will worship this piece of vinyl from master craftsmen Thin Lizzy. Renegade is surely the best thing that Lizzy have produced yet. The songs are well constructed, well produced and arranged to perfection: not one dull track whatsoever. Star Tracks: the whole damn 9 of them. Get this one on your deck today!

ratings: +++++ Excellent    ++++ Worthwhile    +++ Reasonable  
          ++ Below Average    + Yekk

### TEE-SHIRTS UPSET

A good laugh was had by we more enlightened folk at those rubbernecks who were shocked at West Store's batch of tee-shirts, cotton tops and sweat shirts which arrived on the A.E.S. Some of the slogans on the shirts have been around from the start of the hippie era, but to some folk, judging by the expressions on their faces after gazing at the merchandise - yes, they spun the whole rack and made sure no slogan was missed - West Store was the new Sodom and Gomorrah!

It's good to see West Store getting this kind of thing out here for sale, and perhaps they'll get plenty more of the Union Jack tops in time for the 150th Anniversary shindig!

### CRUIZE - STATELY JAZZ

TIME'S reader JON WALTON of Grantham in Lincolnshire has another hobby beside that of reading the best paper ever to widge its way through the Narrows; he is part and parcel of a group called "CRUIZE", who have released privately a collection of songs under the title of "STATELY JAZZ". The title of the cassette album indicates the type of music it contains - Jazz. Jon's vocals are akin to those of the late Bing Crosby and are smooth, tonal and crystal clear. The cassette I received for review was passed to Mrs Njila ("Nidge") Buckett, who has a more wide-ranging musical taste than your humble synthesiser-fetishist editor, and Nidge said that she enjoyed it, although she pointed out that possibly only real jazz enthusiasts would like the style. The production is excellent on this cassette and no song can be faulted, they all come across well. Jazz fans - and that rare breed who listen to all types of music - can obtain the tape for £3 and adding a suitable amount for airmail postage from: JON WALTON, SCHOOL HOUSE, LENTON ROAD, INCOLDEBY, GRANTHAM, Lincs, ENGLAND.

Buy a copy, and Jon and his mates might stand you a drink when they make it to Bonnie Scotts!

Back to more serious matters, and Jon has recently written a letter for publication as follows.....

I have tried unsuccessfully to have printed in the British national dailies letters about the political situation in the Falkland Islands. I have never, however, felt it appropriate to offer comment in your own columns. By and large, people living in Britain, particularly those like myself who have never visited the Falklands, should not be presumptuous enough to hand out advice to Islanders about their own situation. Notwithstanding this view, I am prompted by the letter from Mark Erickson-Rohrer (December issue) to join the debate.

Mr Erickson-Rohrer no doubt means well. There must be many who, like him, see British retention of the Falklands as a simple issue of nationalism. But to argue the case for continued British sovereignty on such a simplistic emotive platform is unrealistic and dangerous. Mr Erickson-Rohrer's reference to Britain as 'a country so mighty in the past', accompanied by his unfortunate description of Taiwan as 'a two-bit' country plays right into the hands of those who scream "Down with British colonialism!" They do this as a way of throwing up enough of an emotional smokescreen to obscure the finest arguments in favour of any opposing point of view.

The Argentinians are said to be a proud people. Their claim to the Falklands, unacceptable as it is, is nevertheless based on national pride and an apparently genuine feeling of outrage that 'Argentinian soil' is 'occupied' by a foreign nation. This seems to be an attitude taken not only by the Argentinian government, but also by the majority of the Argentinian people.

In the way to counteract it simply to meet Argentinian nationalism with British nationalism? Nationalism deals in soil - in territorial zones - rather than in people - ignore the people, concentrate on the soil and zones, and Argentinian claims take on a more convincing aspect.

Continued.....

JON WALTON'S LETTER Continued from previous page

.....In reality of course, the matter has nothing to do with soil, zones or old maps. It's very much to do with the people - the people who actually live in the Falklands. They are still able to make their own decisions through the democratic processes of the Legislative Council. Nobody is yet throwing bombs if he disagrees with those decisions. The majority of Argentinians are said to be freedom-loving people who applaud individual initiative. That they can't make democracy work is their evident failure as a nation. Any minority opinion appears to be a potential revolution. Their Government, like that of other South American dictatorships has, I believe, expressed the need for an eventual return to a more liberal system. But the position of the Argentinian Government is an unenviable one. There is no sign of liberalisation in the foreseeable future, and, until there is, no amount of wooing will convince a Falkland Islander that he would be better off as an Argentinian.

In their own search for the best way of expressing individual liberty, can't the Argentinians understand that the Falkland Islands, as a colony of Britain, are ahead of them in the search? Can't they understand that in a society with a tradition of settling differences by rhetoric rather than revolution, an undemocratic government is a total anathema?

Patriotism, as distinct from nationalism, can be born from ideals of tolerance. I suggest that this is what binds the Falkland Islanders and the British. Against such a tie, distance and nineteenth century maps have little significance. Sabre-rattling, Mr Erickson-Rohrer, is a positive inhibitor. As for your generous offer, however well meant, to make the Falklands a province of the United Kingdom, let you and I not comment any further on that, shall we?

Let's leave it to the Falkland Islanders, and then support them wholeheartedly in whatever they decide.

Yours sincerely  
JON WALTON

6th February 1982.

LAMB MARKING WITH A DIFFERENCE!

Police Chief Ronnie Lamb must be feeling piqued at recent events concerning himself. At a recent Court case, the accused tried to attack Chief Lamb with a chair and, at a dance held in the Town Hall some weeks ago, Ronnie was belted in the "chops"! A policeman's lot is not a happy one.....

CIVIL SERVANTS TALKS

The Civil Servants Association have begun talks with Government over salaries and conditions of service. Proposals made at the talks will go before Executive Council.

SOLIDARITY - MINI-BRANCH

The defunct Polish trade union organisation Solidarity, will soon have enough members in the Falklands to start a mini-branch. There are now six Polish men who "escaped" from various trawlers in Falkland waters who have been granted political asylum. One Polack, Mr Gugulaki, who is currently working with PATA, said that average wages for a worker in a similar garage in Poland worked out at a mere 8 US Dollars, while here the average 40-hour wage works out at roughly 112 US Dollars. The six Poles are seemingly glad they jumped ship and they have certainly been made welcome in Stanley.

BRODDERS FLIES - LOOK OUT O.D.A.

Director of Public Works, Mr John Brodrick, has left the colony for a few weeks to meet ODA men in London. No further details are available at present but it has been intimated by John that he intends discussing the School Hostel.

As the Hostel is still not finished satisfactorily, temporary scholastic accommodation is being prepared at the old European Space Research Organisation (ESRO) building plus the Coseley building (ex-PATA Offices) on Moody Street, the cost of which will be met by ODA.



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A D V E R T S

The Photos appearing on the reverse of this page show one of the earlier stages in the construction of the new house for Monsignor Spraggon and Father Monaghan of the Roman Catholic faith. The top shot is of St. Mary's RC Church. Work undertaken on the new house .. now greatly advanced - is by local contractor WILLY BOWLES and his gang.

When next in England, stay in the Duchy of Cornwall at AVIARY COTTAGE HOTEL.

Details: Mr Sherwood, Aviary Cottage, Mary's Well, Illogan, near Redruth, Cornwall, England.

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For information on West Store goods (Colony readers only) see separate FIC advert stapled to this issue

Both photos by PETER KING.  
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W E S T S T O R E

EMERGENCY STOP TOO QUICK

A person undertaking his driving test recently, failed on account of his emergency stop being too quick according to his Police examiner. Moral: Don't be too harsh on the brakes, collide with the pedestrian at an even pace.....

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FLASHER GETS TWO POUND FINE

A person in Court recently for giving people a view of his marriage tackle was fined two pounds for the offence. Photographers are said to be worried...would they, if penalised for a similar offence, be fined £4 for a double exposure???!!!

AGATHA CHRISTIE WORKOUTS

Local group "Agatha Christie" (now "Agartha Kristy" due to copyright reasons) are currently working on new material in readiness for upcoming dances. Some of the old favourites are being retained but a considerable number of songs have been discarded from the bands repertoire. It is hoped to hold a dance featuring Kristy when lead guitarist Gerry Robson completes his stint as Camp Teacher and comes back to town.

Alternative group "The Che' Coat Band" are building up a repertoire of material such as "Wine, Women and Song" by Whitesnake and "High Falootin' Woman" by Grand Funk. The Che' Coat have been in existence for some time now but disbanded whilst a member went to the UK for a year. Current line-ups.....

"AGARTHA CHRISTIE"

- Alec Betts: Vocals-Rhythm Guitar-Bass Guitar- Fancy Shirt
- Pete King : Drums-Backing Vocals-Assorted Rootisms
- Dave Colville: Bass Guitar-Rhythm Guitar-Vocals-Silly Faces
- Gerry Robson: Lead Guitar-Vocals-Moussecc Tops & Portable Potgut

THE CHE' COAT BAND

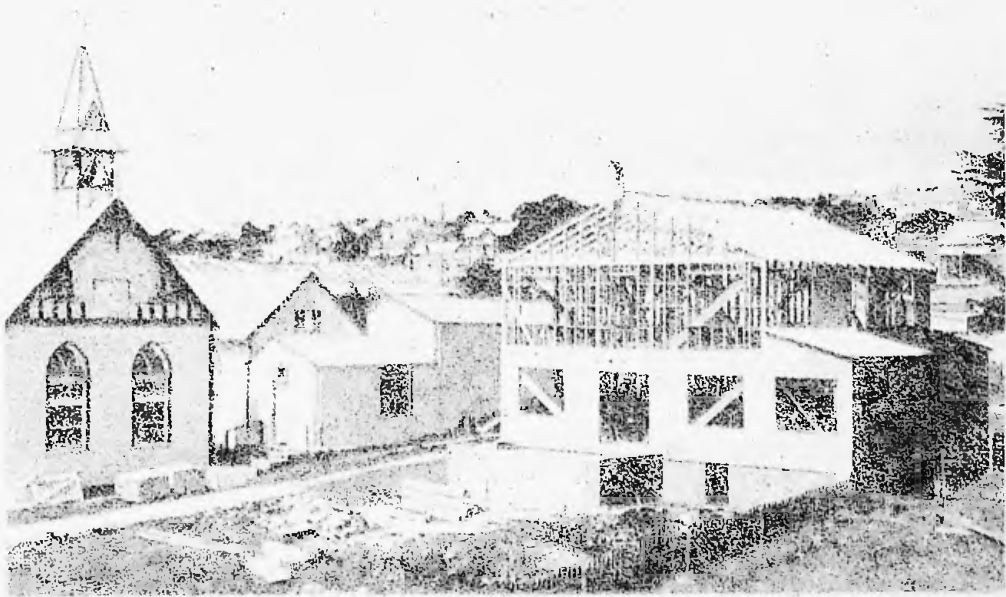
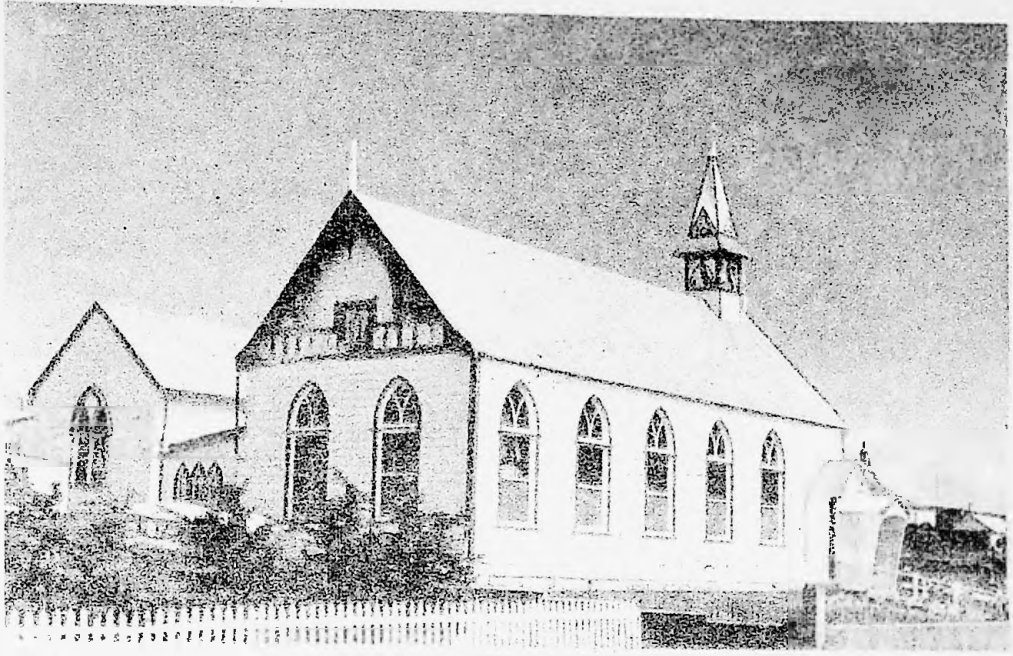
- Charlie Keenleyside: Bass Guitar-Vocals
- Simon Goss : Lead Guitar
- Dave Colville : Synthesiser
- Pete King : Drums
- Len McGill : Vocals

STRIKE - ENDS IN ACCEPTANCE OF 50% COST OF LIVING BONUS

A strike by the General Employees Union in Stanley in support of retaining 100% Cost of Living Bonus ended after employees refused to discuss the matter until normal work was resumed. The GEU accepted 50% in view of the economic situation. The editor regrets that due to other issues on the political scene the full report on the strike has of necessity been omitted.

COMMONWEALTH DAY HOWLER

During the Commonwealth Day speech in the Infant/Junior School by the Governor, he said (meaning the granting of a half-day holiday) "There's something I've forgotten to do children, can anyone tell me what it is?" Hoping for a reply of "Give us a half-holiday sir" the Governor got the reply "Stand up?". The British sense of humour is definitely the best in the world....



1983 and the S.O.A. - WHOSE SIDE ARE THEY ON?

Along with many others I found the recent announcement that the Directors of F.I.S.O.A. think a public holiday in early January 1983 to celebrate the 150th anniversary of continual British settlement, would be inconvenient for farmers, and likewise a stock show would be impracticable, very feeble to say the least and showing a complete lack of imagination by S.O.A.

Christmas Day this year is on a Saturday anyway, so we still have Christmas Day and Boxing Day as holidays, likewise New Year's Day is a Saturday. It is therefore quite simple to shift the traditional week's holiday from this time, forward to the week beginning January 3rd 1983 - this will cover January 6th, the date the flag was raised at Port Louis.

We are doubly fortunate that this year Christmas falls on a weekend and thus we can shift the holiday dates without affecting the traditions of Christmas Day.

But simply, any farmer or manager who cannot plan his work to allow for a holiday NINE months from now is just not fit or competent to have the job, and neither are the farm owners showing any thought towards what the event is all about - The 150th Anniversary of BRITISH settlement - something not happening very often. I presume that S.O.A. still wants us to stay British.

A stock show is not practical? Well, if you take the attitude - we don't usually have one and it would need organisation and planning - of course it can't. The "sit back and wait for somebody to do it" attitude. With planning and some ingenuity a stockshow is practicable. There was one in 1933 and communications etc are much improved nowadays. Transport could be organised. What is wrong with the Quarantine Station paddocks? Farms could grow and cut some early hay. Why not dish together and import some alfalfa (lucerne) hay from Patagonia or Punta Arenas? Are all the backyards etc in Stanley used by horses? We are probably talking in terms of less than a hundred animals at the most anyway.

Of course a Stock Show is possible - and highly desirable. Livestock are far more interesting to the public and TV etc than a row of dreary fleeces on a table.

Have Falkland Farmers no imagination and initiative, or are all still muddling along in the past and not interested in our nationality and future?

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For the benefit of overseas readers, FISOA stands for Falkland Islands Sheep Owners Association).

BRITISH FOREIGN OFFICE - HOW WET CAN THEY GET?

As everyone knows it is planned to release a special stamp issue next year to celebrate the 150th anniversary of continual British occupation. I wonder how many people are aware of the latest example of British Government Appeasement - it was planned that one of the stamps would show the Union Jack being raised at Port Louis in January 1833 - an historic fact.

But, once the Foreign Office got to hear they said no - this sort of thing would upset the Argentines!! Argentina, in her childish manner, has already protested to Britain about the planned celebrations anyway so what does it matter if they get even more upset? It is nothing to do with them anyway. One can only wonder if there is anything in the repeated British assurances of her sovereign rights over the Falklands.

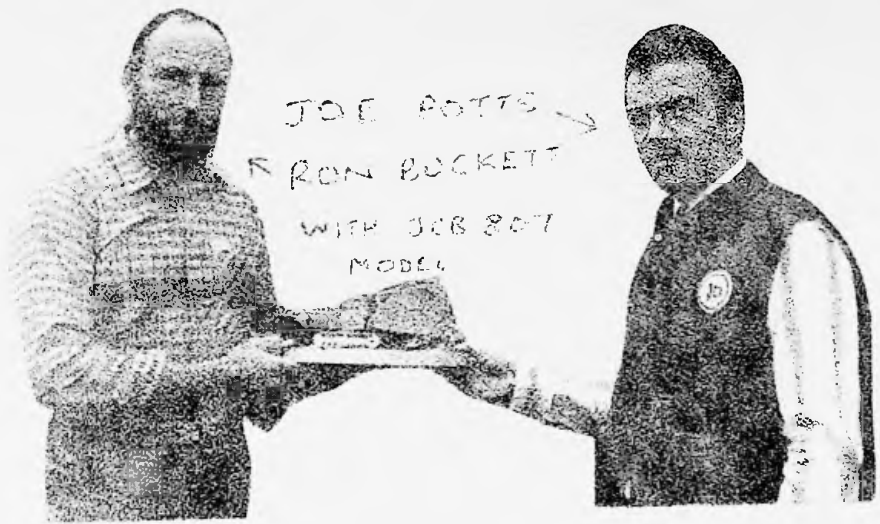
F.C.O's explanation of this one would be interesting!

TIM MILLER

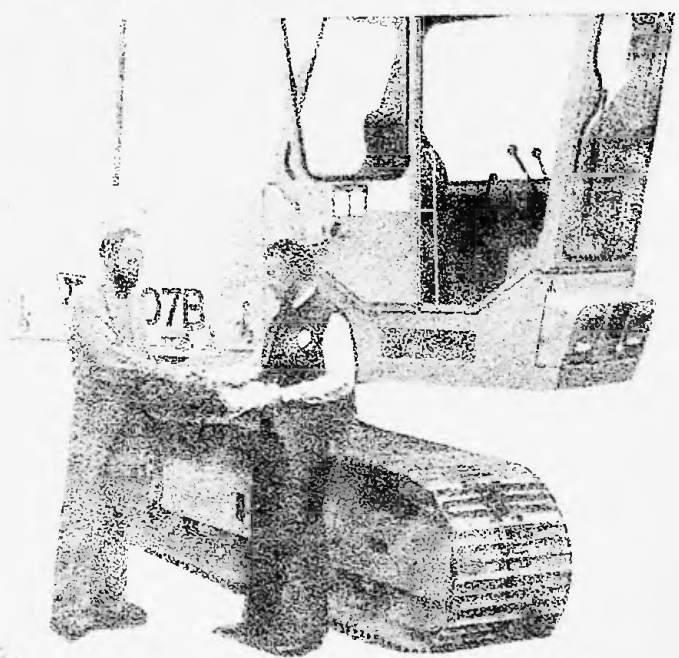
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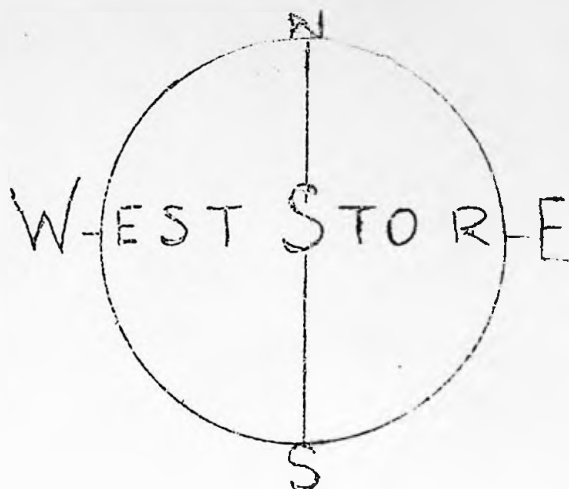
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