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Slice of the Cake for FIC Workers



Employees of the Falkland Islands Company are being offered an opportunity to buy shares in Coalite, the parent company. Coalite's Managing Director, Eric Varley, has written to all FIC employees inviting them to participate in a "Savings Related Share Option Scheme." FIC staff can contribute from £10 to £100 a month to private accounts in the Abbey National Building Society.

After five years, the savers will then have the option to buy Coalite shares at the set price of 206 pence each. The present market price is 228 pence - the highest value the shares have ever reached. If, after five years, the price of the shares has fallen below 206 pence, then contributors can simply withdraw their savings plus the accrued interest.

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SORRY ABOUT THE PRICE RISE BUT...

We are sorry to make you pay more for your Penguin News this week.

The price increase has been delayed for as long as possible, but we now have to face facts - either the paper pays its way or it ceases publication.

Our quite high operating costs have barely been covered since we commenced weekly publication with a larger staff. Income from advertising is helpful but rather irregular and we cannot rely on this aspect of the business to make the PN profitable.

We dislike price rises as much as you do, but we recognise the need for it and hope you do too. Unfortunately a further rise in the future is not

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SLICE OF THE CAKE FOR F.I.C. WORKERS (continued from page 1)

An FIC employee contributing the minimum £10.00 per month could expect to buy 359 Coalite shares after five years. FIC Manager, Terry Spruce, pointed out that any investment in stocks and shares is a gamble, but it is not a risk that has to be considered for at least five years. He also stresses that when the company's dividends are declared, investors stand to profit at a rate proportional to their investment. The company has not yet been able to gauge the response from its employees. Copies of Eric Varley's letter have been mailed to all employees who are eligible for the share scheme. Persons who have worked for the company for less than two years are not eligible, and the offer is being extended to 130 of the company's 240 employees.

General Employees Chairman, Terry Betts, welcomed the scheme. "I'll be one of those who are going for it", he said. "I'm 36, and unless I put the eight crosses in the right places and win three quarters of a million to retire on, I'll be going for it". He told the PN that to his knowledge only one of the hourly paid Stanley employees had so far entered into the scheme, but he explained, "most men are still considering it". Terry Betts does not believe that Union members holding shares in the company would compromise the status of the organisation. "The Union from time to time has urged the need for incentive, and this can be viewed as some kind of incentive", said Mr. Betts.

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out of the question.

But don't forget that the PN is still good value. It's better value, we think, than a can of beans (around 40p), a copy of Private Eye (40p) and a packet of cigarettes (around twice the price). There's a lot in your weekly paper and there are worse ways to spend your money!

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VAL BERNTSEN TO SELL TAXI SERVICE AND LEAVE FALKLANDS

Vals Taxi Service is for sale, and the proprietor of the business, Mr. Val Berntsen, plans to leave the Falklands for a new life in the UK early in March.

Mr. Berntsen told the Penguin News last Friday that he had been considering emigration for some time, but that a disagreement with the Development Corporation had finally made him decide to move.

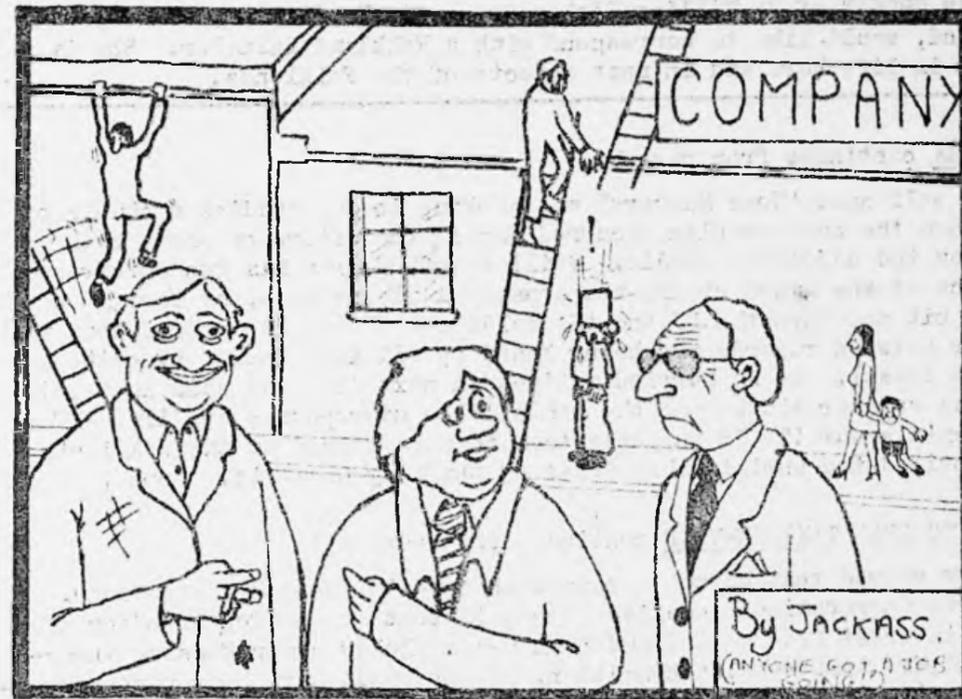
Val Berntsen has operated two ex-London taxi cabs around Stanley since last January, and until recently intended to purchase a long wheel base 110 Land Rover to expand the service. The Development Corporation had offered to help with a loan of some £5,000 (approximately half of the cost of the vehicle), but according to Mr. Berntsen, the conditions of repayment had been too severe. He told the Penguin News that the Corporation's General Manager, Simon Armstrong, had originally said that repayment of the loan could commence after one year, when the business had extended its service to Mount Pleasant Airport. The terms were then allegedly altered, requiring repayment to commence one month after the vehicle was received. Mr. Berntsen found these terms unacceptable, and he was further angered by the Corporation's insistence that the new Land Rover be covered by a comprehensive insurance - a type of policy which he said is unavailable in the Falklands. The loan offered involved 8½% interest payments.

Said Mr. Berntsen, "I'm not happy with the Development Corporation. I had been thinking of going for the sake of the children, but the Corporation made up my mind completely".

The PN approached the Development Corporation for their response to Mr. Berntsen's grievances. Simon Armstrong said that he had examined the firm's cash flow early on in the discussions, and he did not believe that a period of one year would be required before repayment could commence.

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LITTLE CHAY IS SPENDING SOME OF HIS SCHOOL HOLIDAYS IN THE CAMP. BUT HE SAID HE WILL WRITE TO US BEFORE IT'S TIME TO PREPARE THE NEXT P.N. LOOK OUT FOR HIS COLUMN NEXT WEEK.



HE'D LIKE TO PURCHASE 500 COALITE SHARES, AND CAN YOU BRING HIM COFFEE AND BISCUITS IN HIS NEW OFFICE -- PRONTO!

TONGUE IN BEAK

As many listeners to FIBS will be aware, the studios in John Street have fallen victim to electronic gremlins recently. In the complex world of wires, electrodes, diodes, woofers, tweeters and bleaters, mechanical problems have been rife. The microphones in particular have been stricken by Murphy's Third Law of Electro-Physics.

During one memorable News Magazine Programme not long ago, the microphones were left live and throughout a taped interview with Sir Rex, listeners could hear the blissfully unaware presenters in the background discussing the timing of the programme with such choice suggestions as "We're running short on time - Shall we chop him early?"

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Thanks to Berke Breckled.

Advertisements

Notice is hereby given that Orlando Almonacid of Stanley, Falkland Islands is applying to the Civil Commissioner for naturalisation, and that any person who knows any reason why naturalisation should not be granted should send a written and signed statement of the facts to the Government Secretary at the Secretariat, Stanley.

EMMA GRAHAM GROGAN of 24 William Kimber Crescent, Headington, Oxford, OX3 8LW, England, would like to correspond with a Falkland Islander. She is interested in life here and in most aspects of the Falklands.

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One of those self same 'News Muggers' was working in the studios a couple of days later when the same problem occurred during the afternoon show, being broadcast from the adjoining studio. Still smarting from his own embarrassing experience at the hands of the temperamental microphones, he thought he would do his bit and warn the DJ and the soldier about to be interviewed, that their chatter between records was being heard by millions (well, by quite a few people at least). So he hurriedly tip-toed next door and said in a loud whisper to the soldier sitting at the table, "The microphones are live - for God's sake don't swear!" It was only then that he looked at the soldier's collar and noticed the unmistakable Cross of the Army Chaplain. Oops!

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"His cash flow showed that he would remain in credit", said Mr. Armstrong. The Development Corporation Executive also said that no formal offer of a twelve month interest free period had been made. Fully comprehensive insurance was, said Mr. Armstrong, a condition, but it would have been necessary as the Land Rover itself was to be the security for the loan. "It was", he said, "to safe guard the tax-payer's money". He went on to point out that the D.C. was helping to find an insurance company which could provide the appropriate coverage, and that the organisation was attempting to obtain a vehicle at a favourable rate in the UK.

In spite of their differences, Simon Armstrong is as disappointed as Val Berntsen that the plans to develop the taxi service have fallen through. "Of course I'm disappointed", said Mr. Armstrong. "We wanted to encourage Val as far as we could. We obviously felt that it was a good business prospect".

Val's Taxi service will close on the 18th January, one year to the day after the first passenger was carried through Stanley's streets.

MINISTER TO COMMENCE VISIT TODAY

Lord Trefgarne, the Under Secretary of State for the Armed Forces, is expected to arrive in Stanley today.

The senior Ministry of Defence official will remain in the Falklands until the 11th January, and will tour many military centres. Lord Trefgarne, who frequently acts as a parliamentary spokesman on military matters relevant to the Falklands, has said that he wants to come and see for himself the Islands and the arrangements made for their defence. He hopes to hold discussions with senior military officers and meet all ranks. He has stressed that he wishes to hear the views of the average serviceman.

The Ministry of Defence Press Office in Stanley will not release an itinerary of the visit for security reasons, but it is known that Lord Trefgarne will remain in Stanley during the first day of the visit. He will then commence a camp tour of East and West Falklands which will take him to, amongst other places, Mount Pleasant Airport Site, Goose Green, Kelly's Garden and Navy Point.

The Minister will be the guest of Civil Commissioner Sir Rex Hunt while in Stanley. Councillors will meet Lord Trefgarne at Sir Rex's residence tomorrow.

THE PENGUIN POST BOX - YOUR COLUMN

If you have an axe to grind, a bouquet to present or a grumble about the PN, write to this column. Please be concise to avoid the need for editing. Anonymous letters are accepted, but libellous attacks on individuals are not.

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"A THOROUGHLY OFFENSIVE CARTOON"

20.12.84

Dear Sir,

On the 14th December I received Penguin News number 66 of 26th November. It contained a thoroughly offensive "cartoon". I hate to think what the parents and the children involved felt about it, but I think you owe them an apology.

You have surpassed yourself in issue 67 of 3rd December which I received yesterday. Have you ever seen the result/victim of an ejection from a fast 'plane? I have, and believe me, not even you could laugh at a broken, crumpled man who has survived it somehow.

In the first "cartoon" it seems to me you deliberately caused pain and in the second laughed at it.

Yours faithfully, SALLY BLAKE, Hill Cove.

EDITOR'S NOTE: The second cartoon Mrs Blake refers to depicted a partially submerged Harrier with an RAF pilot making his way up a beach. Beneath our artist's work were the words, "so that's what they call low flying!". A few days before publication, a Harrier had crashed in Stanley Harbour while on exercise. Although Mrs. Blake's was the only outraged response, we realised soon after publication that the humour was black to say the least. The pilot had been injured, and in our rush to meet the deadline we overlooked the serious consequences of the crash. We printed an apology in PN number 68.

We cannot see, however, that the cartoon about the shop-lifting children was at all distasteful. The PN cartoonist portrayed a weary policeman pointing to a youngster and saying, "at least this one's original - says his acute kleptomania derives from his feelings of alienation and insecurity, and is a cry for help in the wilderness of post-conflict change!" That is, quite simply, funny.

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THE P.N. AND THE DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

2.1.85

Dear Sir,

Many thanks to Penguin News for its support of the Development Corporation against the unfair and out-of-date strictures of the Foreign Affairs Committee's Report (Penguin News, 17 December, page 4).

We will do everything we can to justify your continued support.

Yours faithfully,

DAVID TAYLOR (Executive Vice Chairman) and SIMON ARMSTRONG (General Manager)

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MORE CONSIDERATION NEEDED FOR OUR ELDER CITIZENS

22.12.84

Dear Sir,

During a holiday in Britain last May, June and July, my wife and I discovered the considerable thought and generosity that is now fairly widespread towards

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pensioners, or senior citizens as the British have so politely named them.

We travelled the length and breadth of Britain by comfortable and punctual coaches, and for us senior citizens the fare was two thirds of the normal figure.

One can also travel by rail at very reduced fares and enter many institutions again at reduced fees, in some cases by half the rate.

We very much appreciated such generosity and I would like to suggest that it is high time that Standing Finance Committee applied similar ideas to similar citizens in these Islands. Many pensioners are ex-camp and have friends and relations there, so I would suggest that the air fare for such might be reduced to two thirds of the current high figure.

Another direction that would help would be the cost of getting peat cut. With the advent of new people who are on OSAS terms of contract, many of these seem prepared to jump the peat cutting price to a figure many pensioners find it difficult to afford. Last year the price was around 80 pence per yard; suddenly in twelve months this has jumped to one pound, and it could well be on its way to £1.50 per yard, as I am told some OSAS people have paid that and more.

If Government would subsidise the lowest figure for cutting by 50% or 66%, this would be a boon to pensioners.

We look forward to next year's budget with deep interest and some concern.

Yours faithfully, SYDNEY MILLER, Stanley.

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YOUR EDITORIAL IS A LITTLE MISLEADING

21.12.84

Dear Graham,

I am writing in response to your editorial "Those Wealthy Visitors".

I feel that the editorial is a little misleading and would like to explain in a little more detail what we are doing, why we are doing it and what we hope to achieve.

Firstly, you talk about development officials "pipe dreaming". In any development programme the first stage is to assess what natural resources are available locally and then plan how best to utilise resources.

Natural resources in the Falkland Islands are scarce, but amongst our natural resources in the Falkland Islands are our wonderful scenery and wildlife. We are trying to establish the best method of achieving economic benefits from this resource without destroying it.

You say that we are predicting with some confidence the arrival of wealthy tourists. Yes - we are optimistic that there is a market for the type of holiday the Falklands could offer, but we are not going to move on our "gut feel". We have been in regular communication with the British Tourist Authority and in conjunction with them are undertaking a market survey throughout the US and Western Europe. This survey will take the form of showing people a mock-up brochure promoting Falklands tourism (this brochure is in preparation now) and assessing:

1. What type of people are interested in such holidays.
2. How much would they be prepared to pay.
3. What sort of numbers we might expect.
4. What facilities they would expect to be provided.

We will then, and only then, be considering major investment in tourism development.

You also talk about tourism when communication links with South America still existed. Firstly you talk about only a trickle of wealthy visitors turning up in those days. If our market survey shows that only a trickle is likely

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to come in after development of the industry then clearly we would not proceed.

I can only ask if in those days:

Was there co-ordinated and well designed promotion of the Falkland Islands as a tourist destination?

Were the facilities adequate to attract other than the absolute enthusiast?

Were inter-island communications planned to assist such development?

You also talk about the shopping visits from South America. I cannot remember being asked by you for my views on this. I consider it neither particularly tacky or nasty - just impossible. The nearest ports where such shoppers could now sail from to come shopping would seem to be either Punta Arenas or Montevideo - some shopping trip!

As regards the recent visit of the cruise ship, again I feel that the point has rather been missed. The importance was not the visit of that particular cruise but of discussions on the possibility of Society Expeditions commencing all Antarctic cruises from the Falkland Islands once MPA opens and their desire to run new, shorter cruises combining only the Falkland Islands and South Georgia.

I would make two points on the question of tourist spending.

Firstly, that they are wealthy is undeniable.

Secondly, that the onus is not on the tourist to buy, but the shopkeeper to sell. The tourist will be parted from his money if he is presented with what he wants in the way he expects. I find it an unusual concept that the tourist is at fault for not buying what is on offer.

Should one not look at that concept from the other direction?

I have already written to Society Expeditions following discussions with the Chairman of the Falkland Islands Traders Association suggesting that the Senior Cruise Director speak to the Traders Association on his next visit and that representatives of the Traders Association visit the ship to see standards set on the ship.

Finally, I must say I find the suggestion that we wait until the right kind of tourist appears on the horizon before we do anything a truly amazing idea. Is that really the way to plan the development of any industry - particularly one that can be so easily upset by any adverse criticism of standards?

As regards using the development budget in more productive ways, we feel that we are exploring the possibilities of exploiting every natural resource that we can think of that the Islands possess. Our doors are always open to anyone with a development idea if they think we have missed something.

What more productive ways did you have in mind, Graham?

Yours sincerely, SIMON ARMSTRONG, General Manager, Falkland Islands Development Corporation.

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GOLF - A successful Golf Open Championship on New Year's Day

Keen military and civilian players held a successful open championship on their Felton's Stream course on New Year's day. Driving and putting their way around shell craters and natural hazards on what is sometimes called "one of the worst courses in the world", the forty-one players, who included several tourists from the LINDBLAD EXPLORER had a thoroughly enjoyable day.

Following a picnic lunch provided by the military, Sir Rex Hunt presented the trophies. Sergeant Roger Gibbs, who completed the 9 hole course with a nett score of 72, won the open championship, and was awarded the silver salver which had been presented by the Salisbury and South Wilts Club. Mr. B. Paxton, with a score of 74 achieved second place. Another military member, Mr. Shimwell, was awarded a prize for the longest drive (45 yards), and the same gentleman was runner-up in the Stapleford competition. Mr. G. Thompson won that category of the day's sport with a score of 24 points.

The Falklands Champion golfer was delighted (if humourously immodest) about his victory. "It was a good job I had a late disaster or it would have been embarrassing for the rest of you", said Roger Gibbs following the presentation.

In his speech, Sir Rex Hunt, who is himself a keen golf player, thanked the members who had worked hard to organise the competition. He was especially grateful to the club's secretary, John Sherwood, and there was a special tribute for Mrs. Emma Steen, the treasurer. The Civil Commissioner reminded club members and visitors that Mrs. Steen, who competed in the open, had been a loyal and hard working member since before 1939.

There was official recognition of the valuable help given by Stanley's twin club, The Salisbury and South Wilts. "They have been very good friends of ours", said Sir Rex. The British club has in the past contributed many items of equipment to the golfers of Stanley, as well as the attractive silver plate for which the sportsmen and women competed so energetically on New Year's Day.

THE RACES - Few horses, less jockeys, but a record crowd of happy punters

The Stanley Sports Association (SSA) Race meeting of the 26th and 27th December 1984 will be remembered for the few jockey who participated. But despite this lack of enthusiasm by potential participants, the races were declared a success. Beneath a generously sunny sky, a record military and civilian crowd enjoyed the thrills of the racing and gambling. And occasionally they even spilled onto the course; in one of the fun events of the meeting, the Three-Legged race, no less than 64 people stumbled towards the tape.

The results of the major races :-

- Maiden Plate. (600 yards)
 - 1st SANDIE - N. Watson
 - 2nd SHEKINAH - E. Goss
 - 3rd FLICKA - A. Turner
- Bransfield Challenge Plate (600 yards)
 - 1st STILTS - N. Watson
 - 2nd GARBO - E. Goss
- Kempton Park Trophy (600 yards)
 - 1st LUCINDA - E. Goss
 - 2nd GINA - K. Whitney
 - 3rd SALLY I - N. Watson
- Junior Rincon Grande Plate (440 yards)
 - 1st ROSETTE - Andria Turner
 - 2nd TEARS - D. Gilding
 - 3rd SALLY II - L. Eynon
- West Falkland Plate (800 yards)
 - 1st RAINBEAN - N. Watson
 - 2nd HELENA - A. Turner
 - 3rd SUDAN - R. Binnie
- Chief Executive's Plate (600 yards)
 - 1st LONG ISLAND - K. Whitney
 - 2nd SANDIE - N. Watson
 - 3rd CINDERELLA - E. Goss

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The company is not new to exporting to the Falklands. Some years ago over a dozen new Land Rovers were supplied to Johnston Construction, builders of the present Stanley Airport.

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THE RACES - The results of the major races continues

<u>Governor's Cup (700 yards)</u>		
1st TORCAZ - W. Morrison	2nd GINA - K. Whitney	
	3rd LUCINDA - E. Goss	
<u>Pinza Gallop (300 yards)</u>		
1st LONG ISLAND - T. Whitney	2nd CARLITA - Andrea Turner	
	3rd TEARS - D. Gilding	
<u>Darwin Sports Race (700 yards)</u>		
1st SANDIE - N. Watson	2nd STAR - R. Binnie	
<u>Ladies' Trotting Race (1 mile)</u>		
1st TINY - E. McKay	2nd ASCOT - J. Anderson	
	3rd RED RUM - A. Turner	
<u>The A.G. Barton Prize (500 yards)</u>		
1st GINA - K. Whitney	2nd MILLREEF - R. Binnie	
	3rd SALLY I - N. Watson	
<u>Berkeley Sound Plate (600 yards)</u>		
1st LUCINDA - E. Goss	2nd LONG ISLAND - K. Whitney	
<u>The Mile (1 mile)</u>		
1st TORCAZ - W. Morrison	2nd HELENA - A. Turner	
<u>Trotting Race (1 mile)</u>		
1st TINY - R. McKay	2nd ASCOT - E. Goss	
<u>Port San Carlos Prize (440 yards)</u>		
1st SALLY I - L. Watson	2nd STAR - M. Binnie	
	3rd RAINBEAM - P. Watson	
<u>Andrew Bruce Trophy (600 yards)</u>		
1st SHEKINAH - E. Goss	2nd SABRE - M. Binnie	
<u>Harrier Chase (400 yards)</u>		
1st ROSETTE - Andrea Turner	2nd LONG ISLAND - T. Whitney	
	3rd TEARS - D. Gilding	
<u>Chartres Plate (500 yards)</u>		
1st HELENA - A. Turner	2nd LUCINDA - E. Goss	
	3rd LONG ISLAND - K. Whitney	
<u>Veteran's Handicap Race (80 yards foot)</u>		
1st M. McLeod	2nd Stan Cletheroe	3rd W. Morrison
<u>Troop Race (300 yards)</u>		
1st MILLREEF - R. Binnie	2nd MISS RINCON - A. Turner	
	3rd SHEKINAH - E. Goss	
<u>Falkland Chase (500 yards)</u>		
1st GINA - K. Whitney	2nd SALLY I - N. Watson	
	3rd STAR - R. Binnie	
<u>York Races Challenge Trophy (700 yards)</u>		
1st SANDIE - N. Watson	2nd SHEKINAH - E. Goss	
<u>Junior Gallop (600 yards)</u>		
1st LONG ISLAND - T. Whitney	2nd TEARS - D. Gilding	
	3rd CARLITA - Andrea Turner	
<u>Coalite Challenge Cup (800 yards)</u>		
1st HELENA - A. Turner	2nd TORCAZ - W. Morrison	
<u>Home Charm Young Jockeys' Cup (500 yards)</u>		
1st SALLY I - L. Watson	2nd TEARS - P. Watson	
	3rd STAR - M. Binnie	
<u>Falkland (Woolsales) Plate (600 yards)</u>		
1st GINA - K. Whitney	2nd LUCINDA - E. Goss	
	3rd SUDAN - R. Binnie	
<u>Teenage Gallop (500 yards)</u>		
1st ROSETTE - A. Turner	2nd TEARS - L. Eynon	
	3rd FLICKA - T. Whitney	
<u>Speedwell Store Prize (700 yards)</u>		
1st SALLY I - N. Watson	2nd GINA - K. Whitney	
	3rd SUDAN - R. Binnie	
<u>Ladies' Gallop (500 yards)</u>		
1st RAINBEAM - L. Watson	2nd LONG ISLAND - J. Anderson	
	3rd SHEKINAH - S. Halford	
<u>Consolation Race (500 yards)</u>		
1st NEW YEAR - M. Binnie		
<u>Salvador Prize (Champion Race) (800 yards)</u>		
1st TORCAZ - W. Morrison	2nd HELENA - A. Turner	
	3rd RAINBEAM - N. Watson	

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THE RACES - The results of the major races continues -

<u>Woolbrokers' Plate (Champion Race) (600 yards)</u>		
1st SALLY I - N. Watson	2nd GINA - K. Whitney	
	3rd LUCINDA - E. Goss	
<u>Armed Forces Challenge Cup (500 yards)</u>		
1st LORD JIM - Mr. Varley	2nd CINDERELLA - Gnr Bishop	
	3rd ASCOT - Lt. Hale	
<u>Association Race (500 yards)</u>		
1st MILLREEF - T. Anderson	2nd LORD JIM - Capt. Watson	
	3rd GARBO - A. McBain	
<u>CHAMPION JOCKEY - N. WATSON</u>		

TOURIST EXPERT: "ARE YOU READY FOR TOURISM" ...

Society Expeditions, the operators of the cruise ship LINDBLAD EXPLORER, are planning to extend their operations around the Falklands and the Antarctic next summer. Swiss born Cruise Director, Werner Zender, told us that his company is planning to work out itineraries both for the LINDBLAD and the newly acquired DISCOVERER for next season.

"We have a total of nine Antarctic cruises next year," he said. "Five or six of them will call at the Falkland Islands." He told us that the future development of tourism around the Islands would be given a boost by the completion of the Mount Pleasant Airport. By using the Falklands airport as a gateway to the Antarctic rather than Punta Arenas, there would apparently be a saving of four days sailing on each tour. That time saving would also open up the possibility of Society Expeditions organising shorter trips for people who cannot spare the time for the tours as they stand at present.

But Mr. Zender explained that the benefits of the Mount Pleasant Airport will only be realised if his tourists can fly from the United States to the Islands via South America. "We would not like to go via London because that increases the air fare for our passengers by about 900 to 1000 dollars," he said. "The solution for American passengers, is to get them in via Santiago or Montevideo." Werner Zender accepts that using a South American country to refuel between Miami and Mount Pleasant, would pose certain political problems. He said that the Argentinians would be offended if his company flew passengers into the Islands on their own initiative, and that the request for an air link should come from the British Government. "If the British did that, there would be the possibility of having an air link between Chile and the Falkland Islands," Mr. Zender said. He has already held talks with Lan Chile, and the airline expressed interest in the idea.

Society Expeditions have long term plans for Falklands tourism with or without a viable air link. Werner Zender said that his company are planning to offer a trip in 1986 or 1987, spending four days touring the Falklands and four days cruising around South Georgia and he believes that other companies might be interested in organising tours similar to those organised by Society Expeditions. "If you can provide the facilities for the bigger ships, then they will come in. A lot of tourists would like to go home and say, 'I've been to the Falkland Islands.'" But, he stressed, facilities for tourists are all important, and Mr. Zender believes that those facilities must come before the tourists will. At present there seems to be little official commitment to improving tourism facilities - even on the most basic level. He cited the case of the steps at the jetty which he has repeatedly requested should be repaired before any of his elderly passengers has an accident. "It's still the most dangerous landing during the whole trip we have to do and I'm very very disappointed in that. Here we're talking about big money coming in and nobody's able to fix that little stair. It would cost maybe £300 to £400 to do that." And he finished with a searching question for everyone in the Islands: "My question is this ... are you ready for tourism?"

R.M.B.

EXCO AND LEGCO TO MEET SOON

The next Exco meeting has been set for 10th January. It will be followed on the fifteenth by an extraordinary meeting of Legislative Council. The principal purpose of this meeting will be to discuss the constitution and proposed new legislation. It is hoped that the land sub-division bill will pass through Exco in time for Legco's meeting.

EDITORIAL - ANTAGONISM GIVES WAY TO FRIENDSHIP

As we all know from our history books, in 1914 the nations of Europe were doing their best to slaughter each other in bloody trench warfare and were succeeding with terrible efficiency. But Christmas morning seventy years ago was different. Amid all the carnage on the Western Front, British and German soldiers found it in themselves to lay down their weapons, emerge from their fetid trenches and meet in no man's land as friends, not enemies. During those few precious hours, the only battles they fought were on a football pitch with a leather ball.

As the Generals pointed out, this was obviously no way to fight a war, and the men soon returned to their lines to begin the slaughter all over again. But it seems that the same Christmas spirit of comradeship between adversaries who are united by common hardship, re-emerged seventy years to the day since that memorable Christmas morning. And its reincarnation occurred of all places, in the rocky wastes of South Georgia.

On Christmas Eve, a Russian whaler called into Grytviken to take on fresh water. And on Christmas morning the Russian seamen and the Royal Green Jackets manning the garrison played football together. Thankfully, we have moved on from the narrow minded views of 1914 and the only reason why the breath of goodwill had to come to an end was because of the whaler's departure and not because of intervention from the generals. No doubt by now the Russian seamen below decks will have returned to the usual East-West rhetoric, calling the Green Jackets, "Lackies of the Capitalist system ..." Possibly, those same Green Jackets will have reverted to calling their football opponents "commies" or "pinko's". But let it be remembered, and let us be grateful, that for a couple of hours at least, the old antagonisms were put aside, and that there did exist friendship.

BEEFEATER TWO FOUND NEAR FALKLANDS

The RAF believe they have discovered wreckage from Chay Blyth's trimaran BEEFEATER II. An RAF Hercules on maritime patrol south of the Falklands located the upturned hull on its radar some 60 miles from the Falklands. The yacht capsized on 6th November while Chay Blyth and his crewman were attempting to round Cape Horn in mountainous seas. The two yachtsmen were rescued by the Chilean Navy but the remains of the yacht were abandoned.

LINDBLAD EXPLORER VISITS

The small cruise ship, LINDBLAD EXPLORER, left Stanley on Tuesday evening to continue her Falklands tour. She subsequently called at Carcass and West Point Island before taking a westerly course for Punta Arenas. The tourists' stay in Port Stanley was hampered slightly by high winds and a mechanical fault, which meant that they were unable to begin sight-seeing until the early afternoon. Lewis Clifton, manager of the Philatelic Bureau, reported that his staff who set up shop on the vessel, enjoyed a profitable day. He said he was very happy with sales and expected that the stamps will generate long-term interest among the tourists. They were particularly interested in Philatelic items depicting wildlife subjects, such as the Conserve Issue, and the Grebes. £650 was taken by the Philatelic Bureau during the visit.

ARMY PUNCH-UP

An enquiry has been held into the circumstances surrounding a fracas between members of the Royal Green Jackets and the Catering Corps at one of the Coastels on Christmas Eve. As a result of the fight, several soldiers needed medical attention. The members of the Green Jackets involved were confined to the Canache area over Christmas while the enquiry was taking place, the findings of which are now being considered by the Regiment's Commanding Officer.

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P.W.D. TO START ON NORTH CAMP ROAD SOON

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Executive Council have given the go-ahead for the construction of the first stage of a network of roads which will link the north camp settlements with the Stanley to Darwin Road.

At their meeting in Government House on the 10th January, the Councillors agreed to the allocation of £2 million of development aid for the project. The 9.2 mile long crushed rock highway will connect a point near Ponies Pass with the Etancia.

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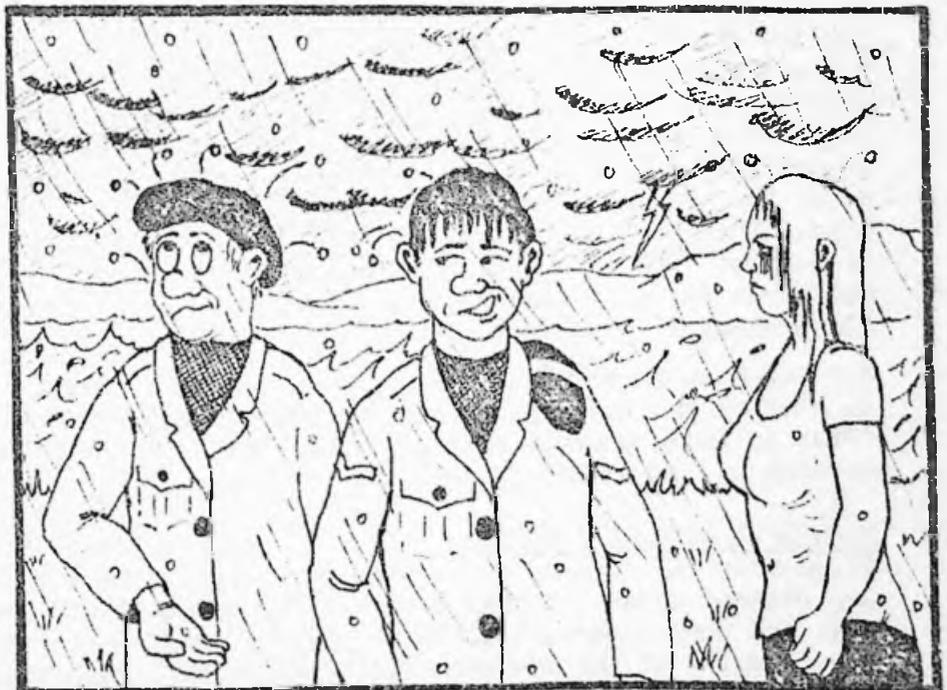
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As funds for the project are to come from the £31 million development grant controlled by the Overseas Development Administration, formal permission for the project must be obtained from that government department. But the application should be little more than a formality. In a Penguin News interview last Friday, Sir Rex Hunt said, "I can't see why they would object to it".

At this stage it is not clear when construction work will commence, but Executive Council are eager for an early start. Sir Rex Hunt was able to confirm that, with the improved plant now owned by the government, there should be no reason why the Public Works Department cannot handle the project. Survey work is to commence soon.

The new highway will not only be of use to civilians, as the important military base at Mount Kent is not far from the proposed route, and supplying the men at the site will become a much more simple operation.

The latest phase of camp road development continues to follow the recommendations of the O'Reilly report published in 1963. In his paper, Mr. O'Reilly suggested that the settlements in the north camp be served by a highway leading off the main route to Goose Green. According to the report, the next phase should be the construction of a road from the north camp to Teal Inlet, Douglas Station and San Carlos.

Two million pounds of the £31 million development grant have been allocated for improvements to camp tracks and the building of roads.

OTHER MATTERS CONSIDERED BY EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

Councillors were concerned to learn recently that the planned Mount Pleasant Road (which incorporates the existing locally built Darwin Road) is to have a low load bearing requirement. The specifications require it to be capable of supporting loads no greater than ten metric tonnes - approximately the weight of a fully laden army-type truck. Earth moving equipment and fuel bowsers would be unable to travel along it.

As the Falklands Government is to assume the responsibility of maintaining the road following the military move to Mount Pleasant some time in 1986, the councillors are worried that they may be left with property they can ill-afford to maintain. The Property Services Agency and the Ministry of Defence are soon to be asked if the road's specifications can be improved. Present plans allow for the surface to be a simple crushed metal and tar spray type, similar to the problematical Stanley Airport Road. The local government would prefer a more durable surface, and are to request that the asphalt laying machinery to be used on the access road from Mount Pleasant to Mare Harbour be employed on the Stanley to MPA highway when the priority task has been completed.

Sir Rex Hunt graphically summed up the contrast between the planned Road to Stanley and the type of highway that the government would like: "What is being planned will be a low capital, high maintenance road, and we want it the other way around".

STANLEY ELECTRICITY SUPPLY Councillors spent some time on Thursday discussing the planned new electricity supply for Stanley. Agreement was reached about a number of sites for sub-stations, and it is hoped that the more important of these will be erected before the coming winter. Laying of the new electricity mains will commence this year.

Originally, Councillors had planned to extend the new service to the Ponies Pass Quarry and the site of the planned Stanley Dairy, near Mullet Creek. However these plans were shelved last week, when it was learned that the extension to the system would add some £150,000 to the cost of the system.

3.3 million pounds of development money has been allocated to the re-

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LITTLE CHAY

Dere my mum

I thort i wood rite yew a blewie and let yew no how i am enjoyin my holliday in kamp. The trip was hair-skarey and we got bogged menny times and just befor we got to goose Green we got reeley stuck in bodey Creek. I woa so skared that i arsked unkel Luke to corl sumwun on the 4 meter so's we cood get a beevoe with chopper support. But he just larfed and told me to help him get the horse outta the back of the royer and fill it with jackarse holes. This made everythink much liter and we soon got underway again, and reached goose green at sundowne. We slept in the bunkhouse and arrived at goosewing creek the next day in time for smoko. Unkel Luke went strate up to the big house and arsked mister bob if he cood borror a horse for me. Mister Bob woa verry horsepittable and sed i cood have old Paint. So next day wee rounded up the troop and put them in the corral. Unkel Luke soon cort old Paint and lassooed a luvverly big allisan for hisself. It diddent take long to gear up as i onley had a cock-a-neesher and cabberester. Old Paint stood still while Skinshed Moll gave me a leggup and orf wee galloped down the rinkon. We spent the day gathering ruffies for the shearing gang and wen i got back that-night i had the most orful pain in the backaide. I thort it was flystrike, but Moll gave me some vasseline and its getting better now.

Tomorrer we go out to Shankbone Vallie to count geese and the other men are goin to paint the sheds and repair sum fences. I don't no y they are always cleening up the plase and makin it look smart. Shorely they can wit till orl the fences are downe & the houses are propper rusty & the rubbish is piled up hi befor they waste time on this sorta wurk. Just think wot Stanley wood be like if thay kept kleemin it up like that. No one wood be abbel to get on with there work at all.

Do rite back at me and send me a Penwing Newsance so's we can get to here about evverythink that goin on in there. Wee cant pick up FIBS very well and sumtimes wee cant even here Tommie Nants.

I luv yew orl, LITTEL CHAY xxx
(Goosewing Creek, Back-of-the-Mountain)



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STANLEY ELECTRICITY SUPPLY (continued from page 2)

furbishment and renewal of the generating and distribution system.

FOX BAY Executive Council agreed to planned improvements to the fresh water supply at Fox Bay East. The system is not at present producing the required 3,000 gallons per day, and various minor works are now to be carried out in an attempt to rectify this. Sir Rex Hunt told the Penguin News that the council will again look at the water supply when the requirements of the woollen mill and the fisheries research project are known.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL WILL MEET TOMORROW

Legislative Council, the Falklands law making body, is to meet tomorrow, the 15th, in the Town Hall.

There had been some doubt that the meeting would take place as scheduled when it was learned that councillors required copies of the proposed constitution for South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands before commencing the crucial debate on the Falklands constitution. The required copies were, however, received from the Foreign and Commonwealth Office early last week.

The constitutional debate promises to be the most spirited and interesting of the session, but there are other items on the agenda that are also of importance.

The land sub-division bill is to be put to Legco for the second time. The first draft of this legislation to control purchase and use of small plots of land outside Stanley by non-residents, proved to be controversial last winter, when it was first considered, and the issue was withdrawn for further consideration by councillors and other interested parties. The modified draft, if adopted will require non-residents planning to buy sections of land less than 500 acres in size to first obtain an official licence. The Government will normally insist that the land be used in some productive way and not held, unused, simply as an investment. Penalties ranging from fines to imprisonment can be applied if the purchasers do not comply with the government requirements. Said Sir Rex Hunt last Friday, "We don't want non-residents buying land and that land not being used." He quoted the example of a British businessman who recently bought 50 acres of land from the Falkland Islands Company, Ltd., only to sell it some months later in minute and unviable plots as souvenirs. The Civil Commissioner and Executive Council hope that this kind of speculation can be avoided if the new legislation is introduced. "This will stop the non-productive splitting up of land into penny packets" said Sir Rex Hunt.

The Financial Secretary is expected to propose two complex amendments to the income tax and family allowance ordinances. If passed, the income tax amendment will almost certainly be welcomed by most tax payers. Percentages payable on some income tax brackets are to be reduced, although the untaxable allowance for children supported by tax payers is to be abolished. To compensate for this, however, the family allowance payments to which all parents are entitled, will be increased. It is a complicated combination of legislation, which we will examine in more depth in next week's coverage of the Legislative Council session.

Most, if not all, of the contracting firms at Mount Pleasant have applied for special exemption from customs duties and income tax, and councillors will consider these applications at their meeting tomorrow. Executive Council had recommended almost a year ago that contractors at the airport site be exempt from Harbour dues, medical services levy, income and company tax, old age pension contributions and tobacco and alcohol duties. However, the special legislation is only now coming before the Legislative Council.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Orlando Almonacid of Stanley, Falkland Islands is applying to the Civil Commissioner for naturalisation, and that any person who knows any reason why naturalisation should not be granted should send a written and signed statement of the facts to the Government Secretary at the Secretariat, Stanley.

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If you know other Falkland Islanders who might be interested, please ask them to write to us:

FALKLAND ISLANDS DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, PO Box 13, Stanley,
Falkland Islands.

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Executive Councillors have said that only workers at Mount Pleasant should be given the duty concession. They felt that it would not be possible to ensure that contractors in Stanley do not abuse the privilege by passing alcohol and tobacco obtained at the cheaper rates on to parties to whom the special legislation would not legally apply.

Sir Rex Hunt told the Penguin News last Friday that the concessions are, however, necessary whenever possible. He pointed out that the contractors' expenditure on tax and duty would otherwise be passed on to the Ministry of Defence and the Overseas Development Administration. He feels that the exemptions are the Falklands' contribution to the cost of the construction projects.

SOUTH GEORGIA AND THE SANDWICHES - THE F.C.O. CLIMBS DOWN. BUT WILL ISLANDERS BE SATISFIED?

It seems that Falkland Islanders have achieved at least a partial victory in their battle to ensure that the Falklands' political links with South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands remain.

The draft constitution for the two island groups arrived in Stanley last week following demands from councillors. They insisted they would not give official consideration to the Falklands document until they were able to study the FCO's plans for the Dependencies. The document shows that the British Government has made significant changes to the constitution for the Falklands' sister archipelagos, and Councillors may now be satisfied that sufficiently strong links are to be maintained between the three groups.

However, one of the principal points which caused so much dissension in the Falklands last month remains. South Georgia and the South Sandwiches will lose their Falklands Dependency status. But administration will be from the Falklands. Sir Rex Hunt will be Commissioner for the territories, and he must, in the words of the constitution, "consult the Executive Council of the Falkland Islands before exercising any function, which, in his opinion, might affect the Falkland Islands."

The changes were made following the return to Britain of senior FCO official, David Thomas, who spent several days touring the Falklands last month. The British Government's plans to disassociate Georgia and the Sandwiches was made clear during the visit, and he was faced with a chorus of protest. Councillors and constituents alike wasted no time in telling the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, through Mr. Thomas, what they thought of the proposal. Graffiti even appeared in Stanley accusing the FCO of treachery. It is fairly clear that the protests made an impact, and following Mr. Thomas's return to UK, changes were made that go at least some way to satisfying the demands of Falklanders.

It will become clear at tomorrow's session of Legislative Council whether the compromise is sufficient to satisfy the Islanders' representatives, who feared that the proposed break with the Dependencies may strengthen the Argentine position in the sovereignty dispute.

SOUTH ATLANTIC COUNCIL RESPOND TO THE FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE REPORT

The South Atlantic Committee, who describe themselves as a "think tank" seeking to find a solution to the Falklands dispute which would be acceptable to the three parties involved, recently responded to the Parliamentary Foreign Affairs Committee report on the Falkland Islands.

In a statement issued by Parliamentarians George Foulkes and Cyril Townsend (both of whom visited the Falklands and Argentina since the war), the Council made its views clear:

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"The Select Committee's report represents a major opportunity missed. At a time when public opinion, both in the UK and the Falklands, is aware of the need for a solution, the Select Committee has condoned the Government's policy of inaction. It is a report which will quickly be forgotten under the weight of its internal contradictions.

It is even a retreat on the Select Committee's previous draft report in 1983, when the dangers and shortcomings of the present policy were made clear.

Sovereignty must be discussed and it must be discussed now. We have done so in the cases of Hong Kong and Gibraltar - why not the Falklands?

We welcome the policy of simultaneous unilateral declarations, which we have been advocating for some time and hope it is taken on by the Government. There is an urgent need for some Government initiatives - the policy of status quo is too costly (economically and politically) and too dangerous."

George Foulkes and Cyril Townsend have maintained contact with politicians whom they met during their visit to Argentina last year, and they plan a further meeting with them in February this year. It is not known whether that reunion will take place in Argentina, Britain or on neutral ground.

NEWS NEWS

ROAD ACCIDENT

Motorcyclist Steve Burston was injured in a road accident last Thursday. Just after mid-day, his motorbike collided with a vehicle at the corner of Fitzroy Road and Philomel Hill. Mr. Burston was taken by ambulance to the British Military Hospital in the Canache, but was later moved to Stanley's civilian hospital.

A spokesman at the Hospital told the PN on Friday that he was in a comfortable condition.

Stanley Police are conducting an enquiry into the incident.

BEARDS CAUSE TROUBLE IN DEFENCE FORCE

Three members of the Falkland Islands Defence Force have been told that they can take no further part in FIDF activities unless their beards are shaved off.

Some weeks ago, Lance Corporal Jeremy Smith and Private Martin Smith were told by their Commanding Officer that, although they had not been expelled from the part-time militia, they could not return to duties until their chins are clean shaven.

At the drill night last Thursday, Private Robert Macaskill was told by Major Pat Peck that his beard must also go. "The first I knew

about it was when Major Peck came up to me and said, "you can fall out and go", said Private Macaskill when interviewed by Penguin News reporter, Robert McBride. "I was a bit put out by that, especially as there were other members there with beards."

Three members of the Force are permitted to have beards, but the three FIDF men ordered to shave claim that this represents favouritism. Private Macaskill said that he had put this point to his Commanding Officer, and was told that the three other soldiers were permitted to wear beards because they had them when they joined the force. About his own beard, Pte Macaskill said, "it doesn't get in the way of my job at all. I feel really rotten about it."

Lance Corporal Smith, who has not been allowed to train with the FIDF for some time, said that training officers from the regular army had repeatedly told the Force members that they are needed for their knowledge of the camp. "We are required because in four months the troops can't hope to get a good local knowledge of the place", he said. "Surely I could be killed just as easily with a beard in the defence of my colony."

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His brother, Private Martyn Smith, feels just as disappointed, "I think double standards are being applied here", he said.

The PN asked Major Peck for his views on the matter, but the FIDF C.O. did not wish to comment.

RMB

LORD TREFGARNE VISITS THE FALKLANDS

Lord Trefgarne, the Parliamentary Undersecretary of State for the Armed Forces, left the Islands at the weekend after a brief tour. The Minister, who is a frequent spokesman on Defence and Foreign Office matters in the House of Lords, held discussions with senior military authorities and the civilian administration before his departure.

At a press conference last Wednesday, the Penguin News asked Lord Trefgarne if a reduction in overall military expenditure on the Falklands could be expected soon. The Minister confirmed this, but stressed that it would not necessarily mean a reduction in force levels. The savings could arise after work at the Mount Pleasant Airport site reaches a peak of intensity and expense some time this year, and then gradually decline. There was no comment on reports from London that the surface warship presence around the Islands is to be reduced from three or four frigates and destroyers to just two.

The Minister was keen to point out that the required level of defence would not be compromised by demands for saving. "The size of our forces here in the Falkland Islands is not dependent upon what we can afford; it is dependent upon the threat we are facing." Lord Trefgarne accepted that the completion of the first stage of the Mount Pleasant Airport will enable the Ministry of Defence to re-examine the size and nature of the garrison, but he was cautious not to anticipate immediate and radical changes. "If there are some modest economies to be made", said the Minister, "we shall certainly want to take advantage of them."

He was asked about civilian use of the airport, and replied by stressing that military requirements will have a greater priority, at least during the first few months after the completion of phase one. "The aerodrome has been constructed for what is in the first instance the military requirement, and in the early months there won't be much capacity for civilian traffic. Clearly it is important to maintain a civilian capability on the flights because that is of crucial importance to the life of the Islands, and we shall certainly want to do that". Lord Trefgarne admitted that for the first twelve months after the completion of the first phase of MPA, there will be few financial benefits for local industry and business.

In an interview for the local radio station last Saturday, Lord Trefgarne clearly stated that even after the withdrawal of the troop ships UGANDA and KEREN, and before the completion of the MPA project, the travel requirements of local civilians will be allowed for. "As soon as the aerodrome opens, even on an interim basis, the facilities for civilians will be at least as good as they are at present, if not better", he said. "As soon as the aerodrome is open on a full basis, then it will be open to civilian airlines like any other aerodrome".

SHIPPING

MV FORREST is getting ready to leave Stanley next Wednesday for a long trip around the Islands. She'll be calling at Berkeley Sound first and then steaming onto San Carlos, Port San Carlos, Port Howard, Pebble Island, Golding Island, Keppel Island, Saunders Island, Hill Cove, Carcass, West Point and Roy Cove.

The Polish trawler, TUNEK, called into Port William briefly on Thursday last. She dropped off a crewman for medical attention before rejoining the fishing fleet on the high seas.

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4.12.84

A LETTER TO ALL OUR FRIENDS IN THE FALKLAND ISLANDS.

FROM THE FALKLANDS FAMILIES ASSOCIATION.

May I first of all send all of you our warmest wishes for Christmas and the New Year with the hope that the future will be kind to us all.

Today I received a letter from Norman Clark, President of the Green Beret Association, and I am overwhelmed by its contents. I only hope that I can express my feelings in a suitable manner.

There are so many people to say "Thank you" to that it would be useless for me to try and name them all individually; all the pensioners, children, mums and dads, all those who gave prizes for a Raffle, the Royal Air Force (carrying out what is normally a 'Brown Job' activity, marching and sponsored slims (I wish I could have got in on that). The response has been truly staggering. But really I am not the slightest bit surprised, having had the pleasure of meeting some of you on more than one occasion.

I am hoping to have some coverage in the media here in the UK and tell everyone what you have done. Please if I have missed anyone off the list of activities do excuse me.

I have started this letter on a very pleasant subject, but I am sorry to have to finish it on a very unpleasant one.

You recently had a member of this Association staying in the Islands, a bad Ambassador for us. He left the Islands owing a certain person a good deal of money and the Association has repaid the money. I do apologise for any bad impression or unpleasantness that may have occurred. I can assure you that his attitude is a very small minority of our people.

My son, Kevin, chose to become a soldier and the fact that he chose my Regiment, the Welsh Guards, delighted me. Like any Guardsman, he carried out his duty wherever he was sent. If fate decreed that he had to die serving his country, I would rather it had happened defending your lovely Islands and therefore his homeland, than to be shot in the back on some dirty street corner in Northern Island, where he had done five tours of duty.

The attitude that your visitor had, that because his son was killed defending the Islands, he should have a free living, really is nonsense. If you carry that attitude to its logical conclusion anyone who had a relative killed in the 39-45 war on the continent, would expect to go to the Continent on holiday for nothing.

Once again our apologies.

Yours sincerely, DES. KEOGHANE, 6 Penrose Court, Hemel Hempstead H12 6NP. Herts. Tel: H.H. 69383

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Dear Graham,

PROBLEMS WITH PEAT BOGS

Sometime last July after many complaints, the rubbish tip was moved from the Keil Canal back to the West site, near Moody Brook. My own rover being off the road at the time, I could not walk there. Through the kind courtesy of Mr. W.E. Bowles, who lent me his old works truck, I was able to get down there in October. It was a grim sight. The water in my peat bank was almost a yard deep, and there was no means of getting peat away from it.

I was short of peat through helping people out with banks, and ill-

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health after the conflict, so I cut between 50 & 60 yards, then I had to get rid of the water. This meant cutting a trench through from West to East. The bank is between 5 & 6 feet deep, and 30 yards long. As I am only five foot ten in height, there was not much of me showing, but I did get rid of the water.

By this time my peat was drying but I had no means of getting it out owing to a big ditch that the fire people had dug and the massive heap of earth at the foot of my ramp. Three or four bosses were down to look at it but nothing was done. I also approached two Council members and approached Government every week. But always there was the same answer: NEXT WEEK. Consequently I had to fill over 100 bags to get half of this peat. It is nice for these Bosses in the Dockyard to give an abrupt answer and blame the Army, but what is wrong with our own Officers? What is wrong with the Administration? There should not have been any need of complaint, since the Peat Officer and General Foreman both knew what had been done. Should it not have been put right for us? It was only when I invited the Civil Commissioner down there that something was done, and that was done within twenty-four hours. After two months argument the job was done in less than half an hour. This letter is all based on pure facts and anyone disbelieving me can come along to No. 6 John Street and I will prove it.

Yours sincerely, A.F. ALAZIA.

BIRTHS

11.12.84 To Darlene and Pete Darts of Plymouth, Devon, a daughter SARAH ALICE

DEATHS

4.1.85 Robert Gibbons (aged 53 years). Mr. Gibbons was a joiner from UK employed by LMA at Mount Pleasant.
31.12.84 George (Geordie) Pearson (aged 78 years). Mr. Pearson had lived in Southampton for many years.

SAPPERS COMPLETE NEW WATER MAINS

At a short ceremony at Dairy Paddock last Monday, the Civil and Military Commissioners turned a large key to switch on for the first time the new pipeline carrying water from Moody Brook to Stanley.

The pipeline, which is eight inches wide and just under four kilometres in length, took four months to lay; the work being carried out by 1st and 2nd Troops of 11 Field Squadron, Royal Engineers. According to the man in charge of the operation, Major Mike Wiggins, the sappers have faced a number of problems since they began work back in the middle of September. During the first few weeks of construction especially, the team were hampered by bad weather conditions which caused the sides of the trench for the pipe to collapse at intervals. The men often had to work waist deep in water.

Furthermore, Major Wiggins told us that the excavations cut through a reclaimed rubbish tip which made work extremely unpleasant for his Engineers. But even so, the work was completed on time and the sappers were even able to take on the extra task of landscaping the route after the pipe had been buried. A number of people had commented especially on the way the Engineers had worked on the stretch of pipe running underneath the Green at the War Memorial. Turf was removed and stacked carefully so the Green could be resurfaced after the excavations were finished there.

Along its length, the pipeline has 17 gate valves and three self-bleeding air valves. It also has six fire hydrants along its course which, with the extra water pressure in the system, will provide valuable help for the

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Stanley Fire Brigade. According to the Civil Commissioner, Sir Rex Hunt, the extra supply of water will benefit both military and civil communities. And there is another bonus, Sir Rex told us that the extra supply will make possible the sale of fresh water to Polish trawlers fishing around the Islands.

In a short address to the men of 11 Field Squadron, Sir Rex said, "Congratulations on the work you've done. It's a tremendous effort and a good example of the co-operation between the military and civilian communities."

This was the unit's last task, as 11 Field Squadron are now due to return to their base in Ripon, Yorkshire. As Major Wiggins said, it was a triumphant note on which to end the tour.

YOUNG VISITORS IN A SEARCH FOR GOLD

Twelve youngsters are expected to arrive from the UK at the end of January to spend three challenging weeks in the Islands in an effort to win their Gold Duke of Edinburgh Awards. The youngsters on the search for gold will arrive in three groups of four; each group having its own adult leader. Airbridge flights permitting, the three parties expect to leave Brize Norton on the 22nd, 25th and 29th January.

Each of the award candidates has been given a subsidised fare by the Government which they have paid for out of money which they raised themselves. While they are down here, each group will tackle its own individual project. The first will be studying the wildlife of the Islands, the second will be tidying up an old settlement of historical interest and the third project will concern itself with the subject of Port Stanley and industry.

Much of the organisation for the trip is being handled by the North Hertfordshire branch of the D of E Award Scheme, but scout leader, Phil Middleton, is acting as their liaison officer in the Islands. He told us that most of the details are now being worked out and that the candidates should have a successful trip provided their flight schedules go ahead as planned. One problem which does still exist, however, is that of accommodation. "We will be able to put them up without any problem," said Mr. Middleton. "But really, we need a place where they're all together so they can get round a table to organise an expedition." The scout leader hopes to find suitable premises for candidates to stay as a group while in Stanley, and would be pleased to hear from anyone who can offer such accommodation.

RMB

IN THE GARDEN with GREENFINGER

One thing I like about January is that there's not too much to do except sit back and eat the efforts of the past three months! Salad crops and white turnips are delightful at this time of the year and many people will already be enjoying their first new potatoes from the early October planting.

And what about those lovely big STRAWBERRIES that are coming on some tables right now! The plants will be heavy with ripe and ripening fruit and these should be protected from damp conditions by placing a layer of straw or dry grass cuttings under the clusters which will keep them clean and free from mildew. CARROTS will also be coming along nicely and should be thinned out about this time; likewise PARSNIP, BEETROOT and SWEDES.

JANUARY is a time for forward planning and if you want hearted CABBAGE next November then sow a packet of seeds in the open NOW. They will then be ready for transplanting in March/April. There are several types which stand the winter successfully but I prefer FLOWER OF SPRING. Later in the month, try sowing a packet of LETTUCE in a sheltered spot and with a bit of luck you should be having salads in October. WEBB'S WONDERFUL is a good variety to try.

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Thumbs Up For New Constitutions, But...

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Legislative Councillors, the elected representatives of Falkland Islanders have spent many hours considering the proposals of the draft new constitution for the Falklands since copies of the document arrived in the Falklands late last year. But the deliberations came to a head last Wednesday, when, following a long public select committee meeting the previous day, the Councillors announced their general agreement with both the documents for the Falklands and the Dependencies.

But the agreement was not unqualified. A number of clauses did not meet with the satisfaction of

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The Gurkhas Are Back

Thirty of the men from Nepal who became popular with Islanders for their part in the Falklands war, arrived recently in Stanley. The Gurkha Engineers will work with a small detachment of Para Engineers on various projects around the islands.

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MP's Anger Over Rights For Islanders

Parliamentarians were swift to voice their anger in London, when it was announced last week that Falklanders are to have the right of self determination guaranteed in the new constitution.

Dr David Owen of the Social Democrats accused Mrs Thatcher of giving Islanders the power of veto in any proposed solution for the dispute. He was supported by a number of MPs from both sides of the house.

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MPs ANGER RIGHTS FOR ISLANDERS (continued from page 1)

According to the BBC on the 17th January, Mrs. Thatcher replied to the MPs' criticisms, denying that Islanders would have a right of veto. Baroness Young, the Foreign Office Minister with responsibilities for the Falklands was reported as having said that Parliament would remain the supreme authority in matters to do with the future of the Falklands. She reminded Parliamentarians that the present British Government will not discuss sovereignty with the Argentines.

The Members of Parliament have been further exasperated by the Government's apparent intention to pass the constitutions for the Falklands and the Dependencies as orders in Council. Approval of Parliament would not be necessary.

Copies of the documents are not available in the UK.

THUMPS UP FOR NEW CONSTITUTION (continued from page 1)

the Councillors, and following several hours of informal discussion in committee, a list of points was presented to The Civil Commissioner. We deal with the most important of these here.

According to Chief Executive David Taylor, who chaired the select committee, "substantial satisfaction was expressed at the new reference to self determination". But they were somewhat concerned that the guarantee is to appear as a preamble to the document rather than a clause in the constitution's first section, Protection of Fundamental Rights and Freedoms of the Individual". Her Majesty's Government was to be requested to incorporate the self determination clause in the main body of the document.

After some consideration, the committee agreed that persons guilty of treason should be liable to capital punishment. The death sentence does not exist for any other type of crime in the Falklands.

There was strong feeling that the term "Civil Commissioner" should be replaced by "Governor". As the Military Commissioner is to be known as the Commander British Forces following the adoption of the constitution, the title "Governor" seemed a more logical alternative. It would, said, David Taylor, "signify a return to normality." The Councillors added that they considered the three titles for one man, as proposed by the Foreign and Commonwealth Office's legal advisors, to be confusing. Sir Rex Hunt is to be known as Civil Commissioner for the Falklands, High Commissioner in the British Antarctic Territory and Commissioner in South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands.

It was accepted that in general, civil servants should not be allowed to stand for election to the Legislative Council. Councillors felt, however, that a list of likely categories of government employees who can be provided special permission should be sent to the British Government as soon as possible "with a view to obtaining agreement in principle in advance to non-disallowance in anticipation of legislation here". Under the new constitution, Legco will be able to permit categories of Government employee to participate in elections.

Councillors could not agree with the proposal that members of the Falkland Islands Defence Force be unable to vote if on active service. HMG is requested to reconsider this clause.

The draft document allowed for the person presiding over Legislative Council, generally the Civil Commissioner, to authorise the participation of any person in Legco meetings. That person would, however, be unable to vote. Councillors said that agreement should be obtained from the rest of Legco before such invitations are issued.

There was, according to the Chief Executive, considerable discussion about the powers of the Civil Commissioner. The concern, he said, was not because of the way Sir Rex Hunt may use that power, but because of "what might be done by a less politically sensitive and autocratic successor".

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LITTLE CHAY

Dere Grayme,

The ole Penwing Newsance hassent got out hear yet, and me and Luke havvent got ennythink to reed, so sumtimes we lissen to you on FIRS. But thats only wen were not to tyred after a day in the saddle. Larst nite we hard yew say sumpin about income tax. Ole Luke thinks it means that there goin to bring in de-mock-racy, and us ilanders are goin to be treated like orl the other people wot dont have to pay tax. But I told him that Big Charley wuddent stand for ennythink like that, so we and ole Luke went up to the big-house to arsk mister Bob about it but he wos so bizzy fillin in the goose figgers that he cuddent tork about such silley things. Ennyway, we and Luke took our boots orf and waited in the porch till he wos finished. We had just finished our sekond game of krib wot mister Bob sent out to say he cud see us. He wos ever so nice, and arsked us wot it wos like trying to live in Stanley. He wos wondering how pore old ant Kelpie and Unkel Ben are managing to get there post kut now that the kutters are gettin paid so much by the OSAS people. Ennyway, we arsked him about wot yew wos sayin about tax, and he sed that orl it ment wos that goverment wos rejuicing it so thay can put up house rates & telly-phone & electckricity & and Rover licences and orl thos uther taxes we pay for livvin in towna. The boss out hear and ole Luke thort it wos a dam goode idear, but wot do yew think Grayme???

Must go now - i've gotter help Skinshed Moll with the cows.

Please giv my luv to Unkel Trecks and tel my mum i'm cummin back sumtime soon.

Lotsa luv, LITTLE CHAY (Still at Goosewing Creek, Back o' the Mountain).



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THUMBS UP FOR NEW CONSTITUTION (continues from page 2)

There were, however, no practical suggestions voiced by councillors for curbing the Civil Commissioner's powers.

Of the separate constitutions for South Georgia, the South Sandwiches and the Falklands, the councillors reluctantly gave their approval. It "is unpalatable but broadly accepted", said Mr. Taylor.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL - THE CONSTITUTION CONSIDERED

The Legislature reduce tax for some, abolish it entirely for others, introduce planning requirements for small farms, express concern about the airport, and (above all) pass the constitution.

The Legislative Council met for the first time this year in the Town Hall last Tuesday morning, the 15th January. On the agenda for the Councillors were a number of items including bills on income tax, family allowance and farm sub-division. And there were applications from UK based contractors at Mount Pleasant and Stanley for tax exemption. But perhaps the most important issue demanding the attention of the Islands' law makers was the new constitution for the Falklands and the related documents for the Dependencies. In his traditional opening address, Sir Rex Hunt, emphasised the importance of this matter.

"As far as I am aware, this is a situation without precedent", he said. "While there is no constitutional requirement for the draft constitutions to be laid on the table or approval by the Legislative Council, Her Majesty's Government have agreed that there should be the fullest consultation with honourable members so as to ensure that, when the new constitutions comes into effect, they do so with the full support and understanding of Falkland Islanders". He went on to point out that any suggested amendments made by councillors would be considered, but added that the British Government was not bound to accept them. He also told the Council that when the texts of the documents had been studied in Stanley and finalised in London, they would be laid before Parliament for ratification.

Sir Rex expressed the hope that the passage of the constitutions through Legco would be "trouble-free", and explained to Councillors that many of their reservations about the first draft of the document had been remedied by the British Government. He said, "Her Majesty's Government have already taken into account honourable members' comments made informally in joint councils. In particular, the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs has carefully considered Councillors' wish that the right to self determination should be enshrined in the new Falkland Islands Constitution". Consequently, it had been agreed that a passage is to be inserted at the beginning of the Constitution; namely Article one of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, which was adopted by the United Nations in 1966.

Referring to this addition, Sir Rex told the Council, "it is consistent with and reinforces the stand that Her Majesty's Government have always taken at the United Nations on the Islanders' right to self determination. As honourable members know only too well, Argentina does not recognise the Islanders' right to self determination, and the language proposed for the Falkland Islands Constitution is designed specifically to counter the Argentine position".

The proposed breaking of administrative links between the Dependencies and the Falklands had caused something of a furor, when the plan became clear last month. But, according to Sir Rex, this too had been remedied by the British Government. He told Councillors, "the administrative link between the Falkland Islands and the Dependencies is maintained. The Civil Commissioner will be ex-officio Commissioner for South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands, and will be under an obligation to consult the Executive Council of the Falkland Islands on affairs of those territories that might affect the Falkland Islands. I hope, therefore, that honourable members will agree that Her Majesty's Government have gone a long way to meeting their wishes and that they will be able to support the motion without substantial amendment".

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INCOME TAX AND FAMILY ALLOWANCE AMENDMENT BILLS

Proposed by the Financial Secretary, Harold Rowlands, the bill allowed for significant changes in the income tax system and family allowance payments. Percentages payable on some tax brackets would change, and untaxable allowances would in some cases be increased. The tax allowance for families was, however, to be abolished, but would be replaced by untaxable cash payments to parents.

The Bill was passed, but not before a few Councillors had expressed some concern about its effects. Said East Stanley Councillor, Bill Goss: "I've heard from the public. They claim they stand to lose under the new system". Councillor Tony Blake, had a similar message: "I've also had representations from people who feel they'll lose under this Bill, and I would like further discussion on this". Councillor John Cheek, however, had no such qualms about supporting the Bill. "I disagree with the member for Camp Division", he said. "Unless you pay 40% tax or above, you will gain by the system."

In answer to some of the Councillors worries, the Financial Secretary said, "I can't see that anybody can object. For 1984 everyone will gain".

Under the new ordinance, untaxed personal allowance will rise from £1500 to £2000. The allowance for a wife will rise from £900 to £1150, and that for a dependent relative from £500 to £650. The tax free allowance for children, will, however, be discontinued, to be replaced by an increased family allowance paid in cash to parents by the government. This is to rise from £7.50 per child per month to £15.00. The child allowance will, furthermore, no longer be subject to tax. This change in the family allowance structure was passed by the Councillors with little delay, but Councillor Tony Blake did have some reservations. "We don't have a balanced budget for this year, and I don't see how we can afford it", he said. The Financial Secretary was quick to reply: "As for whether we can afford it, we shall have to think up some scheme to raise more money in June."

The taxation brackets or "bans" have also been revised, and the new legislation means that some wage earners will pay less tax for the 1984 year than during 1983. The bans have been changed as detailed in the chart below:-

RATES OF TAX		PREVIOUS SYSTEM	NEW SYSTEM
On every pound of the first	£500	20%	£500 20%
" " " " " next	£500	25%	£500 25%
" " " " " "	£4500	30%	£6500 30%
" " " " " "	£2000	40%	£2500 40%
" " " " " "	remainder	50%	remainder 50%

The taxation system introduced last week has, it seems, been welcomed by most Islanders. While the higher wage earners stand to gain most from the newly arranged bans, all tax payers will gain significantly from the tax free allowances.

LAND SUB-DIVISION BILL

This ordinance to control the sale and use of land less than 500 acres in size, caused some lengthy discussion, but was eventually passed with only a minor alteration to one clause. David Taylor explained the Government's intention in introducing the bill. "In essence the bill aims to stop the acquisition of small plots of land for uses which are not in the public interest, and also to stop the speculative holding of land".

After discussion in committee, Councillors returned to the formal debate, agreeing that a "resident" for the purposes of the law then being considered, would be a person who had lived in the Falklands for a period of at least three years without being absent from the Islands during that time for a period in excess of 120 days.

Councillor Tony Blake proposed that the ordinance should be altered to cover properties of any size, but this was withdrawn when the Civil Commissioner pointed out that such an amendment would involve a long delay. The bill was passed with no further comment.

All intending buyers of land, with the exception of residents, must now apply to the Government in Stanley for a permit. They must specify the way in which they plan to use the property, and thereafter abide by the undertaking.

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P.N. VISITS HARDET

FULLY COMPREHENSIVE INSURANCE FROM THE FIGHTERS AT R.A.F. STANLEY.

You can always tell which is Tony Smith's Harrier. As he climbs up and away from the airfield, passing over Stanley, he always dips his wings - ever so slightly, but enough to let his friends in town know that it's him. Throughout the days flying in and out of RAF Stanley, you can expect to see that cheerful little maneuver at least once.

If you can tell which of the business-like little jets is piloted by Tony Smith, what you will never know, and what you are not supposed to know, is why he is flying that day.

The chances are that he is off to churn up a bombing range somewhere on West Falkland, or to rendezvous with a Phantom for an interception exercise high over the camp to see which jet can "bounce" the other first. But with the Argentine coast just twenty minutes away as the Mirage flies, there is always the chance that the weapons clinging tightly to Tony's dipping wings could be destined for a more deadly rendezvous. In the Falklands nobody forgets about the real job of Harriers and other aircraft.

"We don't have as many scrambles now as we did just after the war", said Squadron Leader Malcolm White, the Harriet commander. But of all the RAF detachments around the world, his is still the most prepared for war. It has to be. (cont'd page 8)



TOP LEFT: FLT. LT. TONY SMITH.

ABOVE: PILOT AND HARRIER READY FOR ACTION.

LEFT: Q.R.A. IN THE CREW ROOM.



HARRIERS Continued

The Air Force his pilots face is now stronger than on the eve of the Conflict and, in theory at least, they are still at war with the Argentine flyers across the water. "Depending on the level of the threat, each pilot manages to get away from Haret for about three days in every month," said Malcolm White.

For the other twenty-seven days, the pilots live, eat and sleep at the side of the airfield, never more than thirty yards from a line of fully armed Harriers; and all taking it in turn to sit around the crew-room on QRA (Quick Reaction Alert). The pressure is considerable, but, as Flight Lieutenant Nick Gilchrist explained, that is something you have to learn to accept in a job where time is measured in split-seconds. "Some people who come down here, start to crack up a bit just because they don't have anyone to wash their clothes for them," he said. "But the Harrier man is used to looking after himself."

In Nick's case, it is just as well he can look after himself. This is now his third tour of duty since the Conflict and during that time he has served a total of nine months in the Falklands. That adds up to a lot of split-seconds. And from Day One of his service in the South Atlantic, his job has had more than its fair share of pressure. A week before the end of the War, he flew down from Ascension Island to help in the final push on Stanley. A long haul over mid-ocean in a single-engined fighter would have been difficult enough. To find the Carrier Hermes at the end of that flight and then make his first ever landing on a flat-top, must have pushed the stress levels to their peak. And the pressure of spending the better part of a year within sprinting distance of a Harrier is powerful enough to be felt 8,000 miles away back at home. "My wife tends to get a little annoyed about the separation," he admitted.

Like the other 'jet jockeys', Nick has found ways of easing that pressure - simply getting away from Haret is one release. "It's great that we know people in town," he said. "We rely upon them to keep us sane." Tony Smith agreed with that remedy. "I think if you spent all your time here it would certainly be a lot harder. To get away is tremendous. But strange to say, flying also provides an escape. "The countryside is beautiful to look at. And there aren't as many red blobs on the map as there are back home, like airways, airports or controlled air space," said Nick. "When you're up there you can relax and really enjoy your flying."

The Falklanders too, enjoy that flying. "The settlements in the main love to see aircraft from time to time," said Malcolm White. One of the highlights during Christmas week was a flypast around the settlements by four Harriers in tight diamond formation. "The response from that was tremendous," he said. Perhaps that fondness for the little aircraft evolved because the re-assuring silhouette of the Harrier is still synonymous with liberty for Islanders. And for many of the children out in camp, who have become aspiring Harrier pilots, there has grown up the sort of relationship which exists between the pop idol and his fans.

"The Harrier's got the image of the Spitfire ... the light fighter. Whereas the Phantom's the big noisy beast," said Tony Smith. The pilots of Haret are quietly pleased with themselves that the more numerous Phantoms have failed to steal away from them the hearts and minds of Falklanders. "It's got this 'jumping bean' image which you get on the backs of cornflakes packets. There was a thing for a while with a description on the box on how to fly the Harrier," explained Malcolm White. "You don't get a Phantom on a Kellogg's packet."

FALKLANDER TO MEET ARGENTINES IN FEBRUARY

Alistair Cameron, The Falklands Government representative in London, will travel to the USA to discuss the Falklands dispute with academics and politicians from Argentina, Britain and the USA at two conferences next month.

The first meeting is scheduled for the 14th and 15th February at John Hopkins University, Washington. Six Argentines, including the former Foreign Minister Oscar Camillion, are expected to attend that meeting. Other participants will represent the South Atlantic Council. Alistair Cameron is to attend another conference at which the Falklands will be discussed, from the 18th to the 21st February at the University of Maryland. It is anticipated that Argentines will also be present at the Maryland conference, but this is yet to be confirmed.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL - continued from page 6.EXEMPTION FROM TAXES AND DUTIES

Seven companies or groups of companies had applied for the special exemption from taxes and duties which Legislative Council is empowered to grant. All of the contracting companies were eventually granted exemption from Harbour Dues, Medical Services Levy and income tax, but only Laing, Mowlem and ARC (the Mount Pleasant main contractors) were given permission not to pay customs duties on alcohol and tobacco.

It was an emotive subject, involving privileges which, to at least some extent, most councillors seemed to consider unjust. But there were few objections, and eventually each of the special bills was passed as proposed by the administration.

The discussion was most spirited during the consideration of the Mount Pleasant concession, although eventually the motion was passed unanimously. Most Councillors had some reservations, but accepted that if the concession was not granted, the charges for taxes and duties would simply be passed on to the British Government. Said Bill Goss, Councillor for Stanley East: "It seems very one-sided. We give and they take." He pointed out that great care must be exercised in ensuring that items on which duty is normally paid must not be passed on to persons other than those legally exempted from the law. Councillor Ronnie Binnie supported the motion because he felt the workers at Mount Pleasant used only facilities which they had created. However, he went on to strongly oppose lesser concessions for contractors based in Stanley. Councillor John Cheek supported the motion, but echoed the sentiments of Councillor Goss. He also pointed out that a few workers at MPA have children of school age in the Islands. If they use the schools, he said, they must be charged for the service.

James Brewster Associates, whose work on housing in the Falklands, is now virtually complete, had applied for exemption from all taxes with the exception of import duties. This request was granted against the wishes of Councillor Ronnie Binnie. He was forthright in his opposition to the concession, pointing out that in previous discussions, it had been agreed that the tax-free privilege would only apply to companies involved at Mount Pleasant. "I cannot accept the use of services without paying taxes or rates", said Mr. Binnie.

Councillor Bill Goss said that he also objected in principle, but felt that the Council must agree, as the concession had been incorporated into the original agreement with James Brewster. "I don't see any way out", he said. John Cheek also gave his support reluctantly, having altered his opinion since provisional approval was given in Standing Finance Committee. He told the PN later that he was not willing to go back on his undertaking. However he did formally oppose applications from other companies, whose applications had not received his favourable votes in SFC. "We agreed to do it originally, but wrongly", he said.

Councillor Tim Blake felt that a refusal to grant the concession could reflect badly on the Falklands. He said that it would be counter-productive for Islanders to be seen to take their "pound of flesh".

Approval of tax concessions (excluding customs duties on alcohol and tobacco) for the other applicant groups were passed with disagreement voiced by Councillors Binnie and Cheek. The groups concerned were: power station constructors Fairclough, Miller and Kelvin Catering; Stanley road builders Fairclough, Crown Agents and Grand Metropolitan; bypass road builders Fairclough-Miller; School Hostel builders Laing, Mowlem and ARC; and Ministry of Defence contractors Turner Diesel, Kelvin Catering, Bristow Helicopters, ITM Offshore and Amy Roadstone.

Councillor Binnie was particularly worried about companies employed by the MOD. He asked how the authorities could be sure that the civilian employees would not have access to NAAFI's duty free clubs and shops. In reply, the Military Commissioner said that NAAFI services are reserved for military personnel and other "defined people". He pointed out that civilians attempting to use the facilities are normally required to produce an identity card as proof of entitlement. "But clearly there is room for abuse", he conceded, adding that it would not be possible to make the system 100% efficient. The General did, however, say that he will take immediate action if cases of abuse are brought to his attention.

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THE MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT - THE COUNCILLORS SOUND OFF

Having been denied the opportunity to raise virtually any matter relevant to the government of the Falklands during the traditional motion of thanks at the beginning of the session (Sir Rex Hunt had dispensed with the formality in order to save time), most Councillors seemed eager to address the chamber during the motion for adjournment.

COUNCILLOR BILL GOSS (Stanley East) voiced his serious concern about the state of the economy and the outlook for the future. "It seems we are going fast towards grant in aid", he said.

COUNCILLOR TIM BLAKE (West Camp) said that he hopes the change of title for the Military Commissioner (he is to be known as the Commander British Forces under the new constitution) will not mean a break down of the good relationship between the military and civilian communities. He expressed his appreciation of the way General de la Billiere has fostered the relationship.

Councillor Blake went on to talk about the new airport. He said that although various international bodies, including the United Nations, had been told that the Mount Pleasant Airport is to be primarily a civilian facility with a secondary military role, Lord Trefgarne had said the opposite during his recent visit. "There has to be a specific commitment for us to use the airport", said Tim Blake, adding, "not just on an ad hoc basis".

COUNCILLOR RONNIE BINNIE (East Camp) agreed with his colleague from the West, and expressed his own fears about the economic health of the Islands. Evidently still angry about the tax concessions awarded to contracting companies in Stanley, he said he hoped that the Falklands Government will be consulted before such favourable conditions are written into future MOD and Overseas Development Administration contracts.

COUNCILLOR JOHN CHEEK (Stanley West) spoke of education. The Education Department, he said, is overcoming its post-war problems. "I believe the results are showing". He was disappointed that two extra class rooms for the Stanley Senior School will not be completed until early in 1986.

He reminded other Councillors of the number of small islands (such as the Jason and Passage groups) which are no longer being farmed productively. He suggested that a tax should be applied to such properties in an effort to make the owners invest in the land. "I think that conservation and sheep farming can go hand in hand", said Councillor Cheek.

The arrival of a third local pilot for the Government Air Service was welcomed, and was pleased to note that FIGAS will soon be totally run by Falkland Islanders. He recognised the valuable contribution of overseas staff, but pointed out that "our aim must be to dispense with OSA3 staff if possible".

COUNCILLOR TONY BLAKE (Camp Division) As a farmer who has recently taken over a section of the former Packe Brothers property, Mr. Blake was able to talk with some authority of the lot of smaller farmers. He was severely critical of new farmers who allegedly have been known to complain on occasions about long working hours and low income. "I deplore that form of criticism of the system", said the Councillor. But he had been encouraged by talking to the new farmers at Green Patch. They have a positive outlook, said Mr. Blake, and show a willingness to invest in their property.

He commended the people involved in development projects at Fox Bay East, Stanley. He cited the example of the Fox Bay power station, the foundations of which were laid some four months ago. Councillor Blake said that no work had been carried out since then.

He was also concerned about the planned road to Mount Pleasant. "Something has to be done to improve the standard of that road", said Mr. Blake.

COUNCILLOR HAROLD BENNETT (Stanley Division) said that the construction of a new prison must go ahead without delay, "in view of the increase in serious and violent crime".

Mr. Bennett, who was attending his first meeting as an elected Councillor, had criticism for the civil service. Some Government departments, he claimed, are over-staffed, to the extent that employees have nothing to do.

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Councillor Bennett expressed his appreciation for Mrs. Thatcher's New Year and Christmas message, and suggested that Councillors should send the Prime Minister a message of thanks.

HAROLD ROWLANDS (The Financial Secretary) As was to be expected from the man at the helm of the Falklands economy, Mr. Rowlands was concerned about the financial outlook. He was adamant that the Government must seize revenue from every source possible, and avoid total support and control from the United Kingdom. "We must get a tighter control on our expenditure", he said.

MAJOR GENERAL DE LA BILLIERE (The Military Commissioner) The General, who under the new constitution will retain a non-voting seat on both councils, was at pains to stress the importance of maintaining good relations with the civilian community, and emphasized his commitment to that task.

Of Councillors concern about the future of Mount Pleasant Airport, the General was conciliatory, but did remind the assembly that the project was being financed out of the UK defence budget. "I cannot give you more than general assurances", he said. "This airport will be available for Islanders to travel, and space will be found on the military aircraft from the very earliest days. This is a commitment recognised in the UK". He pointed out that access to parts of Mount Pleasant will be controlled for security reasons, and stressed that the Ministry of Defence will not pay for installations to be used purely by civilians. For that reason, he advised Councillors to carefully consider any control they intend to have at the airport. But General de la Billiere did voice general agreement for the idea of joint civil-military administration at MPA.

Of the road between Mount Pleasant and Stanley, the Military Commissioner said that it was being built to the minimum specifications required by the defence forces. "We propose to hand it over to the Falkland Islands Government in good condition", he added.

DAVID TAYLOR (The Chief Executive) Mr. Taylor also dwelt on that most crucial Falklands development; the airport. "Making the best use of the airport is probably the greatest challenge we face over the next few years", he said.

Government's support of development projects outside of Stanley had been criticised earlier in the session. About its involvement at Fox Bay East, the Chief Executive had this to say: "We were taking on more than we bargained for. It was very run down". But he added, "there is no lack of energy or commitment on my part."

Mr. Taylor clarified the cost of the proposed road from Ponies Pass to the Estancia. He denied that it would cost the entire budget for camp tracks improvement and said that the Director of Public Works had estimated the cost of road building by his department at £25,000 to £30,000 per mile. The cost for approximately nine miles should use up an acceptable proportion of the £2,000,000 roads budget.

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A CAMPER IS "EXILED"!

14th January, 1985.

Sir,

Exiled! That's what getting the sack in the camp means, when an employee has built his life up in good faith, living in a company's tied house. Now myself and family can no longer live in an area the same size as the Isle of Man, almost 220 square miles. My wife, an Islander, has lived virtually her entire life at Hill Cove. My children grew up at Hill Cove and they are as much a part of the farm as the farm itself. Now they have

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to go! All because I invoked the catch-22 ruling, which broadly means "thou shalt not answer the boss back, either politely or crudely, and shall endeavour to fulfill his every command without question, either in or out of farm hours - twenty-four hours a day".

That's what living in the camp is all about if you live in a company tied house. True, we get lots of perks, like milk, veg, meat and peat, but in some respects, in many respects, you pay dearly for it. It deprives you of your self respect, your dignity and your integrity as you bond your soul and body to the Big House lock, stock and barrel. I believe I have as much right, if not more right, to live here at Hill Cove, as I've done for the past nineteen years, than either of the two absentee owners who live permanently in the UK, paying just the occasional periodic visit to see "we are all happy".

In an age when the Islands boast of democracy, self determination and human rights in the United Nations, on these very farms those same people see to it that the Charter of Human Rights remains firmly ensconced in New York. It's a total farce, and it's about time this whole degrading aspect of camp life was brought to light, for it robs man of every vestige of dignity as he kowtows to the whims and fancies of managerialism under colonialism.

Is this what we're wasting our money for? To send our children into town just so they can return in X years with their CSEs and GCEs to kowtow to bosses who are acting for share holders 8,000 miles away? If it is, then the whole Falkland policy is just a sheer waste of money and effort, and we may as well roll the whole thing up here and now. I've obeyed every single idiotic order for the past nineteen years, and on Monday 7th I blew it. I blew it all down the drain, as I was finally sick of the whole hypocrisy that enveloped these shores. The only people who can look forward to a bright and better future are the owners and share-holders. Long may nepotism flourish behind the kelp reefs. I feel the whole sorry business of social being in these islands is a disgrace (in the camp), and those responsible should hang their heads in shame!

R.J. REEVES, ex-employee H&B Hill Cove.

SIR REX TO TOUR BRITISH ANTARCTIC TERRITORY DURING FEBRUARY

The Civil Commissioner, Sir Rex Hunt is to commence a month-long tour of the British Antarctic Territory, South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands on the 4th of February. HMS ENDURANCE, The Falklands official guard ship, will take Sir Rex and Lady Hunt to James Ross Island off the Grahamland Peninsula before cruising to Signy Island, the South Sandwich archipelago and South Georgia.

Sir Rex told the PN on the 19th, "It's my annual trip. It's traditional for the Civil Commissioner to go down to the British Antarctic Territory once in the season. I am going as High Commissioner of the British Antarctic Territory to have a look at my territory, and then on to South Georgia and South Sandwich because they are at the moment still under the constitution of the Falklands."

CORRECTION TO ISSUE NUMBER 72. In our last issue we indicated that the planned road connecting the Darwin highway with the Estancia is expected to cost £2 million - the entire budget for development work on camp tracks and roads. In fact the expenditure on this first stage of a network serving the North Camp should cost less than £300,000.

The Penguin News apologises for its mistake.

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FALKLAND ISLAND FOR SALE!

An ideal opportunity has arisen for anyone wishing to own property in Britain's most famous colony. A three and three-quarter mile long island off the north coast of West Falkland and a smaller islet have been offered for sale. Sedge Island, the larger of the two, comes complete with approximately 500 sheep, a house, shearing and bale sheds and a grass air strip.

But there is a snag - albeit a small one. The 1,000 acre self-contained farm is about seven miles from the nearest neighbouring occupied island, and the principle means of transportation must be by light aircraft of the Government Air Service.

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JEWKES NAMED AS NEW GOVERNOR

It was announced from Government House last Monday that the Foreign Office has named the man who is to succeed Sir Rex Hunt as Civil Commissioner of the Falklands and High Commissioner for the British Antarctic Territory. As from September 1985, the senior representative of the British

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PASSES NEEDED FOR GYPSY COVE ACCESS

Many residents of Stanley were delighted to hear on the local radio recently that Gypsy Cove had been declared safe by mine field experts, and could once again be used as a picnic and recreation area. However, civilians who tried to visit their favourite summer playground found that the cove is accessible only after obtaining written permission from the Royal Air Force.

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FALKLAND ISLAND FOR SALE (continued from page 1)

Wally McBeth, the present owner, came to the Falklands from Britain in the fifties. He says that the Island constitutes a worthwhile farm. "I lived there for fourteen years, brought up a family and raised the stock from around 250 sheep to 1,100", he said.

Despite the isolation, the new owner will have company - of a kind - if he or she decides to live on the island. Sedge is home to hundreds of Magellan Penguins, wild geese and two species of seal.

Mr. McBeth, who left Sedge to run his business from Stanley some years ago, has not named a price for the island. He said he is waiting to see what offers come forward.

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NEW GOVERNOR (continued from page 1)

Government in the Falklands will be Gordon Jewkes.

Mr. Jewkes is 54 years old, and joined the Foreign Office in 1968 as a first secretary. He served for some years in consular posts in the United States, and was Deputy High Commissioner in Port of Spain for three years from 1972. He is currently serving as Consul General in Chicago. Prior to joining the Diplomatic Service, Mr. Jewkes served in the General Register Office and the Civil Service Pay Research Unit. Mr. Jewkes was married in 1954 and has two sons. He is expected to visit the Falklands briefly before taking up his post in September.

Sir Rex Hunt will retire from the Diplomatic Service later this year. The charismatic diplomat who came to personify the Falklands during and after the war, was to have completed his period as Civil Commissioner, but his term was extended following requests from councillors to the British Government.

In the Falklands the change of leadership is being seen as inevitable but not entirely desirable. Sir Rex has achieved popularity here, and it is a common belief that his loyalty to Islanders acts as an effective foil to the machinations of civil servants and politicians in London. There is a certain amount of fear that Mr. Jewkes may be willing to carry out the policies of the Foreign Office regardless of their possible effects on Islanders. Said Velma Malcolm, secretary of the staunchly conservative Falkland Islands Committee, "I would hope that the new Civil Commissioner is someone who has sympathy for the Islanders, but I expect he'll be someone who is appointed by the Foreign Office because they know he is able to put over their policies, which are not always what the Islanders want." She feels that Sir Rex Hunt's departure will be a loss. "I think he is in sympathy with us. He's always been very approachable, and he's certainly pushed our case since the war."

Stanley Councillor John Cheek is also concerned about the impending change at the top, but he accepts that it is inevitable. "He's had a hard time down here", he said. "He's done a good job, he's fitted in well and most people will be sorry to see him go".

Islanders await their new Commissioner with some concern, and wonder if he will satisfy their requirements. As ex-councillor Stuart Wallace pointed out, "Sir Rex is a hard act to follow".

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PASSES NEEDED FOR GYPSY COVE (continued from page 1)

Anyone wishing to visit Gypsy Cove must now check in at the Education and Information Office at RAF Stanley, where passes are issued. A military spokesman said that there are three reasons for controlling access to the beach. Firstly, should an emergency situation arise, the identity of every civilian in the area would need to be known to enable easy evacuation. The check in also acts as a security measure in what the military describe as a sensitive installation. The need for conservation of wildlife in the area has also been considered. A record of visitors will enable the environment to be more easily controlled.

It is expected that the Ministry of Defence will release a statement on the matter this week.

RMB

LITTLE CHAY

Dere my mum,

I dont wanna cum back. Me an ole Lukes gettin on famus. Hes goin to teach me to be a reel kamper, not just ridin horses an killin sheep, but how to live it ruff in a cookhouse an how to get back wen yor rover brakes downe up in the mountains and orl yew have is a sheeth nife and a lenth of number 8 fencing wire. Hes also goin to show me howe to be nise to animals and not to kick them wen there jist as tyred as yew are. Ole Luke dont hold with theese nue-fangled fears about grass improvement. He sed he wunce rode for the Baa BF Ranch out west and thay got the idear of re-seeding the kamp and in a fue years the sheap count went up and the directors back there in ingland were ever so pleased with the boss for being so clever. Then thay got the bill, and now orl thats left is a baron hillside and the managers OBE. Ole Luke rekkons they'll never lerne.

Twice a week we ride out to Shankbone Valley for the goose count and then we do Beet Spade Inlet on the way home. Theres beene 2 goslings and a shedder missing for too weeks now, and mister Bobs getting sorta mad about it as the Gee Tea Ewe seems to think the count shud go up at this time of year. He's shore theres a bit of goose russeling going on from akross the vally, and hes aimin to head out there on Friday night with a posse. He sez he carnt take me cus old Paints not fast enuff an he wants the allisan for ole Luke. He will be ridin the big sine hisself, and I suppose Skinshed Moll will take the malacara mare. Ole Luke dussent like the idear. He thinks there'll be the most god-awful shoot out by sun-up.

By for now mum. I'm sendin sum milk in for Ant Kelpie and sum goose wings for yew.

Love, LITTLE CHAY xxx

TONGUE IN BEAK - A LOOK AT THE ALTERNATIVE NEWS.

THE WALLY OF THE YEAR AWARDS We always look forward to receiving our copies of Pleasant Times, the LMA site magazine. The last issue was especially amusing and newsy. Editor Neil Collins had listed seven finalists for the coveted Wally of the Year award. Some really do take the cake. For example:-

TOM RUSS, who narrowly avoided destroying the Main Hangar while blasting nearby.

ALEX SMITH, for auspicious devotion to duty in bogging research. Mr Smith was allegedly involved in the section managers' formation



TONGUE IN BEAK (continued)

bogging team.

JOHN McGUINNESS, who having been awoken by a false fire alarm, dressed and went for breakfast. He discovered at that stage that it was only 1.30 a.m. We should add that the WOTY award scheme is very definitely tongue in beak.

YPF ACHIEVE AN UNENVIABLE RECORD Old acquaintances Yacimientos Petroliferos del Estado (The Argentine state oil company), who supplied fuel to Islanders from their tank farm at the east end of Stanley, have at last achieved world fame. Our reader Neil Watson of Long Island recently noticed in the Guinness Book of Records that YPF made a world record trading deficit of US\$ 3,820,963,000 in 1984. The stock left behind after their hurried departure the following year couldn't have helped the company's financial recovery much.

PENGUIN NEWS LINKED TO FAMOUS REVOLUTIONARY During their recent visit to the Falklands, the BBC Pebble Mill television team spent some time filming around the HQ of the FI Defence Force. The resulting film showed the distinctive face of our editor peering into the camera from a sea of khaki and camouflage. Our ex-colleague, Dave Colville, who edited the now defunct FI Times viewed the resulting film in Southampton, and subsequently wrote to mutual friends here about the programme. The Editor, said Dave, who has never been slow to observe the humour in any situation, "looked just like an extra from a film of the life of Che Guevara." The disturbing thing about this is that we think the Ed has taken it as a compliment!

ROAD ACCIDENT CAUSES EXTENSIVE POWER CUT LAST FRIDAY

Much of east Stanley suffered a power cut last Friday morning after a road accident brought down cables at the junction of Philomel Hill and Crozier Place. Homes and offices were without power for some time, and the FIGAS office temporarily lost direct communications with its aircraft in camp.

According to eye-witness, Hamish McPress, the accident happened just after 10.00 a.m. He was in the Globe Hotel at the time, and through the window noticed a Volvo dumper truck belonging to Amy Roadstone Construction turning the corner towards the seafront. Apparently the vehicle did not straighten up after negotiating the corner and ran into a pole carrying power lines. The pole was ripped out of the ground, and a number of the cables were brought down across the road. "The cables were sparking straight across the road", said Mr. McPress. "There was a big buzzing sound, and I was really scared".

Public Works electricians were soon on the scene, and much of the affected area of town was re-connected to the power supply within an hour. But Bill Hills, the Director of Public Works, said that the area around the FIGAS and Customs Offices would be without power for much longer.

ARGENTINE BODIES GIVEN FORMAL BURIAL

RMB

The remains of two Argentine servicemen were found in a shallow grave on the Two Sisters during the first week of January. The bodies were given a formal military burial a few days later in the Argentine Cemetery at Goose Green a few days later. Father Monaghan of St. Mary's Catholic Church conducted the ceremony, and an army bugler played the last post. There was no way of identifying the corpses, and they were buried as unknown soldiers.

Personal effects found on one of the bodies are to be handed over to the International Red Cross for return to relatives who may eventually be traced in Argentina.

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Let us remind you again that this is your column; yours to grumble, praise and preach in. Let us have your letters about anything relevant to the Falklands. They can be signed or unsigned, but please be concise. We don't like editing letters, but sometimes have to. Go on, drop us a line.

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WHY ISLANDERS MUST BE INTERESTED IN THE OUTSIDE WORLD

11.1.85

Dear Graham,

I just received your issue reprinting Sir Rex Hunt's excellent letter addressed to Peter King at "Calling the Falklands", a programme I listen to very regularly (just as I read the PN). In the closing paragraph of this fine letter, Sir Rex voices an opinion that Falkland Islanders are not interested in the "domestic political scene in Britain" or the "spectacle of politicians trying to make cheap political capital out of the Belgrano issue."

I want to suggest why I think Islanders must be interested.

I've visited the Islands twice, working first on a magazine article (Smithsonian, 1984) and then a book (still in progress). I was impressed both times that everyone I met was highly knowledgeable about British politics and British dealings with the Falklands - but I was particularly impressed on the second visit, a year after liberation, because there was so much to keep up with. I think the new CTF, in concert of course with the FIBS "British Press Review", made it possible to stay so aware.

What this all comes down to is the effect that you have upon visitors from outside the islands - some of whom, of course, have power to improve or worsen your lives immensely. It comes to this: when they meet you, will you seem, to use a phrase I heard often in the Falklands, to have your "heads in the sand"? If so, your visitors will not respect you. Or will you seem "switched on"? If so, visitors will be far more likely to care about you.

In the team of Peter King, Leslie Wingrove, Kathleen Cheesmond, Jerry Timmins, Bob Berry and many others, you have a rare resource. They are first class professionals. But you should realise that they get few rewards from the BBC for their efforts. (Certainly their office - where they probably have less space to work than do the broadcasters at FIBS - suggest this.) After all, almost no one in Britain, or the world for that matter, ever knows whether CTF is digging up important people to interview or just playing Barry Manilow records. (And which is easier?)

Still, the CTF team remains committed to doing all they can for you. They make sure that you know not just your enemies but your enemies' arguments. And forewarned is forearmed. But if they begin to lose the desire to work for you, the islands could lose one of their strongest and steadiest allies.

I know that my voice counts for little, only that of an outside observer. But I hope that those of you to whom CTF speaks will let it be known, by letters to the PN or by letters to Peter King and Co. at Bush House, that you wish CTF to keep doing its best to report all the news it can: the good, the bad and the ugly.

Sincerely yours, FRED STREBEIGH, 393 Yale Station, New Haven, Connecticut, 06520, U.S.A.

EDITOR'S NOTE: We try to keep our comments to a minimum in this column, but this time cannot resist the temptation to endorse everything Mr. Strebeigh says.

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THE PENGUIN POST BOX (continued)

SOME WORDS OF WISDOM FOR LITTLE CHAY

21.1.85

My Dear Little Chay,

We were so pleased to read your letter which your mum brought down last night. It is nice to know that you are enjoying such a wonderful holiday in the camp, and I hope you will find time to write again soon.

Here in Stanley we have just heard about all the tax and duty concessions granted to the thousands of workers and businesses operating around Mount Pleasant and Stanley, and the doubts already being expressed about the restriction of seats on flights in and out of the Falklands once the airfield is opened. Uncle Ben and I went down to the Spit and Sawdust this evening, and I have never seen such a worried and unhappy gathering of Islanders. It has taken a few years, but I think that they are just waking up to the fact that they are now firmly listed as lower class citizens and must accept the insults that are hurled at them both verbally and materially. Firstly we find ourselves dubbed Bennies and Bloody Ungrateful Bastards, and now there is this tax discrimination. And just to add salt to the wound, they cannot understand why all these construction companies were granted such massive contracts without containing the usual clause which would require them to employ a percentage of local workmen on the various sites. Of course Big Charlie defends this by saying that if they did this then all the best workers would flock to Mount Pleasant for the pickings and there would be very few left to work on the farms. Well, what of it? I'm sure all the big farms and the absentee landlords are still wealthy enough to offer their valued workers a handsome bonus to stay with them.

What a far cry this is from the Ajax Bay bonanza of thirty years ago when the farms were actually required to provide workers for the business, and many of our people were able to reap handsome rewards for their efforts. This, of course, was before the stigma of OSAS crept into our community and when we had an active labour federation that spared no effort to protect the rights of the worker without being unreasonable in their demands. I seem to remember their slogan: FAIR & EQUAL PAY FOR A FAIR DAY'S WORK.

Little Chay, my boy, you are still very young and may not understand all I am writing, but you and your school mates will form the next generation of Islanders, if we are still here. The most important thing for you and your friends to do is to get yourselves well and truly educated. Perhaps not so much in the three R's, although they are very important, but to educate yourselves to the point where you can really understand what is going on around you, and, above all, to be able to express your feelings clearly and without fear.

If you really want to stay on in the Islands and remain part of that great British heritage, then kick up such a terrible stink that the powers that be fully realise that you and your people are an important and essential part of our community, and, as such, are fully entitled to receive the protection accorded to you under the United Nations Charter of Human Rights. Remember what happened only a century ago in South Africa. Now it is happening in South America.

I realise that there are several parts of this letter which will not be easy for you to understand. But don't take it up to the Big House and ask Mr. Bob to explain, as he will almost surely make a joke of it. Just call old Luke over into a quiet corner and ask him to help you to understand the full meaning of my words. Like me, he has lived for many years in these sometimes harsh but beautiful islands. He has seen many different administrations, but has never had to face the reality of what is happening now. Listen carefully to him, Little Chay, and heed his shrewd Falkland wisdom.

We all send you our fondest love and look forward to seeing you in Stanley for school in February.

Your affectionate Grandad BEN McBENNY xxx.

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THE PENGUIN MEETS THE SOUTH ATLANTIC COUNCIL'S WOMAN ON THE SPOT

ALAINE LOWE:- WE NEED GOOD RELATIONS & TALKS

"Nobody approaches us to ask what we are doing" said South Atlantic Council member Alaine Lowe who is in the Falklands on a month-long educational tour. The PN couldn't resist the challenge.

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The Argentine army is probably no more disliked in the Falklands than a group of British academics, parliamentarians and church leaders who advocate humanitarian gestures, peace and reconciliation. The unfortunate pacifists have become a focal point for the sort of suspicion which was in the past reserved exclusively for Foreign Office mandarins in Whitehall.

Despite claims of neutrality and obvious altruism, the South Atlantic Council is viewed as a highly organised and sinister league of fifth columnists. The "self appointed meddlers", whose utterances are greeted with there-they-go-again sighs, are, however, not ignored. The Falklands Government considers the group's compromising attitude such a threat to continued British rule that they have agreed to send an emissary on expensive missions to two conferences in the USA next month. It is hoped that Islander, Alistair Cameron's presence along with Argentines and SA Council members will ensure that the deliberations have no damaging effects.

Mindful of this icy reception awaiting in the normally friendly Falklands, it must, therefore, have taken a certain amount of courage for the Council's Research Officer and Coordinator, Dr. Alaine Lowe, to board the airbridge and fly south. Fortunately for this pleasantly un-sinister historian from the City University, London, her mission is not to convince Islanders that their views are mistaken, but rather to gather information and opinion that will be passed on to fellow Council members in the UK. Even so, it is rather like Daniel stepping into the lion's den.

Alaine Lowe was, of course, aware that she would receive a less than ecstatic welcome. "I can understand the suspicion", she said last Tuesday. But she does feel that the implied accusations of treachery are unjustified. She stresses that the SAC has never acted clandestinely against the Islanders. "Right from the start Adrian Monk (the FIG's first London representative) was informed what we were doing. When we have met with Argentines, we have always asked Islanders along." The invitations were rarely, if ever, taken up. "What I find a bit difficult", continued Dr. Lowe, "is that nobody here has ever approached us to ask what we are doing". The Council is, she believes, being condemned by people who have made no effort to understand it. As proof that her organisation is not in cahoots with the Argentines, Alaine Lowe pointed out that she is delighted that Alistair Cameron is to attend the meetings in the USA.

It is probably quite true that the Council has never tried to undermine the position of the Falkland Islanders in any covert way, but the basic premise of their thinking could not be more perfectly designed to threaten the typical Falkland Islander. "I must make it clear", said Dr. Lowe, "that the Council's view is that we must establish good relations so that talks can take place. We think that sovereignty has to be on the agenda because it is a central issue." That, she admits, is the bone of contention between the Islanders and the Council.

Whether Falklanders like it or not, the influential council members insist there is a real, almost desperate, need to restore a natural relationship between the Falklands, Britain and Argentina. The effects of the Falklands dispute are, they say, absurdly out of proportion to the scale of the actual problem. "We are concerned about the effect it is having on Britain's relations with South America, and how it seems to be distorting policies", says Alaine Lowe. The cost of maintaining the status quo is also disproportionate. "I think there is growing frustration that it seems to be a bottomless pit. Money is being poured into the military here, and the amount being spent on that is so much more than on civilian

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development. We do not think that the present arrangement (i.e. Fortress Falklands) can continue for long.

Alaine Lowe insists that the SAC has "no particular blueprint", but a carefully considered four part approach does exist. They hope that a series of development, initiated and nurtured by the Council, will eventually result in reduced tension, resumed negotiations and, perhaps, final settlement.

Except when dealing with Islanders, the most simple aspect of this approach is consultation. Council members have visited Argentina to discuss the problem with politicians and other relevant figures, while Argentines in Britain have met the group. Falkland Islanders have also been invited to meet members in London, and the present visit is a logical next step in the consultation process. Dr. Lowe believes that these informal talks have already born fruit. There is, she says, some indication that the Argentines may not be as unwilling to compromise as is thought. Important messages have also been passed in the opposite direction at such low profile meetings. Argentines of some influence have been told that a change in the UK Government would not necessarily mean a "U" turn in Britain's Falklands policy.

The second SAC initiative would involve a series of unilateral moves, individually of little importance, but if carried through, amounting to a significant reduction of tension. The Council is convinced that there is a general fear in Argentina that the military build-up here since the war is out of all proportion to the threat from Argentina. Graduated reduction on both sides could, they believe, restore mutual security and result in an atmosphere more conducive to negotiations. The proposed simultaneous moves have not been detailed yet, but the Council is expected to publish some suggestions in pamphlet form soon.

The problem of Argentine war graves is seen as something needing urgent attention. Alaine Lowe and her colleagues believe that a visit by Argentine next of kin under supervision by neutral international bodies would not only be a correct humanitarian gesture, but also politically expedient. Some of the edge would be taken off the hostile feelings that exist in Argentina, and the possibility of talks would be enhanced.

Finally, the Council believes it is necessary for Islanders to change the whole emphasis of the dispute. It is a vague concept that may have little chance of success, but the members believe that Islanders should base their claim on citizenship rather than sovereignty. The former commodity, Dr. Lowe believes, is a much more tangible and attainable one. She points out that the British way of life is seen by most Islanders as the most important item at stake in the dispute, and this could be guaranteed easily at the expense of sovereignty.

It's all fighting talk, of course, and no matter how rational the arguments may be to the neutral outsider, or how well intended the efforts are, few opinions will be changed. Dr. Lowe is finding, and will find, little sympathy in the Islands. So far, however, there has been little outright hostility, although one 2½ hour wrangle did, according to Dr. Lowe, "have a difficult beginning". She graciously added that she thought that person's approach was "untypical".

The climax of Dr. Lowe's mission is likely to be a meeting with the local branch of the Falkland Islands' Committee, the SAC's ideological opposite, which is scheduled to take place shortly before her departure in three weeks time. The discussion there should be spirited, to say the least. Asked last Thursday what her opinion of the SAC is, the FI Committee's Secretary, Mrs. Velma Malcolm, said, "I don't like it, and I don't think the Committee likes it. They're not representatives of anyone - they're a self-appointed body." Mrs. Malcolm's committee could not agree less with the SAC. "I do not believe that we must have relations with Argentina", she said. "Argentina ignored the Falklands for more than forty years, and we survived perfectly well".

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IN THE GARDEN with GREENFINGER - Strawberries Galore!

Looking around the Stanley gardens at this time of the summer, it's good to see such a promising crop of STRAWBERRIES developing. With the extreme scarcity of fresh fruit in the Falklands it seems a great pity that this delicious fruit can't be successfully frozen, but every time I mention this someone says NONSENSE! I wonder if some kind person would like to contribute a short item for next week explaining how this can be done. If you too are unable to freeze your strawberries you might like to turn them into jam. Have a go at the excellent recipe on this page which was kindly supplied to the PN by a friend with a sweet tooth like mine. Meanwhile let's look ahead again and start preparing a plot for next year's strawberry bed. Strawberries love rich and damp soil so don't spare the manure if you can find any. At this time strawberries are throwing out runners in all directions and most should be cut off. But don't forget to leave the best of these for transplanting into the new plot next month. I am told the second and third strikes are useless for transplanting, so play safe and take only the nearest sets from the parent plant.

Don't forget to sow those LETTUCE which I mentioned in an earlier PN. Also it is a good idea to throw in a row of RADISH for late use in March. I know one gardener who planted radishes at this time and took all the prizes at the Horti Show! Perhaps you too could be a radish king.

STRAWBERRY JAM

Ingredients: $3\frac{1}{2}$ lbs of strawberries. Juice of one large lemon (lemon extract such as Jif will do). 3 lbs sugar.

Method: Heat the strawberries and lemon juice gently in a pan, stirring constantly to reduce the volume. Add the sugar, and boil until the setting point is reached. Remove the scum. Leave the jam undisturbed to cool until a skin forms on the surface and the fruit sinks (about 20 minutes). Stir gently to distribute the strawberries. Pour into warm, dry jars and cover immediately with waxed discs. Tie down when cold. Yield: 5 lbs of real Falklands jam!

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THE FALKLANDS WELCOMES A NEW VET

Veterinary Surgeon Dennis Lampard, newly arrived from the UK, has taken up the post of Government Vet in Stanley. Mr. Lampard arrived in the Islands on Christmas Eve with his wife, Elizabeth, and their eleven month old son, Sam.

Dennis has been in practice for the past eight years. His first job was in the Peak District of Derbyshire where his work involved treating both farm animals and domestic pets. It seems this experience will prove invaluable in the islands where his work caters for a similar mixture of farm and domestic patients.

But if anyone has a sick elephant or lion, then Dennis can also be called on for help, because for the past two years he has been working in Zimbabwe. In deepest Africa, his rounds included a 70,000 head cattle ranch covering a million acres. He also faced the challenge of inspecting elephants before they were exported to zoos in America, and on one occasion treat a lion for a sore paw. "After it was tranquilized, it was like a moggy in front of the fire," he said. Strangely enough, one of Mr. Lampard's first patients on arrival in the Islands was a kitten belonging to the PN's Editor which also had a sore paw (the cat, that is - not the Editor).

Denis Lampard expects to be seeing a lot more cats in his surgery during his two or three year stay in the Islands. "Obviously, cats seem to be the in thing in Stanley," he told us. "There are very few dogs here and luckily I like cats. If I didn't like them, I wouldn't have known what I'd let myself in for."

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DR. MARSDEN NEARS END OF HIS FALKLANDS DUTIES

Dr Bruce Marsden, the Senior Medical Officer, plans to leave the Falklands on the 5th February at the end of his period as a locum at Stanley's civilian hospital.

Dr. Marsden told the PN last Friday that he hopes to return to locum duties at his old practice in mid-Devon, and later visit his daughters who are nurs-

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ing in South Africa. He described his second period in the Falklands as "an enjoyable time", and added, "I've had a wonderful welcome wherever I have been." Although he is uncertain about working again in the Falklands, he hopes to visit his friends here again before too long. "I'd like to come down when the new hospital opens", he said.

PLANS FOR NEW HOTEL - THE GREAT BRITAIN RETURNS.

Stanley businessman, Fred Clark, looks likely to become one of the first people to develop a plot of ex-FIC land on the Darwin Road near Fitzroy. He plans to build a seven-bedroom hotel on his 50 acre plot just six miles from the Mount Pleasant Airport.

Mr. Clark told us that he thought of the venture just after the war, when the FI Company announced their plans to sell the plots of land. The pre-fabricated hotel, which is being built by the Bristol-based company, Tilden Industries, is to be shipped to Stanley on the 20th February, and should arrive around a month later. Fred Clark optimistically expects the building to be ready to take its first guests by the end of April. Business, he hopes, will come mainly from contract workers and advisors from the UK seeking recreation while in the Islands.

The enterprising Englishman who has lived in the Islands for some years, has chosen a maritime theme for his hotel. After the great ship which almost ended its days in a secluded Falklands cove, he is calling his hotel the Great Britain. Now he is searching for any artifacts from Brunel's great steam ship that may remain in the Islands. Fred Clark points out that by adopting the name, history will, in a sense, have gone full circle. The steamship GREAT BRITAIN was salvaged from Sparrow Cove some sixteen years ago and returned to Bristol, where it had been built over one hundred years earlier. Now the Great Britain Hotel is being built in Bristol and shipped to the Falklands.

The venture is expected to cost around £40,000, and the Development Corporation and the Standard Chartered Bank are to help Mr. Clark meet the bill. "I've had a lot of support from the Development Corporation and the government in general", he said recently.

The Great Britain Hotel will not only offer accommodation. Subject to the usual licensing laws, the intending hotelier will also operate a bar for non-residents, and eventually offer evening meals. "When the road's finished", said Mr. Clark, "people will be able to drive out in the evenings, have a meal and a drink in comfort and then return home." And if business is so good that the premises are not large enough, then the solution is simple. Extension units can be ordered from Tilden Industries, and bolted on to the existing building.

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SIMON POWELL DECIDES TO LEAVE, BUT NOT FOR GOOD

Local businessman, Simon Powell, is making final arrangements for his departure from Stanley. He and his wife, Sarah, plan to return for the UK on the 9th March aboard ss UGANDA by that time all of Mr. Powell's financial and business affairs will have been tied up.

Following his advertisements in the Islands, Mr. Powell has now found buyers for most of the equipment and accessories which he has accumulated since his arrival in the Islands sixteen months ago. He told us, though, that he will still be keeping ownership of the house and the adjoining bakery on John Street. They will continue to operate under local management. Although the sale has not quite gone according to plan, Simon Powell is pleased with the outcome.

The kitchen equipment for his mutton-burger take-away business has been sold off separately to Stanley residents, UK contractors and the Military. "We've sold about half of the equipment to Kelvin Catering and the Army, but what's nice about it is that we've also sold half to the locals," he told us. At first Mr. Powell had advertised the take-away as a going concern and had wanted someone either from the Islands or from the UK to come forward with an offer to buy and run the business as it was. "But there was no reaction to

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it. It seems now that no-one wants to come out here and invest their money," he added.

Mr. Powell was also surprised that no-one wanted to make an offer for the premises with a view to setting up some other type of business venture. He said, "It's in an ideal location. I think it's slightly odd that no-one took it up to use as a shop." Consequently, Simon Powell has now decided not to sell the property which he bought when he first arrived here. Instead, he has secured a two year lease from the MOD Command Secretariat who will use the premises as accommodation for members of the Garrison Police Unit based in Stanley. "With the police in it, we can be sure it'll be in safe hands!" He said he is pleased with the arrangement, and told us that the lease had been based on what he termed as the "standard rate" for property in town.

With substantial investments still in the Islands, the Powells will be maintaining an active interest in the local scene. Simon told us that he will be returning to the Islands for a six-week stay in a year's time. Meanwhile, the couple have a number of business ideas which they hope to follow up in the UK.

It seems that they will now be well equipped to tackle those projects after time in the Islands. In an earlier interview with the PN, Mr. Powell told us, "When I leave, we will have about broken even, but will have gained a tremendous amount of experience." As for any future business in the Falklands, the Powells are keeping their options very much open.

POLICE FILE ... POLICE FILE ... POLICE FILE ... POLICE FILE ...

In the Magistrate's Court on 22nd January, William Davies a Merchant Seaman serving aboard the Merchant Providence, appeared on two charges following the discovery in his cabin of what was alleged to be property stolen from Kelvin Catering installation at Mount Pleasant. On the first count, Mr. Davies was charged with stealing two tracksuits worth £35 and on the second, was charged with receiving stolen goods knowing or believing them to be stolen goods. William Davies pleaded not guilty to both offences.

The Police presented no evidence for the prosecution on the first charge but did give evidence on the second, that of receiving stolen goods. Sergeant Morrison told the presiding JP's, Jessie Booth and H.L. Bound, that he had carried out a search of the Merchant Providence. He told the court that in the cabin of William Davies, he found two track-suits still in their cellophane wrappers. When asked about the articles, Mr. Davies was said to have explained that he had bought them from a shop and had paid £19 for them.

In Mr. Davies' defence, the Captain of the Merchant Providence came forward as a character witness. He told the Bench, "He's one of my best seamen. He's skilled at his job, and I've had no trouble at all from him." In passing sentence, the Chairman of the Bench, Mrs. Jessie Booth, said "We take into consideration your good character and think you'll learn from this not to buy property which is obviously stolen." Mr. Davies was found guilty of receiving stolen property and ordered to pay a £50 fine.

In a second case heard in the Court on the same afternoon, John McCann, a worker at Hillside Camp, was charged with assaulting Colin Wickham, occasioning actual bodily harm on the 22nd January. Mr. McCann submitted a plea of guilty to the Bench.

In giving evidence, PC Roberts of the Stanley Police said that on the night in question at 11.15 pm, Mr. Wickham was in the toilets of the social club at Hillside camp when the assault occurred. He told the court Mr. Wickham was punched about the head and face by a man who he did not recognise at the time. In the attack Colin Wickham, who is a Project Manager at the camp, sustained bruises and cuts to his face, one of which bled profusely and needed stitches.

In mitigation McCann told the court, "I'm sorry for this ever happening. I don't know why I did it. I think I just had too much to drink." Mr. McCann was fined £200 by the Bench.

YOUNGSTERS ABANDON SEARCH FOR GOLD

The group of a dozen youngsters expected to stay in the Islands for three weeks as part of the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme, will not now be coming; at least in the foreseeable future. The trip to the Islands, which was being organised by the North Hertfordshire branch of the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme, would have involved twelve youngsters taking on a number of projects and activities including a hiking expedition in camp with three adult group leaders.

The three-week trip would have allowed the group to win their gold D of E Awards but now the project has been postponed due to problems with the group's travel arrangements. It seems that the group was told that there were insufficient seats on the Airbridge only one week before their proposed departure date. They had already been granted subsidised fares by the Government and they had put up the balance of the money by raising funds themselves.

According to FCO First Secretary, Michael Smith, Government House had advised the group to book their flights on the Airbridge well in advance. "We advised them to book their passages with the MOD last summer," said Mr. Smith. It appears, however, that the organisers had only contacted the Ministry of Defence in December ... less than two months before their planned departure from Brize Norton. Besides leaving too little time for seats to be arranged by the MOD, Mr. Smith added that the Ministry did not want to set a precedent for transporting such groups, as they fear a flood of similar requests from other adventure seeking parties of youngsters.

Scout Leader, Philip Middleton, who is acting as the Duke of Edinburgh Award Liaison officer, was angry about the FCO attitude, told us that an FCO spokesman had reportedly informed him that they did not want the group in the Islands as they would then be followed by a host of other parties. "We should be allowing groups to come down here or, being Islands, we'll become isolated from the outside world," said Mr. Middleton. "If they can't come on the Airbridge, then they should be informed right at the beginning before they put all their hard work into the fund-raising effort." Philip Middleton added that he has just sent off a letter enquiring into the possibility of booking flights for his Task

Force North group at the end of August. In the light of the apparent reluctance to take adventure groups on the Airbridge, Mr. Middleton said it would be interesting to see the outcome of the enquiry.

PUBLIC WORKS BRIEFING

This week we begin an occasional series of articles, keeping you in touch with the various jobs being undertaken by the PWD. For the first of the series Rob McBride talked to the Director of Public Works, Bill Hills on the progress being made with improvements to the town's electricity supply and on the planned camp track development programme recently approved by Executive Council.

Of all the works currently being undertaken in town, the first priority as far as the PWD is concerned, is the improvement of electricity generation and distribution in Stanley. The Director of the Department, Bill Hills, told us that the project will make an enormous difference to the reliability of the electricity supply. "I'm very happy with the progress of the work at the power station," said Mr. Hills. The foundation work for the extension to the existing station is now complete and the steel superstructure, which is being erected by Andrew Dick and Son of Scotland, will soon be ready to house the new generators arriving next month.

"They'll mean a doubling of capacity at the station," said Bill Hills. He expects that the new units will be commissioned in time to cope with the increased demands placed on the electricity supply over the winter months. Also, by that time, the PWD plans to have laid an underground mains supply from the power station to the centre of town which will ease the burden on the system in that part of Stanley. As far as work on the power station is concerned, the PWD is taking very much a supervisory role over the operation, but next spring they will take a greater participation when work begins on the 2nd stage of the new power distribution system around town.

Instead of the present and often unreliable overhead feed system, Stanley is to get an underground ring main to supply electricity consumers. The contract for the laying of the mains is expected to be awarded to a UK Contractor next month. Working alongside that firm, will be a team from the PWD who will be connecting

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up individual houses and buildings with the new mains. To minimize any inconvenience, the new ring main will be laid principally under pavements but Mr. Hills said that parts of the circuit will have to be buried under roads. "That's why we've left roads like John Street unrepaired. We'd only have to dig them up again next November," he told us. Overall, the project is expected to cost £3.3 million and is being paid for by British aid money.

Funds from the same source will settle the bill for the construction of the road from Pony's Pass to Estancia. The plan to build the 9.2 miles of stone track was recently agreed by Council and is estimated to cost £320,000. Provided the plan is given ODA approval, the Public Works Department road gang of five men, could start on the road next April. Their task is not an easy one. The finished road will be an all-weather stone track and not an earth track. Consequently, the team will have to lay the foundations on bed rock all the way across camp, the material for the road being brought up from the quarry near Pony's Pass. Trevor Browning will be in charge of the teams working at the quarry and on the road, and the track is expected to take two and a half years to build. When it is complete, Mr. Hills said that it will be possible to extend the network to San Carlos, but he stressed that at the moment this is only a proposal.

F.I.G.A.S. THE "WEEKEND SPECIAL" CATCHES ON AT MOUNT PLEASANT.

The Government Air Service have found an unexpected but welcome source of income from the men and women working on the Mount Pleasant Airport site. A week ago, a group of nine workers from the site clubbed together to charter one of the FIGAS Islanders for a sight-seeing tour around West Falkland.

Civil Aviation Chief, Gerald Cheek, told the PN that the excursion lasted around five hours, flying to various parts of West Falkland. The aircraft made a number of stops at settlements, allowing the nine passengers to walk about, taking in the wildlife and scenery of some of the more beautiful parts of the islands. The group were in the air for two hours during the day which, at a cost of £350 per flying hour, came to £700. Split between the nine tourists, it comes to a relatively small price for a day to remember. And for FIGAS, it is all money in the bank for the use of an aircraft which would otherwise have spent the weekend in a hangar.

Now it seems that more people at Mount Pleasant are taking up the novel idea. Over the weekend, a second private charter was organised by a group of workers who also wanted to go settlement hopping around West Falkland. "They got in touch with us to organise the trip and we contacted a few settlements for them which they wanted to see," said Gerald Cheek. Three stop-off points were chosen for the trip - Carcass Island, Hill Cove and Chartres. At the first two of these landings, the passengers were able to see and photograph the wildlife, while at Chartres, the group were given the chance of discovering where they get their woolly pullovers from by watching a shearing gang at work.

Gerald told us that more enquiries are coming in from the MPA and soon the 'Saturday Special' could be a regular departure from the airstrip at East Cove.

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It was disturbing to learn of the serious financial problems facing Everards' Penguin Brewery. Two years ago the enterprise seemed a shining example of the post war potential of the Falklands, but now the firm's demise seems more than likely. As the told-you-so sceptics, whose pessimism does so much to under-mine any enterprise, add Penguin Ale to Ajax Bay and

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- AND LOTS MORE -

Penguin Ale On The Rocks ?

Everards Brewery executives are expected to decide soon whether their subsidiary, the Penguin Ale Brewery, will continue to operate. The business has been less than successful since its inception two years ago, and the firm is now going through a serious crisis which will decide its future.

Penguin Ale's Manager, "Firkin" Phil Middleton gave the PN the following statement last Thursday.

"The situation report can hardly be described as rosy. The trade level has now reached half that required to reach the break-even point, and with the recession in the UK, there are sinister suggestions of a close down unless there is a rapid increase in trade or money can be found to continue operations. But we are not giving in yet. Penguin Ale may be an endangered species, but it is far from extinct".

In a later conversation with the PN Editor, Mr Middleton said that Everards UK Managing Director, Anthony Morse, has met with Simon Armstrong of the Development Corporation during the latter's business tour of the UK. The two men almost certainly discussed the future of the Stanley

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brewery. Meanwhile, another Everards executive, Ron Barclay, is visiting Stanley. He is looking in detail at the brewery's operation and assessing the future of the enterprise.

Phillip Middleton said that there are several reasons why the firm has been unable to meet the required production figure of 500 barrels per year. Consumption of Penguin Ale and Lager among the military community has not been as high as was expected, and at least one giant UK brewer exporting to the Falklands has been able to secure an arrangement with the NAAFI organisation which effectively excludes the Penguin brewery from the market. "Obviously NAAFI is not taking as much as predicted, and that's been a blow", said Mr. Middleton. He is disappointed that the huge Courage brewing concern has such an advantage over his firm. "They can get it into the Islands cheaply, and the NAAFI is geared to using the Courage product. That's really what we are fighting against." The local brewer added that Penguin has been unable to break into another major market to any great extent. Mount Pleasant Airport Site, with a population approaching two thousand has remained largely unexploited, mainly because of the difficulty of transportation. Beer firkins and polybins cannot be transported to the site over-land because of the uncompleted road, and air freighting by the Government Air Service causes a serious price rise to the consumer. The small aircraft of FIGAS would, in any case, be unable to carry enough beer to satisfy the demands of the several bars.

"It's silly to say we have packed in", said Mr. Middleton. "But the writing is on the wall. It's decision time". Of his employers in the UK, Phil Middleton said: "They have struggled for two years, and they are not prepared to struggle for much longer unless they can see a dramatic increase in trade."

The irony of Everards situation is that they have succeeded in making Penguin real Ale and Lager acceptable alternatives to the ubiquitous "dead" canned, imported lagers. As Phil Middleton explains, no one regards a customer strangely if he or she asks for a pint of Penguin. Competition which he has described as unfair, lack of support by influential commercial bodies, and the difficulties of transport, have brought about the present life or death crisis. "People do want the beer", said Phil Middleton. There is a place for a quaint little brewery in a quaint little town. But who is going to foot the bill?"

That is a question which will be occupying the minds of pub-goers and Everards executives over the next few weeks. The Penguin is a seriously endangered species, and only large scale support is likely to save it from imminent extinction.

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Alginates on their lists of failed industries, the outlook for future exciting projects here becomes more dim. Everards could have been the company to prove that industries other than sheep farming can succeed.

The worst of it is that Penguin Ale could have been far more successful if organisations supplying the most important beer drinking sectors of the community had shown more sympathy and support for local enterprise. The beer is popular, but few drinkers are given the choice between imported brands and the local. The hostility has at times verged on conspiracy.

The Brewery could yet be saved, to become a fine example of how successful investment in the Falklands can be. But there is not much time, and some attitudes had better change rather quickly.

SPORTS ASSOCIATION LUCKY PROGRAMME NUMBER People who bought programmes at the Stanley Sports Association's Christmas meeting entered a free sweepstake. Each booklet was numbered, and the holder of the lucky number was to receive £15.00. The number has now been drawn, and is 330. The holder can collect the prize from Mr. Jimmy Stephenson.

LITTLE CHAY

THIS WEEK Little Chay's mum uses the good offices of the P.N. to write to her son, who is enjoying a holiday in the camp.

Dear Little Chay,

How nice of you to write to us so often. We were pleased to hear that you are getting on so well with old Luke and that Mr Bob seems to be so kind to you. Your dad often talks about the days he spent in the camp when he was a young man. In those days the managers weren't so nice, and insisted on being called sir.

You were never allowed to speak to them with your hat on. Dad says he once got the sack for forgetting to take off his hat, and the only way you could get off the farm was to borrow a horse or walk. So he decided to walk to the next farm to see if he could get another job. Just as he was getting down through the horse paddock, the boss called him back and gave him a letter from the other manager. But dad's pard had been caught like that, and every time he was sacked and took a letter on to the next farm manager, he never got a job. So dad decided to keep the letter and managed to get himself a job as house boy and colt tamer.

Here in town the place is buzzing with excitement about a mysterious woman who just arrived. Someone thought they saw her the other day but no one can be sure. However she is here somewhere as we all heard her on the box last week, and she was saying that she really wants to meet as many islanders as possible, just like all the other important visitors that have come down here. Uncle Ben thinks we must be a very elusive lot as they never seem to find us. Anyway, it seems that she just wants us all to love our neighbours. Apparently all those people who came over here in 1982 didn't really mean any harm at all, and were just wanting to introduce us to a new and better form of government which was so simple that it didn't even need a council. I guess it was all just a big game. How foolish we were to get so worried about all those dreadful guns and knives they carried around with them.

Some people say the strange lady has gone off to camp, so if you see her out there please tell her how sorry we are for being such a problem, and thank her for coming all this way to settle this dreadful misunderstanding.

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THE WOODBINE - ONE YEAR ON, AND STANLEY'S FISH AND CHIP IMMIGRANTS ARE
A SUCCESS STORY

Apparently it all began just after the War when Ted Needham, then Chairman of Coalite, was interviewed on television. He said that, among other things, the Falklands needed people to provide dry cleaning and even fish 'n chips. Of all the millions who were watching that programme, the words "fish 'n chips" meant much more than just ten pence worth with salt and vinegar. For Dave and Pauline Hawksworth, it meant a thriving little take away business in Barnsley. And with Ted Needham's next utterance, that plots of FIC land were up for grabs, it also meant the chance of starting a new life thousands of miles away in the South Atlantic.

As the idea developed in their minds, they became more and more interested in making the big move. "When you've got a family to think of, though, you can't go rushing into these things," said Dave. So, in January 1983, he left the cold and damp of a British winter and stepped off the Airbridge into the Falkland sunshine for a good look round the place before any final decision was made. During his visit, he began to realise that a lot of work would have to be done before the 'Open' sign could be put up in the window of a fish and chip shop. To get the fish needed, was by no means as simple as going off to the dockside fish market in the morning; you had to catch it yourself. Similarly, there were very few of the all-important potatoes, and those which did exist were grown in back gardens. The most immediate problem, however, was that of accommodation. Throughout his three week stay, he had been unable to find anywhere which would house himself, his family and his business. It was only on the very last day before his departure that Dave managed to find the premises he wanted. That was not only a lucky day for the Hawksworths, but also a lucky one for fish and chip eaters in Stanley. Dave told us, "If we hadn't found this place, then we wouldn't have come down."

As it was, the decision to move was made. Remembering, though, the age-old saying "Fools rush in where angels fear to tread," it was not until later in the year that the Hawksworths finally arrived with their baggage and container-loads of equipment to set up shop. In that time, someone did "rush-in" complete with a red and white fish and chip van. He looked as though he was going to corner the market and make it impossible for the Hawksworths to start their business, but the saying was proved right when the rushing in was indeed seen to be "foolish". The potential competition returned to the UK with accusations of "unfriendly Islanders", in a blaze of publicity which was just as sensational as when his high profile departed from UK. Dave and Pauline admit to having had second thoughts about their project when they heard of the fish 'n chip van failure. "People kept coming into the shop with the news," said Pauline. "They'd say 'Did you see that bloke on the telly last night? You're not going out there are you?'"

But they did and last Thursday saw the first anniversary of the day on which the fryers were first switched on. The fat has been bubbling ever since. To keep the Woodbine going, and going successfully where others have failed, has meant a great deal of initiative on the part of the Hawksworths. Initially, the potatoes had to be brought in from UK until an arrangement could be worked out with a supplier in South Africa. The fish has to be caught locally and stocked up in the deep freeze to keep the cafe supplied over the winter months. Amid all this work, they have also been importing fruit from South Africa via East Cove, requiring Dave to make several trips to and from East Cove every time the ENGLAND comes in from Cape Town.

All in all, they say that they are now in the happy position of being accepted into the community by the supposedly "unfriendly Islanders". "We wouldn't go back to the UK now," said Dave. "In a year or two we might go back for a holiday but this is our home and this is where we'll stay." As for the future of the Woodbine, Dave and Pauline are, quite rightly, being careful where they tread. For the moment they are not planning any great changes in their operation and, while they are watching with interest what the Coastal Pioneer is netting from sea bed, crab 'n chips is still a long way off from being included on the menu. "No, we're not thinking of any changes yet. We realise that fish and chips is our 'bread and butter'", said Dave.

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Falkland Islands.

LITTLE CHAY (continued from page 3)

Big Charlie says that she's probably a very nice person and we should be grateful for people like her who can settle disputes so easily. He says that when she goes back she will most likely take her team to Northern Ireland and settle that problem, and then she'll spend the next weekend sorting out the coal miners and employers. Then there won't be any more hatred and bitterness. Wouldn't that be wonderful?

Come back soon, darling. We all miss your snivelling so much.

Lots of love, MUM xxx

NEWS NEWS

LOCAL TRADERS ASSOCIATION VOICE CONCERN ABOUT ACCESS TO NEW AIRPORT.

Representatives of the Traders' Association met with the Civil Commissioner, Sir Rex Hunt, at Government House last Thursday evening. The Association had requested the meeting to discuss a number of points raised by traders about their possible involvement at Mount Pleasant Airport after its opening in three months time.

According to the Association's Secretary, Tony Chater, the Traders wanted to know what access the civilian population will have to it. Apparently a number of businessmen in Stanley are concerned about rumours that the Ministry of Defence do not intend to allow them access to the complex. "Obviously all the traders want to know whether we'll be allowed to operate and whether we will be allowed through the gates", said Mr. Chater, he stressed that it is not just the shopkeepers who are concerned, and that hoteliers and others who can provide services at the airport also have a vested interest.

"We just wanted answers to our questions", said the secretary. "We are interested in opening the gates as wide as possible, for as many people as possible." The delegation of traders met with a fairly favourable response from Sir Rex, who stated that he supported the aims of the Association. Tony Chater told us, "we were satisfied that he (Sir Rex) answered all the questions which he was able to answer". The delegates will report back to the next full meeting of the Association to discuss the outcome of the meeting.

However, a number of points are still to be answered, and many businessmen remain concerned about the attitude which might be adopted by the MOD in respect to management of the airport. "We (the traders' Association) feel that it's our airport, and the military are only here temporarily", said Mr. Chater. He said that his colleagues are worried that the MOD may take the view that the airport is their property, and act in the interest of the military community without giving due consideration to the civilian population.

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L.M.A. MAN DIES AT MOUNT PLEASANT

An employee of the Laing, Mowlem and ARC involved in the construction of the new airport at Mount Pleasant, died in the early hours of Wednesday morning last week.

Roy Andrews, a 44 year old works foreman, went to the Mount Pleasant medical centre just after 3.00 am complaining of pains in his chest. During an examination by the resident doctor, Mr. Andrews suffered a convulsion, and died less than an hour later. The cause of Mr. Andrews' death was determined to be a coronary seizure.

The body is being returned to the United Kingdom for burial.

EDITOR'S NOTE: We extend our sincere sympathy to Mr. Andrews' family and colleagues.

LARGE SCALE EXERCISE IMMINENT

The Public Information Office, HQ British Forces Falklands, announced last

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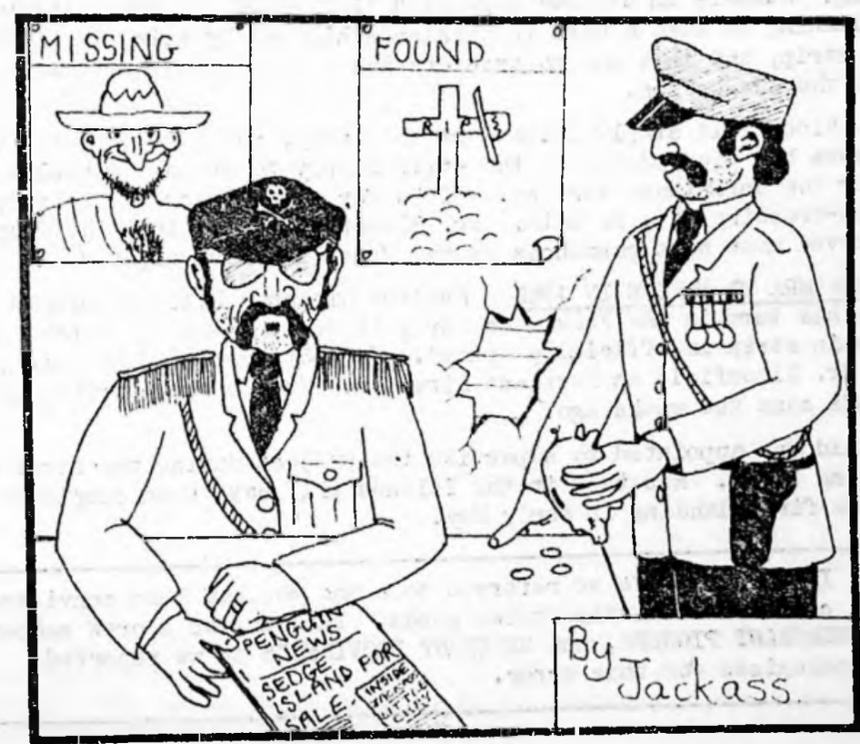
The Camber Railway, which ran between the naval depot on the Camber and the Wireless Station at Moody Brook from 1915 to 1927, is to be commemorated later this month on an attractive set of stamps.

The issue, designed by Clive Abbot, will be released in Falklands post offices on the 18th February. A first day cover costing £1.25 will be available.

Remains of the old railway (said by some to be the most southerly in the world) can still be seen on the Camber. The rusting and vandalised hulks of the two little locomotives lie in a heap of scrap iron on the beach near the Camber breakwater.

The new issue coincides with the increases in postal rates which will be introduced on the 18th February. The price rise will mean that the cost of sending a local letter rises from 6 pence to 7 pence, and the average overseas air letter increase by five pence to 27 pence.

Collectors should note that the reproduction of the stamp depicting the loco and three carriages is incorrectly priced. The actual value of this very large stamp will be 54 pence.



"PERHAPS WE COULD GET A LOAN FROM THE DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, SEÑOR!"

Wednesday that elements of all three services will be involved in a "no notice quick call out exercise some time during the next two weeks."

The communique continued: "To maintain an element of surprise, no exact timings will be released on the exercise, which will last only 24 hours. It is designed to test the reaction of all Arms to a sudden alert. The Falkland Islands Defence Force will not be involved."

The Commander British Forces, Major General de la Billiere has expressed the hope that the manoeuvres will result in the very minimum of disturbance to the local residents.

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INTRODUCING A NEW COLUMN:

MOUNT PLEASANT FOCUS

A REGULAR LOOK AT THE SCENE IN AND AROUND THE FALKLANDS' SECOND CITY.

SIR REX HUNT ENTERTAINS THE CONTRACTORS, Sir Rex and Lady Hunt visited Mount Pleasant last Wednesday evening, returning to Government House the following morning. The Civil Commissioner entertained some 200 people during an hour long lecture about the Falklands war and the Islands' history.

Later in the evening, Sir Rex was invited to a bar on board the Merchant Providence, where he was presented with a cheque for £200 for the Stanley Hospital Fund. The Civil Commissioner and Lady Hunt also dined on board the jetty-head ship.

FUEL TANKER TO VISIT EAST COVE. The tanker LUMINETTA is expected to carry avtur aviation fuel to tanks in East Cove within the next few days. The ship is normally based in Stanley.

BARRIERS ERECTED ON STRIP TO PREVENT LOCAL PLANES LANDING? Project Director Bill Bloomfield strongly denied rumours last week that empty fuel drums had been placed on Mount Pleasant's main strip to stop local planes from landing. Rumours in Stanley suggested that pilots of small aircraft had been planning to make a mark in Falklands history by being the first to use the strip, and that the contractors had erected the barriers in response to the suggestion.

However Mr. Bloomfield simply laughed at the story, and made it quite clear that the drums had been placed on the strip simply to channel vehicles driving over the unfinished surface. "It's for cleanliness and to stop people criss-crossing it", he said. Mr. Bloomfield added that the drums will be removed when work commences on the final layer of asphalt.

NEW CHIEF FOR MPA TO ARRIVE IN JUNE Project Director Bill Bloomfield is to complete his term in the Falklands early in June, about one month after the main strip is officially opened. Jack Stokes, of John Laing, is to replace Mr. Bloomfield as Resident Director. Jack Stokes arrived in the Falklands some two weeks ago.

Mr. Bloomfield was appointed to supervise the project during the first and most demanding stage. His task in the Islands will have been completed following the first landing in early May.

CORRECTION: In PN number 74 we referred to a man who had been convicted by a Stanley court of receiving stolen goods. The man was a crew member of the ship MERCHANT PIONEER, not MERCHANT PROVIDENCE as we reported. The Editor apologises for this error.

BOUQUET OF THE WEEK

This issue's bouquet of the week goes to hard working Albert Hatch of the Public Works Department. When he is not entertaining his fans at the Stanley Folk Club, Albert can be seen hacking through the jungles they

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call Victory, Arch and Secretariat Greens. The authorities, perhaps in an attempt to slow down his impressive progress, have issued Albert with a pair of hand shears to cut through the long grass instead of a strimmer. But Albert Hatch has struggled on regardless, and thanks to his efforts, the surface of the greens are seeing the light of day for the first time in many months. The Penguin says, "Well done!"

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

YOUR OTHERWISE EXCELLENT ARTICLE ...

30.1.85

Dear Sir,

In your otherwise accurate and excellent coverage of the Legislative Council debate on the Constitution you say:

"Councillors could not agree with the proposal that members of the Falkland Islands Defence Force be unable to vote if on active service. HMG is requested to reconsider this clause."

In fact what Councillors did not agree to was that Falkland Islanders who are members of H M Forces should not be able to vote. The Constitution as drafted exempts members of FIDF from this proviso except where they are on active service.

Yours faithfully, DAVID TAYLOR, Chief Executive, FIG.

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PRESENT SUB-DIVISION POLICY - "BARELY MORE THAN CREEPING ALONG"

19.1.85

Dear Sir,

As a small farmer I must comment on a recent interview with The Sheep Owners Association on a 'News Magazine' programme.

To suggest that Government must slow down the pace of sub-division, and that the present average of 6 to 8 new farms a year is a rush, is just not realistic.

The present policy is barely more than creeping along as it is, and we certainly do not need to "stop and see how the new farms are getting on". At least 6 are now into their 4th year and another 6 into their 3rd, and the results from these farms with significant increases in sheep numbers and wool output speak for themselves; most dramatically on the better land, naturally, and to a lesser extent on the poorer land which needs more investment and management input before bigger improvements are apparent.

As regards the economics of farming today, the small owner-occupied farm is well able to cope with a mortgage repayment of £1 - £1.75 per sheep per year so long as he had sufficient working capital in the first place to get himself established. Obviously in the first few years there may not be much left over for capital investment but the advent of the Development Corporation has revolutionized that aspect of farming.

One only has to take a look at virtually any large farm today and think back to what that farm was like 10 or 15 years ago - fences and pens now in poor repair, buildings short of paint and general maintenance lacking. This is no reflection on today's manager - the cash just is not there with ever rising labour and overhead costs and a virtually stagnant wool output, costs which the smaller owner occupier does not have or only in a reduced form, and by and large he is increasing his wool output per acre at the same time.

The days of many large estate farms are numbered due to rocketing costs and virtual stagnant production. Some may last 5 years, some 10, but the writing is on the wall as regards profitability, and the faster (within

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reason. A prime example of the letter was the condition of Packe Bros Fox Bay East etc. excluding war damage.

As a comparison take the two small island farms set up off Pebble Island about ten years ago. Both these properties are well maintained, with good machinery producing high quality wool and starting to really expand.

Yours faithfully, TIM MILLER, ManyBranch Farm, Port Howard.

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"I FIND LITTLE CHAY FASCINATING"

24.01.85

Dear Editor,

Many thanks to you and staff who compile the interesting Penguin News.

I am writing to you to say that I find "little chay" fascinating; it is so reminiscent of the way that my dear old dad wrote many, many years ago, not so in context but not having had a full comprehensive education, he, as "little chay" had to resort to writing phonetically.

So, it is with bitter-sweet memories of those bygone days I read the P.N. My, how time, place, names, people have changed. Let us hope it is all for the good.

Good luck to you all, also may I add a 'hello' to all relations and friends who still reside back 'HOME'.

Yours sincerely, FLORA I. WILLIAMS (nee LEE), Oswestry School, Oswestry, Salop SY11 2TL

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STURGESS LAND ROVER SUPPLIES

17.01.85

Dear Sir,

We notice from an advertisement by Sturgess of Leicester in P.N. 71 that they offer to arrange for delivery of household items inside Land Rovers supplied direct to the Falklands.

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Yours sincerely, R. HUTCHINGS, Darwin Shipping Limited.

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CONSULTING ISLANDERS ABOUT SOUTH GEORGIA

Dear Editors,

The Civil Commissioner told Councillors at the recent Legislative Council Meeting, that "The Civil Commissioner will be ex-Officio Commissioner for South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands, and will be under an obligation to consult the Executive Council of the Falkland Islands on affairs of those territories that might affect the Falkland Islands".

It would be interesting to learn in what way affairs of these Dependencies could possibly "affect the Falkland Islands". A Senior Government Officer was unable to answer my verbal query on the subject.

It would have been more satisfying for all if Sir Rex Hunt's quote could have ceased with the word "territories".

Yours faithfully, W. HIRTLE, Stanley.

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LIFE ASSURANCE - INVESTMENT WITH PROTECTION

Gone are the days when life assurance meant putting away a few pennies a week to ensure a decent burial, or even the payment of £1.00 or so per week to make sure the family could have financial security in the event of the untimely death of the breadwinner.

Modern assurance is planned to give adequate funds to a family in a wide variety of circumstances, such as premature death, long term disability, retirement or at a pre-arranged date to pay off a mortgage or business loan, or to buy a new house at retirement. In other words, a man and his wife may plan ahead to ensure their financial security at a cost which is related to their current and anticipated income.

While not all the opportunities for protection and investment are available in the Falklands, there are some very attractive life assurance contracts available which give excellent family protection and the prospects of investment which have given over the past thirty years a higher yield than any comparable investment with a bank or building society. It has been one of the very few savings plans over the years of high inflation which was able to keep ahead of that inflation and give real growth.

What is extremely valuable in the Islands, is the favourable tax treatment of the moneys invested. Any payment made for any form of life assurance is shown as an allowable deduction from total income when the chargeable or taxable income is being assessed for income tax. This means effectively that the Government subsidises life assurance premiums up to the top level of tax paid. For example, if a person is paying tax at 30% and he took out a £25.00 per month policy, he would have the £300 paid at the end of the year allowed as an expense, and have a tax refund of £90.00. So his real cost would only have been £17.50 per month. The amount per year treated this way goes up to one sixth of income. For a 30% tax payer, this equals a government subsidy of almost 43%!

Suppose, for example, that a young man or woman in their middle twenties wishes to invest a gross £20.00 per month for 25 years. Several contracts are available depending on the amount of protection or death benefit required.

If £5000 death benefit was agreed, then a substantial part of the £20 would be invested for profit even though the death benefit would be paid if the insured died after only the first £20.00 was paid. Should the policy holder live for the full 25 years, there would be, on the basis of current bonus rates, a tax free cash sum of almost £22,000 or £249.00 per month tax free for ten years (some £30,000 in all). Should there be a death benefit of £5,500, then the yield would be about £21,000.

If as much as, say, £10,600 death benefit was required, the estimated yield would be reduced to £19,700, as the more used for death benefit, the less goes into investment. Some amount of death benefit is essential if the policy is to be one in which the sum at maturity is absolutely tax free.

Over the past fifteen years, many life assurance offices have linked their investment policies with "unitised" funds. These have, in most instances, substantially outperformed the orthodox "endowment" policies illustrated above. Whereas the endowment type of policy has both a guaranteed death benefit and guaranteed maturity value (about equal to the amount invested), the unit linked policies have only a guaranteed death benefit

Many of the unit funds have shown a good average growth of over 12%, and some, in the short term, have yielded an average of over 24% per annum. To offset the danger of a fall in unit values at the time of maturity, various safeguards are built into each contract, and by far the largest amount of life assurance business today is in the form of these unit-linked policies.

One of the world's leading financial institutions, Canada Life Assurance Company, offers a special investment scheme for as low as £25.00 per month gross, which in ten years at a conservative growth of 10% would yield £4,255, but in 20 years would be £15,300. Of the choice of eight funds available for the investor, four have yielded over 20% p.a. for the past two years, and there is the choice to switch funds as the world investment pattern changes.

A Fellow of the Life Assurance Association and Senior Consultant with

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Canada Life is presently in Stanley, and will be available to give advice on Life Assurance, pensions, investment and UK tax matters. He is Phillip Hainsworth, and can be contacted at the home of H.L. Bound (Rowen House, Fitzroy Road, Stanley), or by calling telephone number 62 (3 rings). Write to P.O. Box 178.

STANLEY POLICE - A WARNING TO UNLICENSED DRIVERS

Following a court case last Thursday in which a worker from the UK was fined for driving without a driving licence, Chief Superintendent Bill Richards of Stanley Police has expressed his concern that the road traffic ordinance for the Islands was not being strictly adhered to.

According to the regulations, any visitor from UK is required to obtain a Falkland Island licence within six months of arriving. The local licence, which can be obtained by application from the Police, costs £1 and is valid for three years. Until one is obtained, a United Kingdom licence can be used on the roads as long as it is inspected and stamped at the Police Station upon arrival in Stanley.

"The majority of contractors who employ people from UK are well aware of the law on driving licences and in the main ensure their drivers are licensed," said Bill Richards. But he continued, "This is the first time we've had someone from outside driving without a licence. I'm quite sure that there are a few people driving on the roads without their licences being authenticated."

Bill Richards told us that the Police will not carry out spot checks on drivers' documents, but he warned that they will seek prosecution against anyone they catch driving without being licensed to do so. "Also, the man's employer or the owner of the vehicle can be prosecuted for allowing someone to drive without a licence," he said. "With an increased number of vehicles, there's bound to be an increased number of incidents. These are problems that are not normally associated with the Falklands and are another part of being dragged into the twentieth century."

TOUGH TALKING BETWEEN
BEST FRIENDS

Sir Rex Hunt, in his letter to 'Calling the Falklands', stated the "Falkland Islanders are sick and tired of hearing about the 'Belgrano'". Perhaps it will not surprise him that so are we in Britain: but, whether we like it or not, hear about it we do, constantly. Few of us in Britain are able to receive 'Calling the Falklands', but we feel certain that the programme pursues its aim of reflecting 'everything that is being said about the Falkland Islands worldwide', and that, unfortunately, includes the 'Belgrano'.

Those of us who go around the United Kingdom talking to grass roots audiences about the Falklands cannot but be struck by the first questions that are posed: they are always about the 'Belgrano'! These days it takes a lot of talking to bring an audience round in support of the Falkland Islanders, to counter the bad propoganda and to present the true facts. Let us make no mistake, Mr. Tam Dalyell and the anti-Falklands lobby have done their job well!

Read the next part of this article by ERIC OGDEN of the Falkland
Islands Association.

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ANGER AS CHILDREN DENIED CAMP HOLIDAYS



A number of parents in camp whose children attend Stanley schools are unhappy about an apparent change in Education Department policy which will prohibit children from returning home for the traditional camp sports. In the past, children at both Junior and Senior Schools in town have been allowed to return for the summer meetings in camp, but now it appears that this concession is being withdrawn by the Education Department.

Superintendent of Education, Mr David Smith told us, "There are school holidays as laid down by regulations which are made by the Civil Commissioner in Council under Section 15 of the School Ordinance. They proscribe when schools are in session and when they are not." Mr Smith went on to say that settlement schools may approach him to request a change in the holidays to coincide with the sports week. Port Howard

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IN THIS ISSUE: CIVIL SERVANTS FOR BIG PAY RISE? YOUR LETTERS & MUCH MORE.

THE GREAT KEROSENE FLOP!

The "FIG Kerosene Bonanza" which the PN reported exclusively on 15th October last year (PN 61), now seems to have turned into a kerosene flop following the revelation that only a quarter of the war booty fuel left behind at Fox Bay by Argentine Forces, is to be shared out among Islanders.

In August last year, the MOD downgraded the 464 drums of ex-Argentine JP 1 aviation fuel, stored in four large dumps at Fox Bay, to kerosene standard due to deterioration. Acting upon the decision which made the 20,000 gallons of fuel suitable for domestic use, Executive Council authorized Government Secretary Bernard Fauncefort, to make representations to the military authorities with a view to purchasing the fuel for the benefit of the civil population. This

authorization was given in the middle of October, and by 5th November we were able to report that Government had secured the purchase of the fuel. At the time, Mr Fauncefort was keen to point out that the kerosene was being purchased at a "favourable price", that the fuel would be offered first to the needy and that FIG were not seeking to make a profit out of the deal.

Mrs Caroline Armstrong at the Secretariat, was able to confirm last week that FIG

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School made such a request and was allowed to open a week earlier than schools in town to allow children to take time off from their work during the sports week later this month.

"But here in town, there is no holiday which coincides with sports in camp", said David Smith. He continued: "It's the duty of parents who have children at schools in Stanley to make sure they attend. I have been asked by parents if they can take their children out and I have indicated, no". Asked if children had been allowed to go home during sports week in previous years, Mr Smith replied, "to my knowledge, no".

One of the requests which arrived at the Education Department came from Susan Lee of Port Howard who has two children at school in Stanley, Christopher and Myles. Over the radio telephone, Mrs Lee told us that she was unhappy with the apparent turn around in Education policy. "I wrote to them, but didn't get much cooperation from the Education Department at all", said Mrs Lee. "The rest of the family are back in the settlement for the sports; I would have thought they could let them come back as well. When some kids can go away to the UK for four or five months, I don't think it's too much for them to come back for just a week." Susan Lee told us that she is considering bringing Myles and Christopher home for the sports in spite of the official ban.

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THE GREAT KEROSENE FLOP!
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had achieved these objectives. She told us that the Ministry of Defence had sold the kerosene at the nominal price of one penny per litre, and that the fuel is being resold at this price with an added charge to cover freight from Fox Bay. This means that the FIG will make no profit from the sale. Mrs Armstrong said that enough of the fuel has now been brought to Stanley to keep five pensioners supplied for between six and eight months, and that another shipment of equal size was being distributed to deserving people in camp settlements.

But it was confirmed last week that the Government has been able to salvage far fewer drums from the dumps than had originally been planned. "There was very, very much less than we thought", Mrs Armstrong said. She explained that a number of drums were in a bad state of decay, and that some had leaked or become contaminated. "I think that a fair number were empty and some were full of rust", said Mrs Armstrong. "What could be moved, has now been moved." But the Government spokesman was unable to say how many drums had been salvaged from the village.

Following our own enquiries, we understand that of the 464 drums originally listed in the Ministry of Defence report of the 13th August, only 119 were salvaged. Around half of these are now being distributed around camp, while the remainder are destined for use by elderly citizens in Stanley. Allowing for wastage through deterioration and the allocation of some fuel for use at Fox Bay Village's power station, a large number of drums are left unaccounted for. After further enquiries, we have discovered that a report commissioned by the Government at the end of October, prior to the purchase of the kerosene, confirmed that only half of the original 464 drums were present in the dumps. It appears that around 108 drums, amounting to approximately 4,360 gallons of kerosene, had disappeared from the fuel depots between 13th August and 31st October 1984.

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DAVID TAYLOR APPOINTED DEPUTY CIVIL COMMISSIONER DURING SIR REX'S ABSENCE

The Civil Commissioner, Sir Rex Hunt, left the Falklands on the 4th of February at the start of an extensive tour of the British Antarctic Territory and the Falklands Dependencies. Travelling aboard HMS ENDURANCE, the Falklands official guard ship, the Civil Commissioner is expected to remain in the south for a further three weeks.

Chief Executive David Taylor has been appointed Deputy Civil Commissioner during Sir Rex Hunt's absence.



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The next folk night is this Friday, the 15th. Doors open at 7.30 p.m. No admission after 9.30 p.m. Penguin Ale, lager and wine on sale as well as soft drinks and lots of goodies from Rosita's pizza stall.

Remember - folkies do it in harmony (or at least they try!).

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

This is your column, in which we invite you to express your views about anything relevant to the Falklands.

Make sure that your opinions count by writing to the P.N.

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ALAINE LOWE OF THE SOUTH ATLANTIC COUNCIL WRITES - THE CHAY WAY!

Dear Graham,

It is good to know that Little Chay is having such a great time in camp and that his mum is keeping him up to date with Stanley gossip.

In "Penguin News" dated 4th Jan. 1984 she writes of the arrival of a "mysterious woman" who has proved somewhat elusive. Perhaps this is because the woman in question arrived on 19th Jan. 1985! Anyway, she spent nine days in Stanley and then went out to camp for a week but she was not lucky enough to meet Little Chay - who is equally elusive! Uncle Wrecks and people at the Big House and Pat Fibs and lots of others knew where she was. Please tell Uncle Ben and Co. to give her a ring (133 - 3 rings) and she'll come over for a chat. She is dying to meet Little Chay as she is a great fan of his. She'll be in the Falklands until Feb 17th. and would not want to return to the U.K. without meeting her distant British cousins.

All the best, AUNTIE SAC

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M.P.A. MEN OFFER TO HELP THE COMMUNITY

Dear Editor,

5.1.85.

My letter comes to you in the form of an introduction of myself and the following men who wish to avail themselves to the community of the Falkland Islands.

STAN SPENCE AGED 40 FOREMAN ELECTRICIAN.
MARRIED WITH A FAMILY OF 4 GIRLS.

Stan is a qualified football referee and wishes to introduce himself to any groups who may wish to use his services as a referee or coach.

KEVIN McKANE AGED 28 PIPE FITTER WELDER.
BACHELOR.

Kevin is a judo black belt and is qualified to instruct. He wishes to make contact with any judo clubs on the Falklands or any groups who wish to take up the sport.

ALLAN HARTLEY AGED 39 PROJECT MANAGER.
MARRIED WITH 1 GIRL AGED 11.

In addition to my activities as a freelance photographer, I have brought with me a selection of short illustrated lectures as follows:-

1. The Barrier Reef (Australia)
2. The Pennine Underground (UK caves)
3. India (Tajmaral etc)
4. A Walk in Nepal (Kathmandu to Everest)
5. After Dark (Photographs of familiar places at night)

Each of the above is limited to about twenty minutes or combine two for about an hours talk.

I wish to be introduced to any group who may wish to see my work, or any groups trying to raise cash, not forgetting any camera club.

All these services come free of charge, however should you require to use any of my work in a professional capacity, this can be arranged at normal fees.

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LITTLE CHAY

LITTLE CHAY is still enjoying his school holidays in the camp.



Dere my mum,

You member i told yew about the goose russellin thats bin goin on out at Shankbone Valley, and how Mister Bob was aising to take a posse out on Friday nite to round up the krittens? Wel the other nite wee ori had to go up to the big house to plan the job. I diddent want to go as I now mister bob sed old Paint was 2 slow, but Skinshed Moll sed i cud play krib with the bossess wife while they were ori talkin. Enney way, i could here them torkin, and the plan was that mister Bob wood loed the posse out of the settelment at midnite and then fall behid while old Luke and Skinshed Moll made there way quietly down the valley to the pass so's thay cud ambush them on the way out. Mister Bob then thort it wud be a good idear to hav gumone ride downe the valley reel slow like and draw the fire from the russellers and he cud then pick them off frum behind with the winchester. I cuddent beleave it when he arsked me if i wood like to cum along with them on old Paint to draw the fire. Ori I have to do is ride reel slow downe the valley wisselin She'll be Cummin Round the Mountain. I was so exaigted and cuddent sleep larst night. Thay havnt got a spare gun but there goin to give me a sheath nife and a larriet. I will rite you again next week and let yew no how we get on.

I'm not cuamin back to that narsty old towne until after the sports. Wot dose Draw the Fire meen, mum??

Luve, LITTEL CHAY xxx



"WELL BOSS, I THINK THIS IS THE BEST "GRASS" WE'VE DEVELOPED, AND THE SHEEP SEEM TO LIKE IT TO!"

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Unfortunately our transport facilities are somewhat limited of the distance between Mount Pleasant and Stanley places a restriction on how often we could visit. For the more remote areas these leisure activities would have to be limited to the weekend.

Finally, I have to ask you to treat my letter with tact, as I must not lose sight of the real reason why we are in the Falklands. That is to work. If we can do this and be of use to the community so much the better.

Cordially yours, ALLAN HARTLEY, BMES Project Manager, c/o Wimpey Taylor Woodrow, PO Box 3, Mount Pleasant.

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PEAT BOG SAMPLING by Queen's University Belfast

22 January 1985

Dear Graham,

May I, through you, say thank you to everyone for the assistance, hospitality and friendship which I received whilst carrying out the field work for my research into the vegetational history of the Falkland Islands during December and January.

Together with a large quantity of peat, I carry a great affection for the islands and it's people back to the UK with me and look forward to being able to share with you the results of my work when I have completed my analysis.

In the meantime very best wishes for the New Year to everyone and thank you again.

Yours sincerely, DR. D.E. GENNARD, The Queen's University of Belfast, Belfast BT7 1NN Northern Ireland.

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AN ISLANDER WAXES LYRICAL:"MY SECRET LOVE AFFAIR"

Dear Sir,

17.1.85

May I, through your columns, admit to having had a long and secret love affair? We have, after many years, shared many intimate moments of cherished intercourse and our bodies and souls have often moulded under clear skies. My lover, and it was definitely love at first sight, is of course, the camp. Those soft hills, secret valleys, fern clad corners under majestic rocky crags from which the Birds of Prey reign supreme. Busy, sparkling streams tumbling down their twisting courses, seeking out their own path of least resistance to flow spent, but replete into the creeks, before becoming lost to the Southern Ocean. Now, because of the Catch-22 Ruling laid down by the Farming Organisations of these Islands, and yet un-challenged by everyone concerned, I, and my family, must say farewell to my lover. My wife, one of the few twins born to these shores, her children, conceived all but in the very Big House of Authority, grew within the womb of Landed Aristocracy, not a silver spoon in their mouths, but the harsh, brutal reality of plebian camp life.

Just before I got sacked, I composed my first rather puerile ditty. I give it to you, and it should be read in mind, that these words were jotted down on the very upward slopes of the wind-blown, white-grass, lichen covered slopes of Mt. Adam. Before me, lay the unbroken vistas of virginal land, as yet, unraped, torn or ruined by man's insatiable, greedy, thirst to destroy everything good that God gave to him, for wealth, power and empty, hollow glory. Below me tumbled the stream, native trout still jumping from those pure waters, their bodies flashing

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gold in the sunlight. The plaintive bleat of hidden sheep in the hollows and folds, making money for owners in distant lands. Geese grazing, unaware that they form the 'farmers feathered vermin', their small off-spring paddling the pools, ready to be desecrated by man's innate desire to destroy. Black Hawks sailing aloft under clear-blue skies, as yet, untamed or vanquished before man's thirst for development. Native grasses, elegant jewels of flowers, growing only inches into the wind-blown land-scape. Soft, piquant scents of cinnamon grass, tea-berry shoots and diddle-dee, all jostling with the ubiquitous Christmas bush, whilst rusting fence lines bow to the inevitable decay of man's former dreams, rudely corroded by the reality of storm tossed winters.

As I wrote my Wordsworth-cum-Tennyson gone wrong, I knew that the storm clouds were gathering behind my back, soon to obliterate the blue skies, and clothe the majestic hills of Adam and Robinson in dark, brooding canopies.

'MY VALLEY'

Soft, gentle folding,
Somber, dark and brooding,
Ever dwelling,
Of vista's telling,
Through wind and snow,
Hail and blow.
Soft and mellow, the grasses mellow,
Canopy quilted, white and fleecy,
Drift o'er above me
Of dreams and sleepy.
My valley up high,
My valley a low,
The fog is a coming,
So I must go!

I don't think Tennyson has much to worry about. But soon after those jottings, the storm engulfed me. Lightning flashed, thunder rumbled and crashed in a thousand reverberating echoes from the hills. But although the farm has rejected me, I know that my lover will wait to accept me and fold my soul into her bosom, and that I can return, to whence we came. For not even the farm holds supremacy or the sanctity of life, though the farm may blow a man around, bending him to their will, to finally leave a soul desiccated, an empty husk, something to be discarded as chaff in the wind

Yours,

RON REEVES.THE S.A.C. AND TREASON

3.2.85.

Dear Graham,

Following Dr. Lowe's visit to Chartres, I thought I would write to you for possible publication in the next issue of the Penguin News.

First of all she declined a public meeting, obviously afraid of too much verbal abuse, which she thought she wouldn't get by going around the houses and possibly persuading the locals to agree with her traitorous views.

Her organisation is sponsored by so called 'church people' including Anglo Argentines who it is well known tried to get us to stay under Argentine tyrannic rule. Others amongst their sponsors are well known firms with previous trade agreements with Argentina, who are losing a lot of money with the current situation. These firms would like to renew their trade with Argentina and help them to re-arm so as to possibly kill more

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British servicemen.

Dr. Lowe told me 'We won the war'. I was under the impression that the British did - not Argentina and Dr. Lowe and her Argentine collaborators. She also stated that 'Mrs. Thatcher is a liar and is disliked by most people in Britain'. This is obviously a load of rubbish and possibly libellous. Dr. Lowe wants us to 'bend over' in our efforts to normalise relations with Argentina. I got the impression that she wants us to thank them for invading and to please come back again.

As far as I am concerned, I suggest she takes the whole of the South Atlantic Council or whatever they call themselves, join with some of the Labour opposition and dive down to the Belgrano to see which way it was heading and hopefully stay down there. Either that or go and live in Argentina, await the next military coup and then disappear as so many thousands of others have.

It will be interesting to see what she comes up with in her report after returning to Britain as I am sure that most people here want nothing to do with her and her fellow conspirators. She told me that some local people who lived here under the hostile occupation have spoken to her and are sympathetic to her cause. If this is true, which I doubt, I challenge these people to come out in the open and tell everyone how they feel so they can be dealt with in the appropriate manner.

If I recall correctly, Hanging is to be retained for treason.

Yours faithfully, D.P. DUNFORD, Chartres.

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NEWS NEWS

PRINCE ANDREW TO ARRIVE SOON, BUT PRESS TO HAVE NO ACCESS

Prince Andrew, who is serving as a Lynx helicopter pilot aboard HMS BRAZEN, is expected to arrive in the Falklands with his ship within the next ten days. BRAZEN, a destroyer, will be one of several ships patrolling the exclusion zone, and will remain in the South Atlantic for around three months.

The Ministry of Defence have, however, made it clear that the Prince will be isolated from journalists, and will be in the South Atlantic purely as a serving naval officer.

A spokesman said that the decision to deny newspaper, TV and radio journalists access to the Prince had been taken following high level consultations which involved the Ministry of Defence, the Foreign Office in London and Government House.

The BBC have already been refused permission for a camera team to cover Prince Andrew's tour of duty in and around the Falklands.

CRIME RESULTS IN OFFICIAL WARNING FOR UK CONTRACTORS

Two employees of Laing, Mowlem and A.R.C., have been given heavy fines following a break-in on the site

and the theft of hundreds of pounds worth of goods.

John Green of Chatham, Kent and James Donnaghey of Clydebank appeared before a bench of three local JP's in Stanley's court last Tuesday charged with stealing goods including watches, cigarettes and perfume from the Mount Pleasant shop. Both men pleaded guilty to the charges.

In giving evidence, PC Roberts of the Stanley Force told the court that £2,600 worth of goods were taken from the shop some time during the night of 2nd and 3rd February. The room shared by the co-defendants was searched and 497 pounds worth of the missing merchandise was recovered. Chairman of the bench, local JP Mrs. Jessie Booth, accepted the guilty plea and fined Donnaghey £200 and Green £800. Green was also ordered to pay £300 in compensation to the Kelvin Group who owned the shop.

The court was also told that John Green had several previous convictions for offences which included shop breaking and the possession of explosives, for which he had served two prison sentences of more than six months

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each. Under the Colony immigration laws which prohibit the entry of anyone who has served a prison sentence of more than six months, that made him an illegal immigrant. Green was ordered to be detained at Mount Pleasant and to leave the Islands on the first available ship.

In summing up the case, Mrs. Booth said, 'we have to remind employers that anyone with more than a six month conviction shall be deemed an undesirable and shall not be allowed to remain here.' In several previous cases to come before the court, the defendants have similarly been classified as 'undesirables' by virtue of previous convictions, and in one such case, employers were warned by the court that they could face prosecution for aiding the entry of an employee, known to be entering the Colony illegally. This law poses a problem for employers as the rehabilitation of offenders act keeps details of criminal records confidential.

SHIPPING STATISTICS FOR JANUARY

A total of 61 ships entered Falklands Waters during January 1985.

Tourist Vessels	.....	1
Survey Vessels	.....	1
Cargo Vessels	.....	4
Yachts	.....	6
Passenger vessels	.....	3
Polish Trawlers	.....	44
Polish Tanker	.....	1
Russian Trawler	.....	1

CIVIL SERVANTS SOON TO SEEK MAJOR PAY RISE

In a letter circulated to members of the Civil Servants Association last week, the union's executive committee has said that it intends to seek 23.5% salary increases for its members at talks with the Administration later this month.

The committee draws comparisons between the civil servants' pay and that of hourly paid Stanley members of the General Employees Union, pointing out that hourly paid persons have, unlike civil servants, received cost of living awards based on 70% of the increase in the Index of Retail Prices and, recently, a substantial average pay rise of 11.5%. Civil Servants now require an average increase in established salaries of 16.5% "In order to maintain the status quo between established and hourly staff", say the committee in their circular.

A further 7% is to be sought to allow for the expected increase in the index of Retail Prices between the 1st January 1985 and 1st January 1986. This estimated requirement has been added because any increase agreed to at the talks between the Association and the administration will not come into effect until July 1985, and "wages will therefore be immediately six months in arrears with the Index of Retail Prices with a further six months to wait until the next round of discussions".

The Association's Executive Secretary, Mr. Bill Etheridge, indicated to the PN last week that a salaries increase is badly needed. "We are aware of the increase in the cost of living", he said. "Our last wage settlement was in October 1983, and other groups of workers have had wage rises in that time". He did not, however, confirm that his association is seeking a 23.5% average rise. Mr. Etheridge said that the committee is still in the process of selecting delegates for the salaries talks, and determining the Association's requirements.

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY - GARDENS COMPETITION

The date for the Flower and Vegetable gardens competition has been fixed for Saturday 16th February, entries can be made by contacting Mrs. Steen (telephone 56) or O. Summers (telephone 198 3 rings). Cash prizes for these competitions have been increased this year, the 1st prize for vegetable garden is now a challenge cup + £15 with £7 for 2nd and 1st prize for flower garden is now a cup + £10 with £5 for 2nd.

The main flower, vegetable and home produce show is to be held on 9th March in the gymnasium.

SAILOR'S WRANGLE OVER LOST WATCH

A sailor who lost his watch while serving in the Falklands has been told he was uninsured because the islands were not part of British Territory.

The decision, by the Pearl Insurance Company, has stunned and angered Petty Officer Paul Eveleigh.

He said: "I just cannot believe it. Of course the Falklands are British. Why did all the men die if it was not to keep it British?"

The £400 watch was stolen while Paul, 28, of Chard, Somerset, was on shore from the frigate Alacrity, 7 months ago.

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He was taking part in an inter-Service rugby match when the watch was stolen from his trouser pocket.

A spokesman for Pearl Insurance said yesterday: "We will be looking into the matter."

(This article appeared recently in a British Newspaper)

GOLF IN THE FALKLANDS: PLAN THAT SUITS STANLEY TO A TEE

Enthusiastic members of Port Stanley's golf club proudly boast that they drive and putt their way around not only the most southerly nine-hole course in the world, but probably one of the most primitive. There is no need for cunningly designed sand bunkers: shell craters provide all the hazards necessary. It was at the course, next to the abattoir, that the Argentinian artillery made its last stand in 1982. Perhaps the most attractive feature of the course is the Portakabin club house.

However, all this may be about to change. Stanley may have a first-class, re-turfed and professionally designed course on a new site in time to offer amusement to the wealthy tourists who many expect will turn up when Mount Pleasant airport is opened to commercial traffic. That is if the governor, Sir Rex Hunt, and a British consultant, Bryan Griffiths, have their way.

Mr. Griffith's company, Golfconsult, has designed courses all over the world to attract well-heeled golfers and he has been impressed by the potential of the Falklands.

"I arrived in a sceptical mood, but I am going to leave feeling far more optimistic," he said last week. The rugged terrain would not be a problem, he said. In fact, it could result in an attractive course similar to traditional Scottish links. Work would be extensive - "What is there at the moment will all have to go" - but the Falklands have the resources and "we have the technology to do it."

Few materials would have to be imported, he added. The machinery is already there and the Agricultural Research Centre in Stanley has developed a blend of grass seed that is ideal for a golf course.

And the project should not cost the British or Falklands tax payer a penny. Golfconsult is not charging for Mr. Griffith's services, and travel expenses have been settled by an anonymous benefactor. Development of the course, which will cost tens of thousands of pounds, will be financed by other altruistic parties.

The absence of big-time backers will not compromise standards, however, Mr. Griffiths says the course must be excellent if it is to have a chance of attracting travelling amateur golfers. "It has to be in the first division from day one," he said. "A fourth-division course in the Falklands would be doomed to failure."

On the 2nd February he returned by RAF Hercules to the Golfconsult HQ in Epping. He will discuss the options for the Falklands with colleagues whose specialist fields include tourism, marketing and turf agronomy. Later this month Mr. Griffiths leaves for an assignment in perhaps the last great territory to be exposed to the big business of golf: China.

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BYE BYE BILL! RICHARDS OF THE YARD LEAVES THE FALKLANDS BEAT

Chief Superintendent Bill Richards has led the Falklands Police Force for almost two years, during which time he has helped restore the war-battered community to normality. Last Saturday he completed his secondment from the Metropolitan Police, and said good-bye to his friends, relations and his islands. Rob McBride talked to Bill last Friday.

There was something of an irony in the fact that Bill's last job as Chief

of the Falklands Police Force before his emigration, was immigration. Last weekend, he boarded the SS UGANDA in Stanley Harbour to complete all the immigration formalities for people arriving from Ascension Islands. Once the job was done, he told me he was going to hand over the books to his replacement, put his pen back in the top left hand pocket of his Chief Superintendent's uniform for the last time and instal himself and wife, Thora, in their cabin on the UGANDA ... as ordinary Mr. & Mrs. Richards.

In all probability, that uniform will by now be hanging on the back of the cabin door as the couple sun bath the time away by the swimming pool as the UGANDA nears the end of its ten-day cruise to Ascension. This is not the first time Bill and Thora have sailed the route. In 1956, a much younger William Richards left his Falkland home for the first time, accompanied by his young wife and their fifteen month old son, Brian. Their destination then, as now, was London where Bill was due to begin training with the Metropolitan Police as a PC. That was the start of a quarter century worth's of service with the Met, taking him from Katford to Croydon, Wapping, Greenwich, Woolwich and finally Becksley Heath.

The chances are that Superintendent Richards would have remained on the London beat until his retirement, but in 1982 all of that changed when a certain Argentine General with an unpronounceable name had different ideas. For long weeks, Bill and Thora watched their Islands go through invasion, war and liberation from afar, unable to take part in events which were achieving world prominence. It is not surprising then, that the newly promoted Chief Superintendent Bill Richards jumped at the chance of returning to the Islands only a month after the Argentine surrender.

"I came down to advice the Civil Commissioner (Sir Rex Hunt) on his future police needs," said Bill. But he explained that his presence at that time also had a symbolic significance. "Having arrived here, I wanted to get a blue uniform out onto the streets. The civilian population had just been subjected to a lot of khaki uniforms but there were no civilian police." So, every day for three months, Stanley residents were treated once more to the distinctive blue serge of the British bobby, as Bill Richards went on his rounds with the only other member of Stanley Police Force, PC Anton Livermore. "A lot of elderly people were still a little afraid and I think I was able to reassure them - especially the older ones, as they remembered me from years back," he told me.

The following year, the real work of Stanley's rehabilitation began in earnest and in March, Bill Richards returned to help with that mammoth task on a two-year secondment. The past two years have not been easy for the town, as Bill explained in characteristic fashion, "The Falkland Island people have been yanked into the Twentieth Century by the arse of their pants, and they're still being pulled." He could not stop the changes which overtook Stanley in the aftermath of the Conflict, but he hoped at least that he had made that transition easier for people in town. "It's inevitable, if you're going to have progress then things have got to change." And with possibly more than a twinge of regret in his voice, he continued, "The old Falkland way of life was a very settled one. People used to come here to get away from the rat race but now it followed them in."

He has enjoyed a great deal of support over the past two years. Unlike the first three month tour of duty, Bill has had the support throughout of a Force made up of a Sergeant and four Constables. But more importantly, perhaps, he has been helped by the presence of his family. Soon after his own return to the Islands, Thora followed him out here. In time Brian made the trip southwards along with daughter Jenny - a Londoner born and bred. So, just as the town underwent rehabilitation, so too life for the Richards gained a certain normality.

Bill's return to the UK, though, seems to be causing yet another parting of the ways for the Richards'. The Kelper blood in the family's veins seems to have got the better of Brian and Jenny. The former only intended spending a month's holiday in the Islands. Now, four months later, Brian has become a proficient sheep-shearer and it seems only the end of the shearing season will make him consider the prospect of returning to the UK. For Jenny, that prospect will never be considered, as

last weekend Bill escorted her down the aisle and Jenny Richards became Jenny Rozee, the cockney wife of a Falkland Islander.

"No doubt I'll be back for a visit in a few years. After all," he said, "I'm leaving behind something very precious." I did not know whether he meant by that "something precious" the unique Falkland way of life or his only daughter. But I do not suppose it matters. Either one is bound to put a lump in his throat as he watches the disappearing Islands from the aft rail of the UGANDA.

IN THE GARDEN with Greenfinger

SWEDES will now be developing well, but after this hot spell we will almost certainly go through a wet period and SWEDES usually react to this by bolting to seed. The best way to prevent this is to remove the top growth by cutting the leaves about 2" above the crown of the vegetable. Unfortunately this has the effect of retarding the growth. You can avoid this to some extent by removing the leaves from every other row and leaving the others untouched. In this way the sunlight can still get through to the vegetable and you should end the season with a good crop. If you are growing SWEDES for the first time in the Falklands then don't be tempted to eat them too early. They are quite tasteless until late in the season and need a few heavy frosts to bring out the flavour.

Many newcomers know little about the value of SWEDES but I am sure you will soon get to appreciate them, particularly during the mid winter period when other vegetables are becoming scarce.

More adventurous gardeners may have been trying their hand at growing MARROWS, which can be surprisingly successful here. This week the PNs master cook passed on a recipe which you can use in this delicious vegetable.

Marrow with Tomatoes & Garlic

50 ml / 2 fl oz oil
 1 large onion, chopped
 1 garlic clove or sprinkle of minced garlic
 4 tomatoes, skinned & chopped or 1 small tin tomatoes
 125 ml / 4 fl oz tomato juice
 salt & pepper
 2.5 ml / $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon mixed herbs
 1 kg / 2 lb marrow, peeled, seeded & cubed
 50g / 2 oz Parmesan cheese, grated

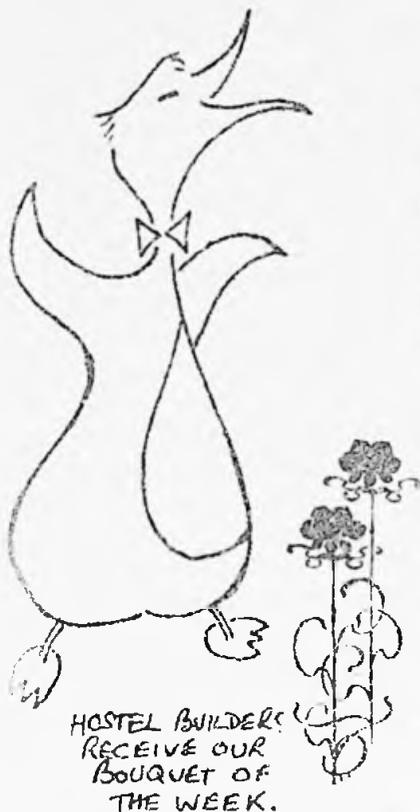
Heat the oil in a saucepan. Add the onion & garlic & fry for 5 minutes. Add the tomatoes and fry for 1 minute. Stir in the tomato juice, salt & pepper to taste and herbs, & cook for 3 minutes. Add the marrow cubes. Cover & simmer for 30 minutes, or until the marrow is tender. Sprinkle over the cheese. Serves 6 - 8.

STOP PRESS. CANNABIS CASE Two workers from the Mount Pleasant Airport site appeared before a bench of three JPs (Jessie Booth, Jim Clement and HL Bound) last Friday afternoon, charged with procuring a quantity of cannabis without a licence to do so. Co-defendants Steven Fleming and John Drummond pleaded guilty to the charge. The court heard that police from Stanley interviewed the accused after they had picked up a letter each from the Kelvin Catering Office sent to them from Bathgate in Scotland, in the early evening of Wednesday 6th February. The letters were found to contain quantities of the drug. The court heard that Fleming had several previous convictions, including one of manslaughter in 1981. Both men were sentenced to six months imprisonment, suspended for twelve months, fined £100 and ordered to share £124.92 police costs.

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Stanley's new hostel for camp school children welcomed its first residents last Friday, just a few days after the start of the first term of 1985. The first of the two main accommodation blocks was completed on the 10th February, and for the past week, the LMA and Wyseplen contractors have been putting the finishing touches to the girls' block and the new kitchen complex adjacent to Stanley House. The second dormitory block should be completed in three weeks time.

Temporary Site Manager, John Langton, was pleased to inform the PN that

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LITTLE CHAY

SHOOT OUT AT GOOSE WING CREEK! DID CHAY SURVIVE THE SHOWDOWN WITH THE GOOSE RUSTLERS? THE WHOLE WORLD WAITS.

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his men have completed the bulk of the project on target and even a little ahead of schedule, as the start date was put back by two weeks with work on the site only beginning on the 9th September. In five months the contractors have built a hostel block which houses 20 girls and (for the time being) 7 boys.

The youngsters will share bright and cheery 2 and 4 bed rooms. Looking over the facilities, it was clear that Mr. Langton's team had put a lot of care and attention into the soft furnishings of the hostel. The carpet tiles, curtains and brightly coloured bed covers all contribute to making a youngster's stay away from home as pleasant as possible.

But John Langton explained to me the more serious considerations which had gone into the design of the building. "The emphasis has been on the fire side after the tragedy at the hospital", he said. "We've installed the standard fire fighting equipment but we also have very sophisticated fire alarms and smoke detectors". All the corridors are fitted with emergency lighting and the ceiling of the ground floor corridor has a double thickness of plaster board to prevent the spread of a fire to the floor above. Furthermore, all the doors in the building are fire doors.

The completed block also has a self-contained flat occupied by the house parents, Mr. & Mrs. Brookes, newly arrived from the UK, whose job it will be to look after the young residents. Their flat comprises a kitchen, bathroom and guest room, with a large lounge and a master bedroom on the northern side of the building; all built and furnished to the same professional standards as the rest of the hostel. Amid all the unpacking of cases and boxes, Sheila Brookes was able to spare a moment to tell me that she was pleased. "We're very happy indeed with the flat," she said. And explained that with four children of her own and a number of others whom she has fostered, she should find no problems in adapting to her new role as a house parent. During term time, Sheila will be responsible for making sure the youngsters are safely back in the hostel at night, and that they are up in the morning for breakfast. Alison Thom, another supervisor, will also be living in one of the block's comfortable flats.

Meals will be prepared in the new kitchen extension in Stanley House. It is fully equipped with gleaming aluminium cookers, ovens and sinks, and, it too was completed on schedule. Overall, John Langton said he was very happy with the progress made by LMA and Wyseplan. "We've had no problems at all and have been helped all the way down the line," he told us. He added that a lot of that help and co-operation had come from the Public Works Department. "We couldn't have wished for anything better." Mr. Langton continued, "to be made to feel welcome and feel at home 8,000 miles from home, has definitely been an incentive to work. It's been very pleasant and we wouldn't mind doing another!"

Until the finishing touches are put to the second block, most boys will continue to live in mobile homes in Stanley House gardens. Seven will share the girls accommodation. The Stanley House building will no longer be used for accommodation. The ground floor of this old brick building has been converted into dining areas, while upstairs the children will be able to enjoy video, games and reading rooms.

After many years of deliberation, debate and effort, as well as one expensively futile effort to solve the problem, the children from camp seems delighted, including the contractors. To mark the completion of the major phase of the work last week, proud hostel builders presented the school children with a large cake. Written on it in thick icing was, "Welcome to your new hostel".

RMB

MILITARY COMMISSIONER RETURNS FROM LONDON

Major General de la Billiere, the Commander British Forces, returned to the Falklands on Monday the 11th after a brief working visit to the United Kingdom. An MOD spokesman was not able to detail the General's work, but the visit was routine, and a wide variety of matters were covered during the consultations with officials in London.

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ALAINE LOW DEFENDS HERSELF

14.2.85.

Dear Graham,

In reply to Mr. Dunford's ridiculous letter, I should like to make the following points.

Firstly, it has not been my practice to hold public meetings anywhere in the Falklands as I am not a politician and I have no official standing. My visit to the islands has been a research trip.

Secondly does one have to tolerate verbal abuse at public meetings in the Falklands? Mr. Dunford appears to be disappointed that he missed out on something. Had he called in at the Big House at Chartres in the evening he would probably have enjoyed himself no end.

My meeting with David Dunford took place at the Gleadell's house at Chartres. There were three others present throughout the meeting and six towards the end. Mr. Dunford tried to monopolize the discussion. He was aggressive but not abusive. I provided him with information on Council membership, funding and aims. His statements in his letter about Anglo-Argentine Church people is a complete distortion of the facts. We have no corporate membership and absolutely no connection with the arms trade. Mr. Dunford pretends to quote me. During the meeting I was the only person who took notes.

I attempted to show that the Belgrano affair is a domestic issue in the U.K. and one in which the South Atlantic Council has never been involved. My explanation that the government must be accountable to Parliament and that there appears to have been a "cover-up" for one reason or another, leads Mr. Dunford to accuse me of calling Mrs. Thatcher a liar. She may or may not be, but the issue is certainly not a "load of rubbish".

Mr. Dunford's phraseology bears a remarkable resemblance to that of his employer in his telegram inviting me to Chartres. Should one be encouraged by such solidarity between employer and employee? Mr. Dunford will surely achieve great things.

It is clear that the South Atlantic Council has had a bad press in the Islands. I am most appreciative of the hospitality, courtesy and friendliness of many islanders who have been prepared to put their case in a rational and constructive manner.

Yours sincerely, ALAINE M. LOW (South Atlantic Council)

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GUARANTEED INDEPENDENCE

11.1.85.

Dear Sir,

The problem of the sovereignty of the Falkland (Malvinas) Islands continues to be given a great deal of discussion in this and other countries.

A possible solution would be Independence guaranteed by Great Britain, Argentina, U.S.A. and any other interested parties. Whilst a great deal has been discussed about the lack of population, an example of a successful state with a similar problem is Nauru. The island was colonised by the German Empire. During the First World War it was administered from 1916 by Great Britain, Australia and New Zealand under a League of Nations Trusteeship. Occupied by the Japanese in 1942, it reverted to its pre-war administration and became an independent state in 1968.

PENGUIN POST BOX Cont'd

Nauru's economy is based on its phosphate deposits which provide the bulk of the employment. Possibly, this would be a wealthier economic basis than the Sheep of Falklands, but there are other possible sources of wealth not yet developed in the Falklands, such as fishing, which could employ a good number. Tourism is a good possibility, also. The climate in the winter months is, I believe, quite pleasant. It could attract South Americans seeking a contrast to their excessive heat.

Allowing that a viable economy is possible, an increase in the population would be desirable but, taking the example of Nauru, the minimum laid down as a survival level was 1500, the population at the turn of this century. Several factors occurring during the years 1905-1949 reduced the numbers as low as 1210 in 1920. 1200 were deported by the Japs in 1942 but these returned in 1946 bringing the numbers up to 1446.

Every encouragement was given to parents to increase the population. Improved conditions and health service ensured survival until, at the present time the population has grown to over 5000. Nauru enjoys a high standard of living by Pacific standards. Communications are of an advanced type and universal; there are more than 1200 lines of telephones connected to two exchanges with satellite connections via Australia and Hong Kong to the rest of the world. There is a local aircraft company flying to neighbouring islands and links with the continent of Asia and Australia.

Here are just some ideas from one who is looking in from the outside. Often this is the best view!

Yours faithfully, J. LIONEL WHYTE, 2 Marsh Crescent, Acton Park, Wrexham LL12 7BE, United Kingdom.

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ROUND TABLE MEMBERS?

11.2.85

Dear Sir,

I would like to contact any past or present members of Round Table of Great Britain and Northern Ireland who are living or working in the Falkland Islands. Any reply should be sent to me at Fox Bay, West Falkland.

Yours faithfully, JOHN H. WILLIAMS, Fox Bay Village, West Falkland.

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LIGHTHOUSE MEMORIES

30.1.85

Dear Sir,

I was very interested in your 'Penguin Newspaper'. I wish you luck.

I am 70 years of age, my father, W.J. Kaye, served as a keeper at Trinity House lighthouse, at Stanley. Whenever there has been television coverage of the Islands, my eyes have been scanning the television, but no lighthouse. He used to tell us how friendly the penguins were, and about getting mutton for 2 pence a pound. He made good friends with your people, visiting the governor's house.

I was very proud of my father. I was born in Channel Islands while my father was serving at Sark. We had a wonderful childhood.

What are your summer's like, temperatures, etc.?

Look forward to hearing from you,

Yours faithfully, H.E. CROSBIE (Mrs.), Flat 39, St. Margarets Court, Castletown Village, Sunderland, Tyne & Wear.

Editors Note: Perhaps one of our readers would like to write to Mrs Crosbie.

PENGUIN POST BOX Cont'dA LITTLE ADVICE ABOUT HANDLING TOURISTS

7.1.85

Dear Graham,

Re. "Those Wealthy Visitors", Penguin News No. 68, Dec. 10. 1984, page 7.

I should like to comment on your view that visitors from cruise ships may not necessarily spend money.

I spent a delightful month in Stanley this time last year. I did not really consider myself as a tourist because I was in the Falklands for a specific purpose, but I did at odd times look for the things that tourists search for. On two occasions, when the LINDBLAD EXPLORER and the WORLD DISCOVERER came, I found myself in an interesting situation. I happened to be along the waterfront when passengers were landing and I found myself - a visitor - fielding questions from other visitors as to what was where in Stanley. I refer to interesting buildings, historic ships and shops. These visitors were ashore for a short period only, had a lot that they wished to see but were extremely frustrated in that they had no idea where anything was. Later in the day, on both occasions as the passengers were returning to the ships, I heard comments and indeed was told by some of them that they were disappointed in that they had not found some of the shops and also that there were so few souvenirs or items that were actually made in the Falklands. I have to agree with that one, as an extensive search turned up many items with the Falklands' crest etc. on them but which had been made in England or elsewhere. I finally did discover that little place run by Betty Miller where I could purchase some knitted goods that had been made by Falkland Islanders.

I should like to suggest the following:-

1. That either Penguin News or your Stanley Chamber of Commerce print a simple one page 'handout' in the form of a map of Stanley showing streets and street names, identifying interesting buildings and showing the locations of the shops with perhaps a brief outline of what each sells and its hours of business.
2. That an Islander be on the dock to greet the visitors as they come ashore, hand them each one of the maps and answer questions. A little sugar catches a lot of flies and a personal welcome creates a much happier feeling when one is in a strange place and builds more of a desire to purchase something to remember it by.
3. That real effort should be made to encourage talented islanders to create original Falkland Islands handicrafts as souvenirs. There are a number of simple but attractive items which, if they are Islands' made, would have much more personal appeal than imported ones. Knitwear is always a successful item, especially if it has a local motif, such as a penguin, woven into it. Hand carved items, hand printed notepaper, hasty notes, sheepskin jackets and gloves, stuffed toys made from real sheepskin etc., etc. Good quality always brings good prices and a prominent label 'Made in the Falkland Islands' in all clothing is important, people like to be able to 'prove' that they have been to a country, strange though that may sound.

I would personally be delighted if I could order good quality Falkland's made items to give as Christmas presents, Birthday gifts, etc., how about a simple mail order catalogue?

While good quality items will largely sell themselves, an effort has to be made to show what is available and where it can be found.

What about a small brochure, with some pictures, possibly FIG sponsored, telling about the Falklands climate and geography, the people, the camp, the ships before they come ashore?

I will not guarantee a stampede but I can assure you that purses will open both faster and wider if you only give the owners some encouragement.

With best wishes to you and my many friends, ERIC LAWSON,

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R E T R O S P E C T

A look back over the last month, including some of the news which didn't quite make headlines.

Saturday 19th January

Dr. Alain Low of the South Atlantic Council, a group of British academics and politicians who are looking for a solution to the Falklands dispute arrived at the start of a one month Falklands tour.

24th January

Sedge Island, off the north coast of West Falkland, was offered for sale by the owner, Mr. W. McBeth. The Island is to be sold complete with around 500 sheep.

25th January

A road accident on Philomel Hill near the Globe Hotel brought down power lines, and resulted in extensive electricity failures. No one was hurt in the incident.

The Falkland Islands Defence Force commenced a 24 hour exercise near Stanley.

Civil Commissioner designate, Gordon Jewkes was interviewed on the BBC's "Calling the Falklands". Mr. Jewkes, who has been Commercial attache in Chicago for some time, said that he had discussed his appointment with the Prime Minister. He accepted that he had a good deal to learn about the Islands, but pointed out that he has a good deal of experience to help him. Of Falklanders, he said: "They shall be able to talk to me from the heart and the head. I shall certainly listen to those who I met and specifically to those who are elected to represent them". He said that there can be no question of discussing sovereignty with the

Argentines, but suggested that a more normal relationship must be established.

Mr. Bob Ross died following an accident on the Government jetty. It is believed that Mr. Ross drowned while trying to board the Coastal Pioneer, the ship on which he was the engineer. Mr. Ross is survived by four children who live in the Falklands.

It had been a busy week for small shipping in Stanley Harbour. At one stage four foreign yachts had sheltered in the bay.

29th January

Kerosene supplied to civilians by the Ministry of Defence rose in price from p to 57 pence per litre.

Dr. Barry Goss, a Falkland Islander, arrived in Stanley to commence a period as a locum in the Stanley Hospital.

RRS BRANSFIELD arrived in Stanley from the Antarctic.

Jenny Richards and Phillip Rozee were married in Christ Church Cathedral, Stanley. Hundreds of guests celebrated their friends' wedding at a reception and dance in the Defence Force Hall that evening.

Phillip Hainsworth a visiting Baha'i, who is a member of the National Spiritual Assembly of the United Kingdom, met local Bahai's and many other local residents in the Colony Club.

4th February

RRS BRANSFIELD sailed for Montevideo.

Civil Commissioner, Sir Rex Hunt, and Lady Hunt left Stanley aboard HMS ENDURANCE.

The official tour was to take the couple to several British Antarctic Survey bases and the Falklands Dependencies. Chief Executive, David Taylor, takes over the leadership of the Government during Sir Rex's absence. Sir Rex and Lady Hunt are expected to return around the 4th of March.

6th February

Development Corporation General Manager, Simon Armstrong, returned after a three week working tour of the UK. The DevCo Executive had an intensive agenda, and met representatives of most of the companies interested in extending their businesses to the Falklands.

Southbound passengers disembarked from the SS UGANDA.

9th February

SS UGANDA sailed from Ascension Island with military personnel and a small number of civilian passengers. Stanley Folk Club held a successful concert for servicemen at Kelly's Garden.

10th February

Tourist ship LINDBLAD EXPLORER disembarked around one hundred passengers in Stanley. The, mainly American, tourists had endured an extremely rough passage from South Georgia. The ship spent some six hours in Stanley before departing for islands on the west.

15th February

Interviewed on the FI Broadcasting Station's Newsmagazine programme, the Military Commissioner, Major General Peter de la Billiere, confirmed that civilians will have adequate access to seats aboard military aircraft using the Mount Pleasant Airport following its official opening in May and the completion of construction work some twelve months later. Although unable to give precise figures, the General said that the subsidised Falklands - UK fares for Islanders will be around £1,000 return. The un-subsidised rate could be around £2,200. He said the figures compare well with commercial rates over similar distances, which would be around £2,600 return.

16th February

Members of the Horticultural Society carried out the first phase of their annual show. Keen gardeners who had entered the competition were visited by a team who judged flower beds, lawns and vegetable plots. The winners will receive awards at the show in March.

17th February

Dr Alaine Low of the South Atlantic Council returned to the United Kingdom.

18th February

Stamps illustrating the long-defunct Camber narrow-gauge railway were placed on sale at the Stanley Philatelic Bureau and at Post Offices around the Islands.

A CLUB FOR SERIES ONE LAND ROVER OWNERS

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Port Stanley School Hostel - Wyseplan write

12.2.85

Dear Sir,

I would like through your columns to advise the general public that the delays in allowing the children to move into the new hostel were not due to kitchen or any of the contract being unfinished, as stated on the local radio news bulletin.

The major works were completed on time, on the 10th February. Snagging works, fire department inspection, and electrical & water tests were carried out on 11th & 12th. These tests are necessary as certificates are required before occupation. I can assure the public that the departments concerned carried out very thorough tests, missing nothing.

The problems, arrive from unfinished work and unforeseen works in the old establishment. It is a well known fact that when you start work on older buildings unforeseen problems arise.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Public Works Department, Mr. Ron Clarke and Stanley House staff for all the assistance they have given us to bring the 1st phase of our works out in time.

I would also like to apologise to the local residents for any inconvenience we have caused.

Yours faithfully, R. FIDDES, Wyseplan Manager, Wyseplan Ltd.

NEWS NE

ALAINE LOW COMPLETES HER TOUR

"some animosity, but "a great range of opinion".

Dr Alaine Low of the South Atlantic Council left for the UK over the weekend after her month-long, fact finding mission around the Islands. She told us just before her departure that in all she had spent ten days in camp during which time she managed to visit six settlements. She had hoped to meet a good cross section of the population and, it seems, had achieved this aim. Besides the many people in camp she has met, Dr. Low has also talked with around a hundred people in Stanley.

On the administrative side of the community, Alaine Low has had informal meetings with among others, the Civil Commissioner Sir Rex Hunt, Chief Executive David Taylor, Attorney-General Michael Gaiger, FCO First Secretary Michael Smith and Financial Secretary Harold Rowlands. She also met Councillors and representatives of the Falkland Islands Committee in Stanley. Between these meetings, she found time to seek the opinions of as many ordinary Islanders as possible. "It's been very tiring meeting people constantly," she admitted, but added, "I've achieved a much greater insight into Island opinion and the way of life."

She will now compile a report on her visit to present to a full session of the South Atlantic Council in London some time in March. Alaine Low has still a lot of work to do sifting through all the material gleaned from her visit, but her report is expected to bring to light some interesting findings on the state of Island opinion. She told us that one of her most interesting discoveries was the different approach taken by people in camp to the question of the Islands' future. "There is a percentage in Stanley who seem to be anxious, perhaps overwrought, but I didn't find this in camp," she said. "Many of the people in camp took a calmer approach."

Dr. Low said that she had been surprised by the gloom which she said exists over this question of the Islands' future. "A lot of people are very pessimistic about the future. I'd expected and hoped people to be more positive about the future. I really have been struck by the pessimism. It's really shocked me," said Dr. Low. It appears, though that the

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most thought-provoking finding of all concerns the diversity of opinions which, according to Elaine Low, exists in the Islands. "There is quite a wide diversity of opinion which people aren't aware of in the UK," she said. "There is a great range of opinion ... from the people who don't want any contact with South America to people who say in the long term there have to be talks." And she added, "There are a number of people whose views are not too far removed from those of the South Atlantic Council. Sometimes these views came from unexpected quarters." But Elaine Low could not elaborate on this remark or put a figure on the number of people who reportedly shared the views of the SAC.

Dr Low admitted that while many of her meetings were constructive and useful, she did meet with some animosity and even abuse from a few individuals. But she insisted that her visit was never intended to be a propaganda or recruiting exercise by the SAC and that she was here merely to listen to people, and answer questions about the Council. She believes that her visit will have an influence on future policy decisions made by the Council. "They (the Council members) know the going isn't going to be easy," she told us. "I think that they'll be very interested in the number of people who still don't feel very secure after all that's happened."

Dr. Low also stated that the SAC will continue its policy of listening to Islanders' views in the future and said that the Council would welcome any opportunity to meet with Falkland Islanders while they are in the UK. "We would arrange for anyone to come along and speak at one of our meetings."

RMB

EXPERTS DECLARE FALKLANDS CRAB MEAT A SALEABLE ITEM

Fishery experts in the UK have told the Falklands Development Corporation that the meat of Hair Crab caught by the Fortoser Trawler around the Falklands is of a good commercial attractive quality. They predict that if sufficient stocks can be located and air freight arranged from the new Airport, the sea food could be quickly marketed in the United Kingdom, and eventually in Europe and North America.

Simon Armstrong, who recently spent several weeks visiting Devco business contracts in Britain is delighted, and he is predicting with some confidence that his corporation and the Fortoser fishing company could produce the basis of a viable industry within a short period of time. "It's bloody exciting, really," he said last week. "It looks like it could be the Development Corporation's first major success".

Already a local company, Falkland Islands Sea Foods, has been registered, and if the results of the exploratory fishing and the research by the J. Van Smirren Company in Lincolnshire continues to be positive, a second Fortoser trawler could soon be carrying out a commercial operation in Falklands waters.

Van Smirren were able to tell Simon Armstrong that the appearance of the crab and the flesh were attractive, and they requested a regular supply of samples for further assessment. The fisheries firm suggested that the animals could be cooked in the Falklands, and the main claws exported by air freight from Mount Pleasant. The body of the Hair Crab does not contain a lot of meat, but the claws do, and these could be easily sold as cocktail delicacies. Although the major part of the crab would initially be discarded, there is a possibility that the waste could be processed into fish meal. This, however, would be a later development of the industry.

The encouraging outcome of preliminary research does not mean that exploratory fishing around the Islands can be discontinued. The sea-bed surveys must continue for some time to establish the locations of feeding grounds, and to determine whether the elusive Centolla Crab exists in viable numbers. If the large and fleshy crabs are found in large numbers, then the fledgling fishing industry will take on an even more rosy aspect.

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The UK consultants have also expressed an interest in Falklands mussels and clams. They will examine these products in more detail soon, and The Development Corporation is in the process of preparing photographs and information that will be sent to the experts.

£900,000 of the development aid has been allocated for research into in-shore fishing over the next two and a half years, but according to delighted DevCo officials, the investment could be returning revenue to the Falklands long before the end of that period.

GLB

MOUNT PLEASANT USERS WORKING GROUP

There have been frequent expressions of concern in recent weeks that civilians may not have adequate access to the facilities at Mount Pleasant, and that insufficient seats and cargo space may be allocated to local individuals and businesses. Assurances to the contrary have been frequent, most recently from the Military Commissioner when interviewed on local radio. Major General de la Billiere told listeners last week that he believed more passages will be available for civilians than are currently offered on RAF aircraft and the Stanley to Ascension shuttle ships.

Nevertheless, concern exists, and the civilian and military authorities recently decided to form a committee to look at the needs of both communities, and the roles their people will take in the operation of the airport.

The MPA Users Working Group will hold its first meeting on the 19th February, Senior Officers and MOD Staff will represent the Military community, and civilians will be represented by Councillor John Cheek, Simon Armstrong, Gerald Cheek and Jim Rogers. The civilian members of the committee will meet beforehand to decide on a joint approach.

Simon Armstrong, of the Development Corporation, said that he and his colleagues will be trying to establish the basis for civilian usage. "The agenda will cover everything", he said. "Broadly speaking, the intention is to ensure adequate access and usage for civilians and to ensure that the airport plays its full part in the economic growth of the Islands."

Mr. Armstrong said that members of the public should feel free to approach their representatives on the MPA committee with any matters relevant to M.P.A. that they would like discussed.

GLB

GARRISON CHANGE

The resident infantry garrison, 1st Battalion the Royal Green Jackets, is to be replaced early in March by the 1st Battalion the Royal Welsh Fusiliers. The Battalion, who have recently been serving in Germany, will be based at several key locations around the Islands. The Second in Command and others in the battalion's vanguard will arrive before the end of February.

ROYAL MARINES FREEDOM OF STANLEY PARADE

Royal Marines based ashore and on ships around the Falklands are soon to exercise their Freedom of Stanley with a parade through the town. Accompanied by part-time soldiers of the Falkland Islands Defence Force, with whom the Corps have enjoyed a warm relationship over many years, the Marines will march to the music of the band of the Royal Welsh Fusiliers. With drums beating, flags waving and bayonets attached, the men will line up before the 1982 memorial for inspection by senior officers.

The Royal Marines were awarded the Freedom of Port Stanley on the 8th December 1976, in a ceremony which marked over a century of association

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ROYAL MARINES FREEDOM OF STANLEY PARADE Cont'd

between the corps of elite soldiers and the Falkland Islands.

The presentation is, however, only now to be completed. John Smith, the then Councillor and ex-Marine who suggested the symbolic award, presented the soldiers with prints of the mail ships definitive stamp issue in 1976. His paintings depicted vessels which had served the Islands and the marines throughout the historic relationship. On the 9th March the Marines are to receive the original paintings from John Smith.

Following the ceremonies, a reception for some two hundred guests will be held in the Defence Force Hall.

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THE MOVIES RETURN TO STANLEY

Joe Booth's Parish Hall Cinema is to resume business tomorrow, after a break of thirty four months. Mr. Booth continued to operate his business for three weeks after the invasion in 1982, but in the third week of April had to close his doors. It was, he said, "getting too dangerous. There were machine guns all around the building, and the curfew had been brought forward to four o'clock." Despite his efforts to keep the Argentines out of the hall, and the townsfolk entertained, the hall was eventually taken over and he was required to remove his equipment.

Following the Argentine surrender, the British army had a need for the hall. It was some time before they were able to move into more suitable accommodation, and Joe was able to survey the building where he had screened movies three times a week for many pre-war years. The repair work was extensive, and only now has the electrical system been given all the attention that it needed.

Joe Booth recognises that there has been a video revolution over the last three years, and this innovation will surely not help his business. But he is still confident that there are plenty of people in Stanley who like the thrill of the big screen and the novelty of going out for an evening. "I'm not nervous at all," he said last week. "I think I can give some entertainment, and if I make a pound, it's a pound profit. I cannot see it going wrong. It's a case of seeing how often I can show films."

For the moment Tuesdays will be the only night of the week for movies, but Saturday evening shows could come soon, and Joe sees Sunday matinees as a natural progression.

The cinema will have no shortage of films. Joe Booth has bought the Government film library, and he now has at hand several hundred 16 mm films, ranging from Olivier's Hamlet through to the James Bond thrillers.

Admittance to the evening shows will be 30p for children and pensioners and 50p for other adults.

GLB

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NEW MINE DETECTORS TO BE TESTED SOON

A team of civilian technicians will arrive from the UK soon, to commence a series of trials on new mine detecting equipment that they have developed. The team, who will commence their visit on the 25th February, hope that their research will enable them to detect mines with little or no metal components beneath the Falklands terrain. It is believed that the equipment, which is still in a very early stage of development, detects the difference in the density of materials beneath the surface of the ground.

The MOD has stressed that the tests do not necessarily mean that the vast Falklands mine fields will be cleared soon. "Even if the trials conducted here are successful, it could be many years before minefield clearance can be contemplated," said a spokesman.

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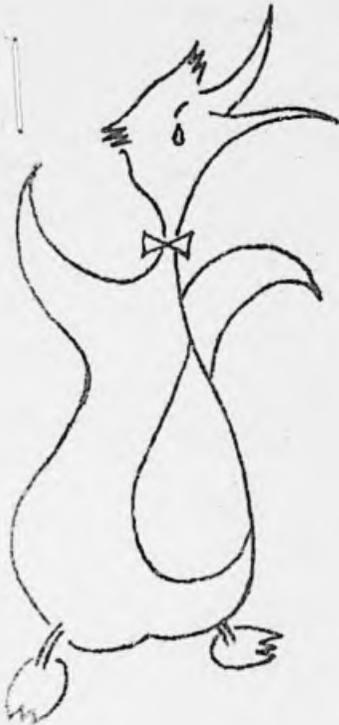
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HRH Andrew Returns



Prince Andrew arrived in the Islands last week to begin his four month tour of duty as a helicopter pilot on board HMS Brazen which has begun patrolling Falklands Waters.

Authorities seem determined that the Prince should maintain a low profile while on service in and around the Islands and they stress he is here simply as a serving naval officer. No press interviews have been permitted and it is understood that a UK television crew have been refused permission to cover the Prince's stay in the Falklands.

An M.O.D. spokesman did confirm, however, that the Prince made a courtesy call on the Commander of Forces in the Islands, General Peter de la Billiere, while making a routine mail flight into Stanley from HMS Brazen at the beginning of last week. And it is rumoured that Prince Andrew will again visit Stanley on Saturday 9th March

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IN THIS ISSUE:

We explain why this is probably the last Penguin News. The P.N. looks at Argentine re-armament. Terry Peck returns to the political scene. And lots more news.

THE P.N. BOWS OUT

We have never felt so sad about producing an issue of the PN. Because this is probably our last. It is certainly the last for some time. Although reluctant to do so, we have had to face the stark facts, and admit that with sales at less than 700 copies, we cannot continue to employ a full-time reporter as well as pay the hefty bills.

Furthermore, we do not have the capital necessary to buy the sophisticated machinery needed to change the face of the PN and make it more appealing to a wider spectrum of people. We doubt, in any case, that such expenditure could be justified.

It may be possible to produce the Penguin monthly, or at best every

two weeks, but we would need the help of a group of community-minded people to achieve this. If anyone is interested in such a scheme, the Editor would be pleased to hear from them.

Until we gain a better view of the PN's future, we would prefer not to return the credit balances of subscribers. If it becomes clear that there is no hope for the PN, then we will immediately post cheques to readers whose money we hold.

We offer our most sincere thanks to advertisers, readers and workers who have helped the Penguin over almost five and a half years.

ANDREW RETURNS (continued from page 1)

when a small detachment of Royal Marines are due to exercise their freedom of the town in a parade attended by the Civil Commissioner, Sir Rex Hunt. The Ministry of Defence could not confirm this and merely said that it was possible.

Like most other servicemen, the Prince has felt the need to call friends or family at home. During his visit to Stanley last week, Andrew delighted Cable & Wireless Staff when he bought a card to use the satellite link with UK.

RMB

PWD TO HANDLE STANLEY SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT - WITH POSSIBLE AID FROM THE EEC

At their meeting on the 14th February, Executive Council agreed to go ahead with plans to build a £209,000 annex to the Stanley Senior School. The two story building will provide facilities for technical studies, home economics, commercial studies, school assemblies and physical training. The Public Works Department are to construct the approximately 320 square metres of class room space, and Director of Public Works, Bill Hills, anticipates that the new facilities could be ready for use during the first half of 1987.

The Councillors hope that funding for the project will come from the European Development Fund, which is administrated from Brussels by the European Economic Community. The British Overseas Development Administration recently informed that the Falklands are eligible for such cash assistance as a dependent territory of a member state. The EDF has aided the Falklands Government in the past. Several years ago assistance was granted for the purchase and establishment of a new X-ray unit for the King Edward Memorial Hospital. The Chief Executive, David Taylor, told the PN last week that preliminary applications were being made to the EEC. He warned, however, that though approval is likely, it may not be forthcoming for up to six months.

The Government have examined the possibilities of erecting a pre-fabricated building and using imported contract labour. But, said Mr. Taylor, "the indicated cost is substantially higher than the PWD estimate." He is keen that the important project should be handled locally. Proof that such work can be handled without outside expertise and labour would, he believes, be useful. "I believe it is a good thing that, even with all the limitations, we have said we will do it", said Chief Executive, David Taylor.

GLB

STANLEY'S NEW HOSPITAL - CONSTRUCTION TO COMMENCE AROUND X-MAS '85

The Overseas Development Administration is expected to invite construction companies to bid for the new Stanley Hospital contract in June this year, and work on the site should commence some six months later. The shared military and civilian facilities could be in use by Christmas 1987.

In an interview with the Penguin News last week, Chief Executive, David Taylor, said that although around eighteen months will have elapsed since the tragic fire by the time construction work commences, the planning of the project has not been unduly slow. The initial response from the British Government was, said Mr. Taylor, rapid. A delay of some months occurred when the Ministry of Defence and the ODA discussed the proportion of the total cost for which each department would be responsible. The discussions were concluded around mid-October 1984. "It was inevitable that there would be this sort of thing", said the Chief Executive. It was agreed the Ministry of Defence will pay £2.4 million of the £6.4 million total cost, with the ODA being responsible for the remaining £4 million.

Millionaire Jack Hayward, who promptly promised £1 million pounds when Stanley lost its hospital and eight citizens last April, will fund sheltered senior citizen's accommodation to be built adjacent to the hospital complex.

MJB

LITTLE CHAYRAF WROUGHTON
ENGLAND

Dear Mum,

Sorry you havnt herd from me for so long. I gess you must hav been a bit wurried. when you herd about the shoot out with the goose russelers. Ennyway, theyve got all the led out of me now and i'm almost completely better. Ide better tell you the hole atory.

As planned, I rode with mr Bob and the rest of the posse, an wen we got to Shedders kreek I rode out to draw the fire. I didnt have a gun so i was gettin mity nervus by this time, but mr bob sed drawin the fire simply went havin a good look from a safe distance. All of a sudden it was like Gy Forks nite and 2nd april 82 at wunce. Thom goose russelers must ave bin desaprte men since they herd the Joe Tea Ewe was onto em. As me an old Paint wandered into the wally, they dropt the geese thay was pluckin and let fly with everythink thay had. Old Paint cudda won the guvernere Cup. He took orf like an exoset and we hedded back for mr Bob and his cronys. But their was hot led cummin from them too. I gess i herd song, but i thort i herd the boss say sumpin like "this is our chancel. Git the ajitating little bagger!" The larst thing i remember is a heck of a pane in my write arm.

i gess old Paint was a good frend, cus it seems he took me right in to Fox Bay City. I was told later that a couple of experts bizzy writing blank checks saw me and took me to the dokter in the army camp neerbye. I rekkon thay saved my life. They flew me into town and within minuets i was on the hairbrije.

Well, it was tuch an go for a wile, but thayve fixed me arm and stopped pokin needlec in me evry five minuets. Its just grate with all them pretty girls in uniforas fussin around me. There stuffin me full of

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LITTLE CHAY WRITES (continued from page 3)

luvverly food too. Real milk, beef, salads - yoo name it! They reckoned I was a bit under nurrished from to much mutton.

Reckon i mite stay away for a while and see if i can get me some good educashun. Unkel Ben always sed I shuld try and be more than just a laborer or sell my sole to the big farms. He sed if I get an educashun i can put a few things to writes at home.

Mind you, i'm missin you all and the place orlreddy. Like grandad sez, you never appreciate wot you've got until its gone.

Lots of luv to Ant Kelpie, Unkel Ben, Unkel Wrecks and everyone.

Luv, LITTLE CHAY xxx

PENGUIN POST BOX, PO Box No. 178, Stanley, Falkland Islands.

The column in which our readers express their views.

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AN ALTERNATIVE VIEW

19.1.85

Dear Sir,

Last week there was a programme about the Falklands on the BBC's "Pebble Mill at One" from which I found there was a paper published in the islands. In the hope you have a column "Letters to the Editor", I am writing this.

Like the majority of the British population when the Falklands trouble started I knew very little of their history - I may add that the majority of the population of the British Isles still know very little of that history.

You may not believe this but the only book I could find which appeared to contain accurate history was the Encyclopedia Britannica. From that I found that in the 17th Century sailors of various nations sighted the Malvinas (as they were generally called for many years) but the first country to have a colony there seems to be the French under the famous explorer de Bougounville in 1764. The French sold their colonisation rights to Spain in 1765 and, exercising her right of purchase, the Spanish drove out the British who appeared after the French in 1765. Spain maintained her colony until 1806 when the rights were passed to Argentina who occupied the islands in 1820 and appointed a Governor in 1828. Those facts seem to me to be quite clear.

In 1833 Britain expelled the Argentinians by force and have occupied the Islands ever since, for what that is worth!

Recently I have come across a leaflet published by M.P.'s and others which shows clearly the events since the 1982 conflict. No denial has apparently been made to the assertion in the answer to Q.1 that no British Government has ever taken their case (SIC) to the International Court at the Hague where a once-and-for-all decision would have been made.

Yours truly, ALAN DAWSON, Wellington Cottage, Evenlode Rd., Moreton-in-Marsh, Glos.

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THE YOU'VE-GOTTA-BE-KIDDING DEPARTMENT

6.1.85

Sir,

I am true Mexican living in Texas, America. My brothers and I know Texas belongs Mexico (true name of Dallas is Puerto J.R.) Texas is now Reagan-land only because Yankee desperadoes killed Mexican owners more recently than the Britishers established Johnsons Harbour.

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I have written to Irish American lady Jean Kirkpatrick at the U.N. and Scottish Englishman T. Dayell at Westminster to report the Mexican case. These probably honourable persons have not yet spoken up for Mexican rights against the cowboy Reagan so I guess the gringo C.I.A. have confiscated the letters before delivery.

My friend, who brings this letter to you secretly, says that J. Kirkpatrick and T. Dayell read both "Penguin News" and British reactionary paper "Beano", so a letter printed in either paper will be seen by said active anti-colonialists before being read by the C.I.A.

So, honoured persons JK and TD, when you have read this please speak up for Mexican sovereignty which is even greater than at other places!

Viva Zapata!
(Signed) A FRIEND

FALKLANDS FAN WANTS FRIEND

10.1.85

Dear Sir,

I have just watched the Pebble Mill programme on your island and was very impressed, not only with the islanders but with the lovely knitting that was only shown very briefly.

I am writing to you because I would very much like to write to someone on the island with the same interests as me.

My main interests are knitting and letter writing, that is why I would very much like to write to someone in the Falkland Islands as you have such lovely wool.

I have enclosed some more information about myself I hope you will be able to help me.

My name is Elise by the time you get this letter I will be 25, I live at home with my mum, dad, brother and his fiance. Plus my large labrador dog Oliver.

My main interests are knitting, letter writing and reading. I am secretary to our local Riding for the Disabled group, and on the committee of our speedway supporters club.

I also go horse riding nearly every week, but I have no horse of my own.

That is about all. I hope perhaps that through your paper you will be able to help me.

Yours sincerely, MISS E. WARD, 16 Oakwood Drive, Fenny Stratford, Bletchley, Milton Keynes, MK2 2JQ, England.

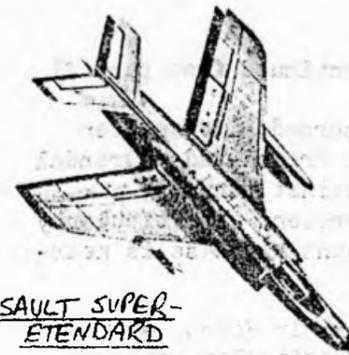
AN EXILED ISLANDER

Dear Editor,

It is hard to start this note, but during November my dear friends Edwin & Keath Hutchinson invited me to their home for a surprise. They had invited quite a few people from the Falklands to meet me. I was born at Lester Creek, Fox Bay. Many people there would remember my brothers the MacKay boys and my late sister Lottie McKaskill. I will never forget the islands.

Happy New Year, MARTHA JIYCE, 68 Throsby St., Moss Vale, N.S.W. Australia.

ED's note: Mrs. Jiyce would, we are sure, love to hear from anyone in the Falklands who remembers her and her family.

DASSAULT SUPER-ETENDARD10 BOUGHT FROM FRANCE
(WITH EXOCETS)**THE FACTS AND FIGURES ABOUT ARGENTINE REARMAMENT**

Much speculation was generated in the UK press in 1984 by the publication of a report by Dr Paul Rogers of the School of Peace Studies at Bradford University, on the post-War re-armament of Argentine forces. An up-dated assessment of the subject, which includes disturbing findings into the possible development of a ground to ground attack missile capable of hitting the Islands from the Argentine mainland, has now reached us at the PN.

In introducing his findings, Dr Rogers states, "It is not...suggested that an attempt to re-occupy the Islands is likely. The rearmament programme is directed rather towards providing the means for military conflict, including hit and run raids and temporary incursions, which stop short of full invasion but force Britain to increase its defence commitments to the Falklands considerably. A war of economic as well as military attrition could therefore develop... Another period of political strain or crisis in Argentina or indeed another military coup, might be a prelude to increased conflict."

Dr Rogers then goes on to show how the Argentine forces have been re-equipped for such covert military operations. Many deficiencies which became apparent during the War such as the lack of modern, quiet submarines, an air to air refuelling capability and an airborne early warning system, have now been remedied in the re-armament process. The following table gives the pre-War, immediate post-War and current offensive status of the Argentine Air Force:-

<u>AIR FORCE</u>	<u>PRE-WAR</u>	<u>IMMEDIATE POST-WAR</u>	<u>CURRENT</u>
Interceptor/Strike;			
Skyhawk A-4P	68	40	54
Nesher/Dagger	26	6	32
Mirage III Series	21	14	37
Mirage 5	0	0	9
<u>NAVAL AIR FORCE</u>			
Attack;			
Skyhawk A-4Q	11	6 (?)	24
Super Etendard	4	4	14
<u>TOTAL FOR BOTH SERVICES</u>	<u>130</u>	<u>70</u>	<u>170</u>

DAGGER + MIRAGE FIGHTER BOMBERS

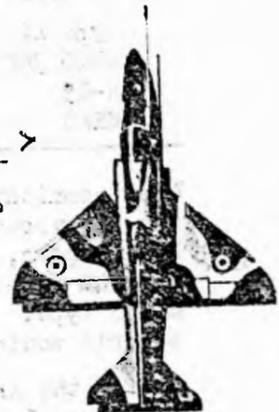
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From the above it can be seen that the Air Force has more than made up for the losses incurred during the War. Furthermore, the force of eighty Mirage and Dagger aircraft are currently being fitted with aerial refuelling probes, greatly increasing their possible endurance time over the Falklands. But, perhaps more ominous, is the increased range of weaponry which the Argentines have now procured for these aircraft. It is estimated that they now have in their armoury 28 air launched Exocet missiles. In addition, this air to sea attack capability is further enhanced by the purchase of Israeli Gabriel III anti-shiping

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THE FACTS AND FIGURES ABOUT ARGENTINE RE-ARMAMENT (continued from page 7)

missiles. As far as ground attack capability is concerned, it has been confirmed that the Air Force is now equipped with the French-made Durandal bomb. The weapon is specifically designed for use against runways, neighbouring installations and shelters, and they represent a particularly disturbing acquisition at a time when the Mount Pleasant air base is nearing completion.

While the Argentines have been busy re-equipping their Air Force, so they have wasted no time in strengthening their Navy. Of particular interest is their increased submarine capability as the following table shows:

	PRE-WAR	CURRENT	BUILDING
<u>MODERN SUBMARINES</u> (post 1975)			
Type 209	2	2	
Type 1700	0	2	4
<u>OLD ESCORTS</u> (pre 1950)			
Fletcher	3	0	
Sumner	3	3	
Gearing	1	1	
<u>MODERN ESCORTS</u> (post 1975)			
Type 42	2	2	
MEKO 360	0	4	
A-69	3	3	
MEKO 140	0	1	5

In this report, Dr. Rogers says of the West-German built Type 1700 submarines "These are substantially larger and have a much greater range and endurance than the existing Type 209s; indeed they are among the most effective long-range patrol submarines entering service with any Western navy."

It can also be seen from the table that the surface fleet of modern escorts, including destroyers and frigates, will have increased from 5 to 15 between 1982 and 1987.

When commissioned, the six MEKO 140 escorts alone will be capable of delivering a payload of 184 surface to surface Exocet missiles. "Furthermore," says Paul Rogers, "64 of these will be of the advanced MM-40 type, with a range of over 40 miles, substantially greater than the 25 miles range of the older MM-38 type. The Royal Navy only operates the older type at present, so its escorts would be out-ranged."

As for the Army, the Rogers Report confirms that the Argentines have taken delivery of 6 Super Puma troop-carrying helicopters used for commando raids, with a further 18 still on order from France.

A large section of the report deals with the activities of the Argentine aerospace industry, which is currently employing 400 people on "rocket construction". Dr. Rogers reveals that Argentina has already test-fired a rocket capable of delivering a 110 lb payload over a range of 320 miles, and that a satellite launcher is being developed for use in the 1990's.

From these disturbing facts, Paul Rogers concludes that the development of a missile capable of reaching the Falklands from Argentina, is well within the grasp of the country's aerospace industry. "It probably could not be countered by existing or planned air defence systems on the Falklands," says Dr. Rogers. "Effective counter-measures would require attacks on launch sites in Argentina," presumably with all the political implications arising from the spread of military action to mainland Latin America.

This large-scale re-armament programme seems difficult to reconcile with recent reports that the Alfonsin Government are making cut-backs in the nation's defence budget. However, Dr. Rogers explains, "As a legacy of military rule, the armed forces may still have independent financial resources which are being used to aid the re-equipment programme."

Dr. Rogers concludes in his report, "While it should be emphasised that there does not seem to be any immediate likelihood of an escalation of hostilities, it is apparent that elements within Argentina, particularly within the Argentine armed forces, have engaged in a careful and sophisticated re-armament programme meeting many of the deficiencies which became apparent during the 1982 Conflict." It may be some consolation to know that the academic does not believe there is a real possibility of a second invasion of the Islands, even if an aggressive military regime were to come to power in Argentina. But he makes it clear that "It would be possible to envisage a low intensity war of attrition which could be most costly to Britain, and would require a massive increase in the UK commitment to the..."

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6.2.85

Dear Editor,

I am writing to you to let you know we now have a Falkland Islands Referee Association complete with badge which will be out here next week.

I formed the Association with the help of another qualified Referee out here called Paul Shearpoint. I referee in the Scottish Football Referees Association in Ayreshire Section, Paul referee's in the Devon Referee Association.

We had our first class which finished on 11 January 85 at Mount Pleasant Airfield and 5 Referees started the Course, 3 Referees passed the course so if anybody requires fully qualified Referees for any important games they can call on us at the Kelvin Administration Office, where we will do our best to help out.

I have already Refereed against HMS Southampton and HMS Minerva, and already a F.A. side tournament will be under way soon if anyone from Stanley cares to join they can contact me by writing to me.

We have drawn up a constitution and rules, as well so we will be officially recognised in UK by any association.

I hope to hear from interested readers.

Yours, MR. T. ARMSTRONG, President F.I.R.A., Kelvin Catering Ltd. LMA JV, Mount Pleasant Airfield, PO Box No. 20, F.I.

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Dear Editor,

I have recently arrived on your Islands as a contractor on the Mount Pleasant Airport, and hope to be able to see some of your Islands on Sunday's when I am not working.

One thing I would like to see is a sheep farm for a couple of hours. It would have to be within walking distance of the camp as I have no transport. If you could put me in touch with someone I would be very grateful of your help.

Yours faithfully, P.A. CRIPWELL, PO Box 29, Mount Pleasant, F.I.

Ed's note: Would any reader on the farms near MPA care to help Mr. Cripwell?

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NEWS NEWSM.P.A. USERS GROUP DISCUSS CIVILIAN NEEDS

With the completion of the first crucial stage of Mount Pleasant Airport a little over two and a half months away, increasing consideration is being given to the civil requirements of the facility.

An official advisory committee known as the Mount Pleasant Users Working Group, was established recently with a view to providing a basis for civil use of the airport. The military and civilian members held their first meeting on February 19th and shortly afterwards released a press statement in which a number of the topics discussed were detailed.

As expected, the committee confirmed that facilities at MPA will be few during the period May '85 to February '86. With no real transit centre, passengers will be processed either in the main hangar at the airport or at the Gordon Lines at the Canache. People from the camp intending to travel, will be pleased to know that overnight accommodation in Stanley will be available. The booking arrangements will be free of charge, but the present airbridge return fare to UK is to increase from around £900 to approximately £1150. Exact costs, said the committee, will be made known as soon as they are available.

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(Information for following article kindly supplied by Director FWD)

ALL ABOARD THE GRAVY TRAIN - Who's building what, where and for how much.

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House Connections	Public Works Department		Feb '86	-
<u>Water Supply</u>				
Water Pipeline	Army	?	Sept '84	Jan '85
Town Mains	Public Works Department	?	Jan '85	May '85
Treatment Plant	Yet to be decided	?	-	-
Reservoirs	"	?	-	-
Distribution Mains	not known	?	Apr '86	-
<u>Brewster Houses</u>				
Houses	James Brewster			Complete
Services	Public Works Department			Completed 2nd Feb '85
<u>Islander Hangar</u>				
Foundations	Public Works Department	?		?
Structure	Yet to be decided	?		?
Electrical Works	Yet to be decided	?		?
<u>Temporary Hospital</u>				
Fire Security System	Chubb International	?	March '85	
Fire Barriers	Public Works Department	?	May '85	
<u>Hospital</u>	Yet to be decided	£6.4 m	Aug '85	
<u>By Pass Road</u>	Fairclough Miller	£1 to 2 m	Sept '84	Mar '85
<u>Mount Pleasant Rd</u>	Laing, Mowlem & A.R.C.	}	early '84	Apr '85
<u>MPA</u>				
Phase 1	Laing, Mowlem & A.R.C.	} £381 m	Sept '83	Apr '85
Additional Works (Barracks etc.)	Wimpey-Taylor-Woodrow		Nov '84	Dec '86

BIRTHS

29.12.84 To Ronald & Marina Anderson, twins Falkland John & Tony James.
 12.1.85 To Michael & Cherry Ford, a daughter, Cara Michelle.
 23.2.85 To Anton & Marie Livermore, a daughter, Isla Karen (8 lb 2 oz)

MARRIAGES

2.2.85 Philip Rozee & Janette Richards in Christ Church Cathedral.

DEATHS

13.11.84 Vladimir Simanov, 39 years of age, Fishing Catch Master on a Russian Ship.
 4.1.85 Robert Gibbons, 53. A joiner with Mount Pleasant Contracting firm.
 30.1.85 Roy Douglas Andrews, 44. Works Foreman at Mount Pleasant.
 7.2.85 Fredrick George Short, 76. Mr. Short is survived by his son Peter. He will be remembered for his many years of excellent service as the town hall caretaker.

M.P.A. USERS GROUP DISCUSS CIVILIAN NEEDS Cont'd.

The type of aircraft to use MPA during its first year has yet to be decided, but the MOD have said that these will be either Boeing 747 or the somewhat smaller Tristar. Frequency of flights will depend on the aircraft used, but will be either three times a week by Tristar or twice a week by 747. There will be allocation of civilian seats on all flights. Flying times will be considerably improved, said the committee. An aircraft leaving MPA at the suggested time of 15.00 should arrive at RAF Brize Norton at approximately 11.30 the following morning. The south-bound flights will probably leave Brize Norton at 21.00 and arrive at MPA at midday local time the following day. North and south-bound flights will involve stops at Ascension Island.

The committee confirmed that freight facilities will exist on the jet liners, and the opening of MPA will mean an improved mail service.

Local businessmen have been especially eager to know whether it will be possible for them to extend their services to MPA. The Committee's press release said that a military passenger and baggage handling terminal is to be introduced, and "the possibility of space in this facility for use by civilian traders is being investigated."

The Mount Pleasant Users Group is to meet again at Government House on March 11th. Civilians wishing to comment on matters already discussed or suggest new topics for discussion, should contact the civilian members of the body, who are Councillor John Cheek, Simon Armstrong, Gerald Cheek and Jim Rogers.

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TERRY PECK MAY SOON RETURN TO LOCAL POLITICS

Ex-Councillor Terry Peck is expected to make a bid to return to Legislative Council at the elections scheduled for September this year. The self employed building contractor and ex-Police Chief told the PN last week that he expects to offer himself for election.

Perhaps in preparation for a possible return to the Council Chambers, Terry Peck has returned to writing frank and forthright articles for the PN.

OF ROADS AND QUARRYING by TERRY PECK - Recorded in the minutes of May-June 1984 at the Standing Finance Committee is a question put by myself. Why had our Public Works Department not accepted or pursued a contract to supply 90,000 tons of crushed aggregate to an outside contractor? The then Government Secretary was instructed to enquire, as the ex-officio members had no knowledge of the matter. No answer was, to my knowledge, ever produced.

More than £500,000 profit should have been made for the country on this one project, but through the incompetence of the brain-washed administration, expatriate contractors have refused to pay the price, and put men and some plant into our quarry. They continue to take more and more from our land, returning the profits to the UK.

Do not blame our own workmen at the quarry. They have their faults, and need a kick or two from time to time, but who doesn't? The real fault, and I believe it is intentional, lies with the administration, and is also thanks to ignorance on behalf of Councillors. I warned the Council last year that it was FCO and ODA policy to rid the quarry of locals and install expatriates. Look at it today. The Public Works Department has dispersed the quarry gang to other projects, permitted Amy Roadstone Construction men into Pony's Pass Quarry, and reduced the output to an absolute minimum.

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Of course we need a network of roads throughout our islands. It is common sense. But we should not be given the story that the route from the Darwin Road to the Estancia via Mount Kent is the way to start. This plan has been formulated to serve a military purpose - access to Mount Kent. And it will be at our expense. The road will be used by some of us, but we shall have lost another large proportion of Development Aid which should have been spent on the correct route to the Estancia - through Moody Valley. Links with such a road or track would benefit many.

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RAF HELICOPTER ON MEDICAL MISSION:

A Sea King helicopter of the Royal Air Force Search and Rescue Flight with its four man crew carried out a very difficult and dangerous but successful mission during the evening of Tuesday 6th August. A call was received from Douglas Station settlement to bring in a patient, sixteen year old Derek Short, to the British Military Hospital in Stanley.

Heavy and prolonged snow showers made flying conditions very difficult indeed. The crew found it impossible to see where they were going for most of the time and had to rely heavily on radar and navigational aids in the helicopter. Because of the extreme conditions Night Goggles were also worn which enabled the pilot to a certain extent to see in the darkness.

The route out was to fly up Berkeley Sound, across the neck of land at the Western end and then keeping to the water up as far as Teal Inlet. Flying height was between 50ft and 200ft. One of the air crew who was operating the radar said afterwards "luckily I was unable to see out so I wasn't as frightened as the two up in the front; I kept asking if they could see land and they kept saying no".

The landing at Douglas Station was made possible by all of the Land Rovers in the Settlement forming a large circle facing inwards with their headlamps full on which created a large pool of light for the Sea King to land in. The crew made special thanks to the people of Douglas for the excellent way in which they had arranged the landing site. The return flight was out to the North East then round the coast to Stanley.

The Crew of the Sea King were: Flt Lt Mike Brett and Sqdn Ldr Paddy Hayes who have turn about at piloting, Master Air Loadmaster Vic Oliver and Master Electronics Operator Ted Little.

The patient, Derek Short, is now up and about again thanks to the swift and skilful assistance of the Search and Rescue Flight.

DRUGS:

In the Senior Magistrates Court at Stanley on August 26th three persons were remanded in custody charged with Conspiracy to Import Dangerous Drugs.

Roz Menzies, Isabella Jones and Margaret Stewart all from Glasgow are employed in the Falklands by Kelvin Catering at Mount Pleasant Airport. The two ladies had received parcels through the Post which contained over 110 grammes of a substance which appeared to be Cannabis Resin. Mr Menzies was remanded for seven days; an application for Bail was opposed by the Chief Police Officer owing to the nature of investigations being conducted elsewhere. Mr Menzies requested and was permitted to seek legal advice from his lawyer in the United Kingdom. Miss Jones was remanded for four days although the Chief Police Officer had originally asked for seven days. Miss Stewart was also remanded for four days.

Police enquiries revealed that the persons charged are involved in the procurement of dangerous drugs in the United Kingdom for use in the Falklands.

IN PRINT AGAIN by: John Smith & Graham Bound

It is very pleasing to be able to get the Penguin News underway again. A newspaper is not only useful, but also a healthy sign in any community where opinion can be reflected, views expressed and steam let off when necessary. Occasionally a few feathers will be ruffled but this is inevitable when opinions are aired. Editorial policy will be to keep things at a very much local level keeping off heavy politics as much as possible, but should the occasion arise important subjects and events in this field will be covered. There have been newsletters of various types running almost without break in the Falklands since 1893 so it is our aim to preserve this continuity.

With the many new faces in the Falklands along with the great number of changes that are happening we will sometimes tend to over explain things in an effort to introduce those newcomers to the Islands to things which we take for granted. Another aim will be to keep the people in the Camp informed of the day to day goings on and hope that our new 'Round the Shops' feature will be of some interest to them. On the other hand, we in Stanley don't know too much about the goings on in the Camp so please let us know. Letters from readers will always be welcome; they needn't be long and we can always polish them up a bit if you like, so don't be put off by thinking that your letter won't be good enough.

The main aim of this edition is to get back into print again. Not too much attention has been paid to the layout and presentation, we hope to learn about that as we go along. It is hoped to publish fortnightly and we look forward to your support. Those who already have subscription money with the Penguin News will continue to receive their copies.

The name PENGUIN NEWS will be retained but it will be best to go over to former Editor Graham Bound to explain that side of things. PENGUIN NEWS will remain under the ownership of Graham Bound who writes:-

I am delighted that the Penguin has returned to offer an independent news service and platform for public expression. And I am just as pleased that John Smith has agreed to take over from me as Editor. I look forward to remaining involved and helping John as much as possible.

Last issue was number 78 in late February this year, and perhaps I should explain this long hiatus. Last year we decided to see how far we could develop the PN while remaining financially and editorially independent. Rob McEride, an enthusiastic young English journalist, was employed, and with a few other invaluable part time workers, we commenced weekly publication. Perhaps we were too ambitious. Profits were carefully monitored, and some five months after the experiment started we had to accept that they were not sufficient to justify seven-day-a-week work. The weekly operation was suspended.

I planned to resume publication of a less frequent and less ambitious Penguin which would be profitable. But in May I suffered a great loss which ruled out these plans for the immediate future. In that month, my father, H.L. Bound, or Nap as he was affectionately known to so many people, died.

Dad had played a far greater role in the production of the PN than most readers realised. He provided inspired suggestions and practical help by proof reading and handling other work which could be less than exciting. But above all, he filled pages of the Penguin with excellent prose. Generally writing under pseudonyms (for he wanted no credit), he wrote thought provoking letters, a lively gardening column and incisive, hilarious political satire. My father was, of course, Little Chay.

John Ezard of the Guardian wrote eloquently of him in a recent article: "Little Chay, neighbourhood satirist of the Falklands has had to lay down his pen. This event, which because of the way it happened eclipsed the gaiety of his small nation, has also disclosed his true identity - a point more speculated about than any of the British garrison's secrets.

Chay was a somewhat dyslexic but inconclastically wise child, whose commentaries on the changing scene appeared in the magazine Penguin News. For the magazine's international readership, he was an unsurpassed guide to the private underside of Falklands speech and gossip.

It was Nap Bound all along - a gentle, sober-faced Stanley shopkeeper with an attentive ear and a sophisticated creative imp inside him".

My father was the silent partner in the Penguin News and so very much more.

GRAHAM BOUND

TASK FORCE NORTH MOVES OFF:

Friday August 23rd: a cold windy morning with snow showers saw the departure for England of nine members of the 1st Falkland Islands Scout Group with their Group Leader Phil Middleton. They will be joined in England by Barbara Steen and Sweyn Alsop who are presently there on leave with their parents. Those who left from MPA on the 747 Jumbo are Girl Venture Scouts Dawn Betts, Annagret Adams and Lisa Watson. The Scouts are Boyd Watson, Shane Clarke, Simon Goodwin, James Butler, Herman Morrison, and Alistair Wilkinson. The girls are all just over 15 while the ages of the boys range from 12½ to 14 years. They are all travelling in uniforms and will be met at Brize Norton by Anne Keenleyside presently in U.K. on a Teacher Training Course, who will stay with the group for the whole of their month's stay.

The group's first week will be spent as guests of their U.K. host scout group The 1st Wickford Knights, near Southend in Essex. This Venture Unit has sponsored the Falklands expedition to the tune of £3,000. It is planned during this week to have a great London sightseeing and shopping spree including a visit and possible two night stay at the heart of all scouting at Gilwell Park, and Raden Powell House.

The group will then move West to Devon for week two, staying at the River Dart Country Park, also being paid for by the 1st Wickford Knights Scout Group. Activities during this week will be Trekking, Swimming, Canoeing and Climbing. During week three, four days are being allocated to a bit of time off so that the youngsters can visit relatives and friends. Six are off to Southampton.

Back to Devon again on September 13th for the Devon Moot which is the meeting of all the Venture Scouts of the county of Devon, then the girls go off for a shopping spree and the boys to a farm after which preparations for the return to the Falklands will have to be made. They hope to arrive back on the 20th September.

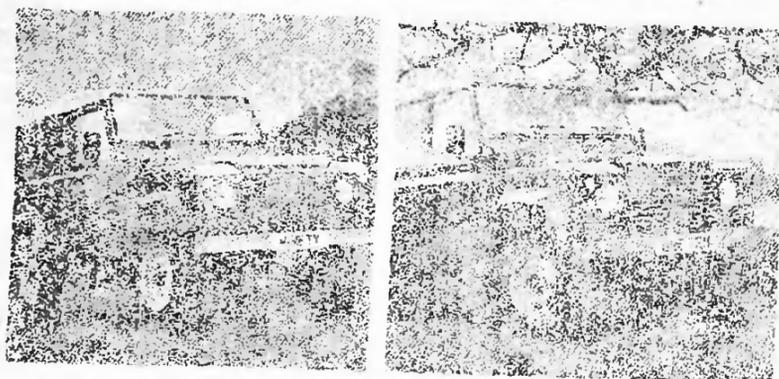
This wonderful chance of a lifetime expedition has been made or brought about by the leadership and enthusiasm of Phil Middleton who has during the last nine months organised all manner of fund raising activities in which the Scouts themselves have collected over £9,000 required for the air fares. It was a great moment when they left MPA, not one of them ever thought it was really going to be possible. They all extend their sincere thanks to everyone who contributed so freely and generously to make this journey possible. Phil Middleton can justifiably feel a very proud man. Through his guidance the young people of the Islands have proved for themselves that great things are possible with hard work and determination.

NEWS FROM R.A.S.

The R.R.S. JOHN BISCOE is due to sail from England on September 17th under the command of Captain Chris Elliot. Her expected time of arrival in Port Stanley is 15th October.

R.R.S. BRANSFIELD previously programmed to sail to the Antarctic by routing through Capetown South Africa will now be sailing via the Falklands. BRANSFIELD under command of Captain John Cole will depart England late October arriving Stanley early December. Her initial programme will be to visit Signy Island in the South Orkneys before proceeding to Halley Bay set deep in the Weddell Sea.

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One of their recent clients was Willie Bowles of Kennedy House, Stanley, who bought a new 90" model from Sturgeess after a visit to their stand at the Royal Show at Stoneleigh in Warwickshire.

The company is not new to exporting to the Falklands. Some years ago over a dozen new Land Rovers were supplied to Johnston Construction, builders of the present Stanley Airport.

Sturgeess can also arrange to purchase household items and a wide variety of goods and toys, and pack them into the Land Rover prior to shipment. All shipping and insurance can be dealt with by them, and we are sure Willie Bowles will be pleased to explain how he arranged it all.

CIVIL COMMISSIONER VISITS CAMP:

Sir Rex and Lady Hunt have started on a series of visits to all Camp Settlements to say farewell after their 5½ years spent in the Colony. They are travelling by Land Rover, Islander Aircraft and Helicopter as time and circumstances permit. They are due to depart finally from the Falklands October 13th onboard the RFA SIR GERRAINT.

WELCOME BOOST FOR PENGUIN NEWS:

Alan Wells, a Contractor at Hillside Camp, has made a handsome donation of a cheque for £100 to the Penguin News. This will be used to purchase a professional standard pocket tape recorder which will make news gathering a easier especially on outside events when wind and rain tend to make things rather difficult to say the least with pencil and note book.

This is Alan's 18th month in the Falklands and he has made his donation as one of thanks for the enjoyable time he has spent here and also to contribute towards something which will benefit the community. He very much believes that the Falklands should have a newspaper and is himself the Editor of the Hillside Chronicle, which is published here in Stanley by PSA once a month.

Our sincere thanks for this most welcome gift which will help PN to get off to a good start again.

STANLEY DANCE:

A highly successful dance in aid of the SIR GALAHAD Lifeboat Appeal Fund was held in the Town Hall on August 10th. The organisers were Mrs Betty Ford and Mrs Joan Middleton, well known for their splendid efforts in fund raising for good causes. The dance attracted a very large crowd. Afterwards there were many favourable comments on the high standard of dress and behaviour. Rosita provided the refreshments and the whole evening went with a swing. Raffles were drawn resulting, with the admission fees, in a truly astonishing total of £780.25 which was later handed to Capt Jeremy Carey of the LSL SIR GERRAINT a sister ship to the SIR GALAHAD which was so tragically lost at Fitzroy during 1982. This appeal is in aid of raising funds to provide a new coastal lifeboat in England to be named after her.

The items raffles were: a quarter of beef: 3 dozen eggs: a mutton carcass: 2 oven ready geese: twenty F.I.'s first day covers: 8 hens: a Sunday lunch: 2lbs fresh butter: a Kiddicraft owl: a mains radio: a penguin made from a cow's horn and a ladies jumper knitted with wool from the Falkland Mill.

Betty and Joan wish to thank all those who so kindly donated the raffles and of course to those who attended and gave so generously.

Another dance is planned in the near future so if you would like to donate an item for raffle please get in touch with either Betty or Joan.

DROPS IN THE OCEAN:

This was the title of a review presented in Stanley Town Hall on August 1st. It had all the marks of a real old Music Hall type show with a cast which included the Bens, the Military, the Experts, the Expats, the Contractors, all sorts whose combined talent gave a thoroughly enjoyable 2½ hours of really good family entertainment without swearing or smut, a fact which many people commented on afterwards. The Grande Finale was an enthusiastic and noisy spectacular from Stanley's own Fighting Pig Band.

Congratulations and many thanks to everyone who took part in any way to the production which raised £340 for the Hospital Fund.

ROUND THE SHOPS: This week the Stanley Co-op

In no way do we wish to create any advertising or competition. The aim is to let the people in the Camp know what is on the shelves. The items are taken at random and do not cover the entire range carried by that particular shop. We hope that this will not only help to sell our paper, but also help you as well:

Automatic Washing Powder 3kg @ \$3.96: Toilet Soaps from 29p to 75p:
Fabric Softener 2 litres @ \$1.56: Glycerine 100ml bottles 61p: Brown Sugar 500g 70p: Cube Sugar 500g 52p: Icing Sugar 500g 48p: Shampoo - all sorts and colours @ 75p: Mansize Tissues 84p: Mixed Dried Fruit 500g @ 89p.

Big Bercé Battery Hand Lamps \$5.52: Cooking Oil \$6.13 per 4 litres: \$1.65 for 1 litre: large range of sauces and pickles including Red Cabbage, Pickled Onions etc, all between 75p and \$1 per jar. Cocktail Cherries Creme de Menthe flavour \$1.85: Tubes of Tomato Puree 53p: Sharwood Condiments including Bengal Hot and Major Grey Chutnies from 80p to \$1 per jar.

Pie Filling 1.4kg tins in Minced Chicken & Mushroom and Minced Steak & Kidney with Onions and Gravy - both at \$1.33 per 7½oz tin: Good range of Coffees from \$1.38 to \$3.83 per 100g jar. Tinned Fruit including Victoria Plums, Gooseberries, Apricots, Strawberries, Pineapple, and Peaches; small tins in the region of 50p - bigger tins in the 90p range.

Plenty of packet biscuits; all sorts from Ginger Nuts, Cream Crackers, Coconut Cookies, Digestive & Assorted. Very useful tin-foil tins or trays 9" diameter; 9" square & small, medium & large Pie Dishes priced between 8p, 10p & 12p. Big Aerosol WD 40 @ \$3.15 and finally a large selection of Ladies Tights in all shapes, sizes and colours.

Finally there is an excellent range of Christmas Cards. For those who live in the Camp there is not too much time, after you have bought your cards and sent them back into Town for delivery overseas by surface mail.

SHORTAGES IN STANLEY SHOPS:

Stocks of flour, butter and margarine began to run low in Stanley's two largest shops during August. Flour stocks at the F.I.C. West Store ran very low but with the helpful co-operation of Kelvin Catering and the Melvin Bakery more stocks were obtained to last until the arrival of the Charter Vessel. The Stanley Co-op also ran low on flour stocks, which were partially eased by obtaining some from the Military. Flour is a difficult commodity to store in large quantities as it has a limited shelf life, which has caused some stores in the past to write off considerable quantities through over stocking.

The butter stocks at the F.I.C. were adequate to last until September, until there was an unprecedented demand for butter from Camp Stations which exhausted stocks and caused a large demand on margarine. Enquiries were made to borrow from Kelvin Catering but they only have it in individual portions which are entirely unsuitable.

The F.I.C. did make enquiries about bringing more flour out on one of the M.O.D. Charter Ships but their freight rates for flour are double those charged on the A.E.S. This would have made the price of flour totally unrealistic.

Both the F.I.C. and Stanley Co-op Managers would like to express their thanks to Kelvin Catering, Kelvin Bakery and the Military for their assistance.

POWER STATION EXTENSION OPENING:

The \$2.2 million extension to the Stanley Power Station was officially opened by the Civil Commissioner Sir Rex Hunt on 7th August. The new distribution system will cost a further \$1.1 million: work on this is expected to commence in October, on its completion Stanley will then have a modern electrical system adequate for the foreseeable needs of the town. Both the Civil Commissioner and the Deputy Director of Public Works Dave Robson paid tribute to those involved in the preparation, organisation and construction, especially to Joe Filipczyk of Faircloughs and his team who have been instrumental in many other projects besides the power station extension. Also to Trevor Browning, Malcolm Binnie and their gangs and to Les Harris and the men of the Power Station who the Civil Commissioner said had performed a Hercules Task since 1982, working all hours and in every type of weather to keep the Stanley electricity supply going.

THE BV'S IN AMONG THE NAMES AGAIN:

Cordial co-operation was received from the Military Civilian Liason Officer recently when many Stanley residents expressed their concern about the military tracked BV vehicles driving up between the letters which form the ships names on the hill on the northern side of Stanley Harbour. Some of these names have been there since 1896 and are very much part of our heritage which naturally caused some anxiety. Arrangements have now been made for alternative tracks to be used and hopefully with the advent of the better weather the unsightly scars will quickly grow over. Thought was given to possibly reseeding the churned up areas but the new grass seed would probably result in bright green bands of new grass which would look just as conspicuous as the muddy track, so it may be better to let nature take its course. It must be said in fairness to the drivers of the BV's that the letter forming the names are so large that when driving or even walking among them it is impossible to realise that they are there. With the frequent change of personnel who may never see the names from the town side of the harbour, some are quite unaware that there are names there at all.

The names are BARRACOUTA : BEAGLE : PROTECTOR : ENDURANCE : AND LYNX : all warships having been On Station in the Falklands at some time or other.

NEW PLACE NAMES IN THE FALKLANDS:

Future Falkland Islands maps and charts will feature some new place names. One or two smaller points and inlets have been altered to adapt more to local conditions and features. Some of the new names are: in the North Arm area, Blake Inlet (after Tony Blake who was Section Manager at North Arm for many years) and Devils Point Island. Lively Island will now feature a Roller Beach, Useless Cut and Dolphin Point, while Walker Creek will have Nose, Rib, and Chin Points.

Royal Navy Hydrographer Lt Cmdr Mike Barritt presently serving in the Falklands as the Deputy Queens Harbour Master recently explained to Patrick Watts in a news interview why it has been necessary to institute or create new place names. Principally the increase of navigation in Falklands waters has brought about the need for more detailed charts therefore points of land and harbours which were of little significance before 1982 are now quite important. The best example of this being in a Search and Rescue situation where it is very much easier for a boat or aircraft in trouble to relate its position to a point which has an actual name rather than to have to work out a map grid reference or the latitude and longitude.

NEW PLACE NAMES IN THE FALKLANDS CONTD.

The first step in creating a new name is to establish with the local owners and people of the settlements whether they already have a name which does not appear on the present maps and charts, and secondly if the suggested new names are acceptable to the people who live there, or clash with names already in existence. Where there are significant features that do not at present have a name the Royal Navy Hydrographic Service likes some times to reflect the local personality or owner as in the case of Blaks Inlet at North Arm. Other examples around the Falklands are Parker Shoal off Egg Harbour named in 1978 after the then Governor Jim Parker. Hunt Rocks up in the North West named in 1982 by H.M.S. HECATE after Sir Rex Hunt. In the Fitzroy area are two rocks called Snaiths Twins, the name being brought about by the wife of Lt Snaith, the Hydrographer who was working in that area, who produced twins while the survey was being carried out. Perhaps the most appropriate local name is Sollis Rock up in the North West, after Jack Sollis who died earlier this year. Jack who gave so much of his expertise and local knowledge to the surveying parties of the Royal Navy over many years, has a fitting memorial on the Admiralty Charts where his name will be preserved for all time.

BOOK REVIEW: OPERATION CORPORATE by Martin Middlebrook

This book is possibly the first to be written about the Conflict by an historian, the other having been written mainly by journalists and members of the armed forces or those very much involved in some way. Martin Middlebrook of Boston Lincolnshire is the author of this new book which contains several sections covering the experiences of people living in the Falklands during the Occupation. The author visited the Falklands in 1983 in order to interview people about their experiences first hand. He has also interviewed 218 members of the Task Force so that the main content of the work is of a military nature. This is the author's tenth book on military history; it contains 400 pages and will be available through the Pink Shop in Stanley during early November priced at £12.95. Place your orders now and solve a Christmas present problem.

THE 'PENGUIN' SAILS AGAIN:

It was very pleasing a week or so ago to see the auxiliary schooner PENGUIN afloat and undergoing engine trials in the harbour, after having been on the F.I.C. slip for 16 months during which time she has been completely rebuilt. She was relaunched at the end of July for fitting out. The engine trials proved satisfactory giving her a cruising speed of 8 to 9 knots. It is hoped to have her ready for Charter work in early September. There is accommodation for six plus a crew of two and she will be available on a daily, weekend, or longer basis for cruises around the Islands.

She is a tough old vessel having been built in 1908 for the Falkland Islands Government as a steam launch and converted to an auxiliary gaff schooner in the 1940s. Dave Eynon is her seventh owner. During the 1982 Occupation she was sunk at the Canache by the Argentine forces which necessitated the major slipping and refitting programme. Her owners are Dave and Carol Eynon who between them run the South Atlantic Marine Services - SAMS for short - who will gladly provide full details of the rates and services for the 1985/86 season. Phone Stanley 145 - 3 rings.

THE 'A.E.S.' -

Sailed from Gravesend on 2nd August. Expected time of arrival in Stanley is 2nd/3rd September. She is carrying 1024 tons of general cargo. On deck are 61 cages of Propane Gas; 1 Mobile Home; 1 Trailer; 11 Containers and 2 Dogs.

For the uninitiated the A.E.S. is a Danish Cargo vessel of 323 nett tons, chartered by the F.I.C. to make four voyages each year between the U.K. and the Falklands, carrying all of the Colony's supplies ranging from Cornflakes to Tractors. This system has been going on for over thirty years ensuring a regular direct link with the United Kingdom. Contrary to some reports and thoughts the Falklands received less than 5% of its' supplies from the entire South American mainland prior to the 1982 Conflict. The name A.E.S. represents the initials of one of the family of the vessels owners, Annie E. Sorenson.

GOVERNMENT OFFICERS IN U.K.

Chief Executive David Taylor left for a visit to the U.K. on 16th August during which time he will, according to a Government Spokesman, assist in the selection of an Assistant General Manager for the F.I.D.C. Simon Armstrong, the General Manager of F.I.D.C., is already in the U.K. on a working holiday. The Chief Executive also plans to have discussions at the F.C.C. and O.D.A.

Chief Financial Secretary, Harold Rowlands, is also on a working holiday and is due to return to the Falklands on September 27th. Harold Rowlands was due to go on leave last year but plans were upset when he broke his leg.

Superintendent of Post and Telecommunications, Bill Etheridge, is away on medical grounds and we understand will take advantage of combining business matters with his visit.

ELECTION UPDATE:

General Election day is Thursday October 3rd. Prospective Candidates must have their Nomination papers handed in to the Presiding Officers by Noon on Tuesday September 10th. Ken Halliday at Fox Bay Village for Camp Candidates and Mrs Sharon Halford in the Registrars Office for Stanley Candidates. Nominations must be accompanied by a deposit of £50 which will be returned if Candidates poll 5% or more of the votes. Full details and advice for prospective candidates can be obtained from the Presiding Officers.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

A Memorial Service was held on the afternoon of Thursday August 8th in Christ Church Cathedral at Stanley for the four crew members of a Royal Navy Sea King helicopter who lost their lives in a collision with a C130 Hercules aircraft over the sea on June 27th.

A plaque to the memory of: LT CDR Rob Simpson RN; LT Duncan Hayes RN; LT Simon Rodwell; LACM Paul Summers RN, was dedicated by the Rev Edward Renfry RN Chaplain to the Royal Navy Task Unit in the Falklands. Lt Cdr David Dunston Flight Commander of 826 Squadron Royal Navy read the lesson. A bugler of the 1st Detachment Light Infantry sounded the Last Post. Over 200 people attended the service including the Falklands Civil Commissioner Sir Rex and Lady Hunt, and the Commander British Forces, Air Vice Marshal Kemball and Mrs Kemball.

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BIRTH:

McDonald: On August 29th to Irene and Colin of Port San Carlos, a son Andrew James weighing 6lb 3oz. A brother for Derek, Irene Ann, and Kathleen Rose. Congratulations.

WEDDING:

Between John Birch and Miss Paz Neri Igao on 17th August at 6A Pioneer Row, Stanley. The ceremony was performed by the Acting Registrar General, Mrs Sharon Halford.

Our best wishes to Paz and John.

We regret to report the following Deaths:

Mary Ellen Morrison on August 10th aged 85 years.

Jane Christine Halliday on August 19th aged 82 years.

Our sincere sympathy is extended to all family and friends.

The Births Deaths and Marriages which occurred during the period that Penguin News was out of Print will be recorded in our Backlog Diary Edition.

READERS WRITE:

FROM: MR DEREK EVANS

16/8/85

Dear Sir,

I have had much to do with the children of these Islands over the last sixteen years; I have greatly enjoyed their company and, although I am no longer teaching, I shall always be interested in their welfare.

I write now out of concern for what I can sense is happening to our young people.

I think we all realise that happy children are those who have a set of rules to conform to. They will always push them to the limit but are content to know that if they step outside them - then look out! The unhappy child is the one who can push and push and always get what he or she wants. They never learn respect, they never have security.

THIS TRUTH DOESN'T ONLY APPLY TO CHILDREN, IT ALSO APPLIES TO ADULTS. We need to have principles to stick by, limits to keep. Unfortunately the vast majority of my generation, in their wisdom, chose to throw away their limits which were, if you think about it, the Church and the restrictions of the Ten Commandments. I am not implying that previous generations stuck rigidly to the rules, lots didn't, but they were the yardstick that everyone was judged by, and if you broke them you were in hot water and you know it. We seem to have taken the Ten Commandments and turned them upside down.

Most people's God is pleasure, money and possessions. Love thy neighbour has become Love thyself, look after number one and it doesn't matter who gets hurt. Nowadays few conversations are complete until the Lord's name has been taken in vain. Violence, killing, stealing, sex and adultery have been glorified by the media. There are no restrictions now, everything is acceptable, no one cares or protests.

This is the world our children are growing up in. Older people have memories to compare the modern world with. Our children do not have. This is normality to them. If their parents aren't strong and don't impose restrictions on them, there is no security for them, no limits.

Lots of our children are losing the habit of self discipline, often because their parents haven't got it anyhow and wouldn't want to be bothered to pass it to their children if they had. They pass the responsibility to Education but discipline in school doesn't work if there's none in the home. Many children are indulged, they are seldom refused anything, they seldom have to wait for anything, everything is too easy. As a result they have no staying power. If something gets difficult they don't see it through, they give up. This is becoming very apparent and is very worrying.

No self discipline is the root cause of babies before marriage: broken marriages: older relatives being abandoned to the State to look after. It means that everything worthwhile is too much effort to carry out. With the girls it tends to show in sexual maturity at an earlier and earlier age. You can't blame them, they are fed on a diet of sex by the media and video - anything is I.K. It has become just a game. But what damage it does! Who has bothered to tell them, who remembers? Sex is supposed to be the ultimate expression of two people who are in love, joined together in marriage. A giving of something precious and unsullied. Far too often now, by the time marriage comes along there is precious little left to give. A marriage is off to a very bad start when one partner knows the other is in the habit of sleeping around; not a good foundation for trust and loyalty. Sex is now a game and sadly marriage is going the same way. There's little staying power. And who suffers most - the children. It breaks my heart to see the state some of our children are in at school.

LETTER FROM DEREK EVANS CONTD:

Why am I concerned? Because trouble is coming to us in many forms. The world is becoming a sick place. Life is getting more complex and difficult and I am afraid a lot of our children are not equipped to handle it. Drugs are a major problem; we can't escape it completely; have our children the moral fibre to resist it or will they take the easy option?

Why am I writing all this? I'm writing in the hope that even one set of young parents will understand what I am trying to say. I'm hoping that they will realise that their children get their standards from their parents above all else. I'm hoping that they'll care enough for their children not to want them to become cynical, empty shells without self discipline or respect or loyalty, vulnerable to every shift in fashion. I'm hoping they will realise there are great dangers ahead and the best way to prepare their children to meet these dangers is for the whole family to go back to living as close to those Ten Commandments as possible so that their children have a secure framework to build their lives on.

When troubled times come, indulging your children won't help, money won't protect - only moral fibre and self discipline will pull your children through.

DEREK EVANS

FREE FROM THE FIG:

A limited number of copies of the House of Commons Third Report from the Foreign Affairs Committee entitled 'Events Surrounding the Weekend of 1-2 May 1982' are available from the Stanley Public Library. The report covers the GENERAL BELGRANO sinking - a name which we had hoped not to mention so soon in this paper, but as it is one of the rare free hand-outs by the F.I. Government we thought you may like to know about it.

It's quite thick and very heavy going but to people seriously interested in those events it is an essential addition to the bookshelf. It is published by HMSO.

DO YOU REMEMBER? LOOK BACK AND SMILE:

There must be some amusing incident, event, or thing concerned with the Falklands which you remember. Just a passing thought but enough to make you smile when you think of it. If you have such memories drop us a line, the shorter the better and we will share it with others. As well as providing a laugh it does help to preserve these little bits which the history books leave out and are likely to be forgotten forever.

The FIG Sausage: a fearsome thing produced at the Sausage factory opposite the West Store, reputed to be filled up with anything that wasn't selling very well, or was no good at the Butchery. Was usually a bright pink and highly spiced to disguise the taste. The quality depended a lot on the state of health of whoever was operating the sausage machine. Monday mornings were sometimes especially bad. Has been quoted as being the worst thing in the world. The Factory closed down in 1970.

The Kelper Store Experimental Ice Cream: enthusiastically produced during the early 1960s. Adventure being the keynote of the operation. There were all sorts of exciting flavours, the most well remembered being Mushy Pea and the Grated Carrot. Really evil stuff but heartily consumed by most of the children of the Stanley Senior School at that time.

THE SUE WHITLEY TRUST FUND EXHIBITION:

The second Sue Whitley Trust Fund Exhibition for Arts and Crafts by the children of the Falklands was held in the Junior School on the afternoon of August 20th. The sheer volume of exhibits again this year indicated the continuing interest shown by the young people. The imagination along with the impressive standard of finish made judging almost impossible. Perhaps the fairest way would have been to have put the names of the 396 exhibitors into a hat and drawn out the first six, but prizes do create competition and keep up high standards to aim for so judgement was carried out. To all those who did not receive a prize or commendation, don't in any way be discouraged or feel disappointed - you all did a fantastic job.

The prize winners were -

Camp Education Section:

1st: Jamie Simpson of Fitzroy : Highly Commended: Lisa Pole-Evans of Port Howard : Highly Commended: Ingrid Newman of Port San Carlos : Gold Stars: Lynne & Amanda Forster of Bold Cove : Callum Butler of San Carlos and Phyllis McLaren of Port Harriet.

Junior Section:

1st: Gillian Phillips of Green Patch : Highly Commended: Magaly Betts of Stanley & Douglas Morrison of Stanley : Gold Stars: Mark Pollard and Roslyn Harris both of Stanley.

Senior Section:

1st: Andrea Grey of Goose Green : Highly Commended: Ann Morrison of Port Louis & Lisa Watson of Stanley : Gold Stars: Stephen Jaffray of Goose Green & Paul Phillips of Green Patch.

Gold Star awards did not win prizes but the work was considered to be of well above average.

The Sue Whitley Trust Fund is to perpetuate the memory of Sue who taught at the Stanley Senior School until her death in the catastrophic final days of the Argentine Occupation in 1982. The fund was set up with donations from Sue's home town of Llanrinod in Wales with the aims of firstly, to advance the education of children in the Falklands through the awarding of prizes for endeavour in the field of Arts & Crafts and Home Economics, and secondly, the purchase of equipment for the teaching of these subjects.

The winner of the 1st prize in each section is presented with an engraved medallion to keep; also a gift. In addition the Senior School winner gets the Spinning Wheel Trophy which is held for a year. Due to the very high standard of work it has been decided that the Highly Commended's will now also receive a prize.

In our next edition we will describe the exhibits of the prize and Gold Star winners. They are all so good that they deserve more than just a one word description such as painting, or needlework.

SPORTS REPORT: by Patrick Watts

Traditionally the main winter sport in the Falklands is darts, and this year has proved no exception, with the highlight being the Governor's Cup, a knockout competition played over two nights in the Town Hall. The Stanley Darts Club organize this and other competitions throughout the winter months, and the success of this season has been due in no small way to an energetic Secretary, Stephanie Coutts, who has revived interest in local darts following the blank years immediately following the 1982 conflict.

SPORTS REPORT CONTD:

The organising committee decided to revert to a previously used system, to decide the format of the Kendall Cup, the premier team competition. Twelve teams entered, representing local pubs and clubs, plus a team from the Property Services Agency (PSA). After each side had played each other home and away the top six teams played off for the Cup while the remaining six competed for the Challenge Shield. The Kendall proved to be an exciting affair with the Sidewinders, last years runners-up, Islanders and PSA all involved when the final round of matches began. Sidewinders won the necessary 9 legs against the Islanders to win 2 pts, and finish a point clear of PSA, and several in front of the Islanders. The champions based their victory on a magnificent all round team performance, superbly led by their Captian, Terence Summers. In Michael Clarke they also had the top player of the season, while veteran Lars Smith, Mike Goodwin and Nicky Bonner all played a valuable part to ensure a Sidewinder victory. In the Challenge Shield the Green Berets Association, made up of ex Royal Marines who have served in the Falklands, had a couple of points to spare at the end, but the runners-up position was only decided after a play-off between Alistair Biggs' Victory 'B' and the Globe Wanderers. The latter winning handsomely on the night 12-3.

It took another play-off to decide the top league player, and once again Colin Smith had to settle for second place, with the aforementioned Michael Clarke winning 2-1. Smith won just about every other individual title associated with the Kendall Cup competition.

The 'Team Knockout' trophy stayed in the Rose Hotel, but with the 'B' team this time, who defeated last years winners the Rose 'A' by 10-5 in the final. James Lang led his side superbly in this particular competition while one of the veterans of the local darts scene, Jim Watson, was as ever, despite the tension in the final.

Another veteran Harry Ford, who won his first darts prize back in 1951, picked up a medal as his team the Rose 'A' unexpectedly beat the Islanders 5-2 in the Consolation medals final. Douglas Hansen, Captain of the victorious Rose team, also had the distinction of scoring the maximum of 180, (3 treble twenties) during the League Tournament. Of the youngsters, Lindsay Coutts who reached the quarter finals of the Governor's Cup, and Robert McAskill, both of the Islanders look as if they have a bright future on the local darts scene.

Next edition ... the story of the J. Walker and Governor's Cup Tournaments.

MRS SAULY BLAKE
HILL COVE



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THE GENERAL ELECTION:

Only four Candidates stood for the four seats to represent the Falklands Camp population and are therefore returned unopposed. They are: Anthony Thomas Blake of Little Chartres, Lionel Geoffrey Blake of Hill Cove, Robin Myles Lee of Port Howard, and Timothy John Durose Miller of Many Branch Farm. Both Tim Blake and Tony Blake served on the last Council and Tim Miller has also served on a previous Council.

In Stanley there are nine Candidates contesting the four seats. They are: Terence Severine Betts, *William Edward Bowles, *John Edward Check, Darwin Lewis Clifton, Norma Edwards, Derek Stanley Evans, Charles Desmond Keenleyside Jnr, Philip John Middleton, and *Terrence John Peck.

Those Candidates marked * have served on previous Councils and those names marked * served on the last Council.

The Election takes place on October 3rd.

CONCERN OVER PROPOSED NEW HOUSING PROJECT:

A Petition signed by some eighty people has been handed to the Chairman of the Town Planning Advisory Committee requesting that the proposed Snake Hill low cost building project involving some 19 - 22 new houses, be carefully reconsidered as it is strongly opposed by many, not only residents in that area, but by many from other parts of Stanley as well.

None of the residents in the immediate area can see why the new project should be built in Snake Street. They are already bordered to the South by Lockout Camp and to the East by Hillside Camp. The main asset to their properties and one of the principal reasons for them buying is the magnificent view to the North out over the harbour, into Port William and beyond. If this new housing project comes into being they will be looking into other peoples kitchens and back yards, with the consequent effect that the value of their properties will drop like a brick. The scheme is seen by many, as one thought up by a Committee who do not have to live with, or to suffer the consequences of the results.

All agree that there is the need for low cost housing in Stanley, but not on the style and scale as is proposed at Snake Hill which is based on the system where space is short and necessity dictates cramming lots of things into small spaces. The long term results of this type of housing plan are lamentably apparent in some parts of the United Kingdom. Here in Stanley we are surrounded by open spaces to the West and to the South of the town, and the immediate question is asked, "Why not build the new houses where the Brewster and other houses are?" The essential services are already in the area for those properties, and there is room to spread out. Why are the prospective occupants of the proposed new houses to be forced to have a tiny bit of land barely big enough for a garden shed let alone the essentials of a peat shed, garage, drying ground, vegetable garden and a play area for those with a young family.

NEW HOUSING PROJECT CONTD:

The site proposed is almost solid rock so gardening of any sort will be well nigh impossible. The tightly cramped layout could be a potential fire hazard and could well in a few years be a scar on the face of the town. The project appears to have all of the ingredients for a planning disaster, as well as financial disaster for those who are unfortunate enough to have properties on its boundaries.

After talking with some of those people who have signed the Petition, it was very clear that it was in no way a case of over reaction; it was drawn up only after careful and mature consideration. The reply is awaited with interest.

FALKLAND FAMILIES ASSOCIATION:

Many readers will remember that at the end of last year a magnificent total of £5689.61 was raised in the Falklands by raffles, donations, dances, sponsored slims etc in aid of the FFA, whose members are relatives of those who were lost during the 1982 Conflict.

There is now confirmation that a party of 59 members of the Association will be making a visit to the Falklands in April next year, during which time they will naturally wish to visit San Carlos, Goose Green, Fitzroy, Port Howard, Pebble Island and the battle areas around Stanley.

To make arrangements for the 1986 visit a Rocce Party consisting of Mrs Sara Jones - Vice Chairman, Mrs Christine Robinson-Moltke - Committee Member and the Chairman Mr Desmond Keoghane, will be making a brief visit to the Falklands from November 5th to the 8th.

This is without a doubt, a Falkland commitment and one in which everyone will wish to have a hand in. The main requirements will be for accommodation and transport. Accommodation will be in the order of 11 single rooms, 16 double rooms and for 2 families, each of three persons. Transport to the various locations looks as if it will be in most cases overland so there is a good deal of groundwork to be done at this end, in order that the rocce party can take the answers back with them.

The Falklands Regional Officer for the FFA is Mr Fred Clarke, but as he is very much involved at the GREAT BRITAIN HOTEL at present, Mr Norman Clarke in Stanley has kindly agreed to be the co-ordinator for the visit, so please get in touch with him as soon as possible with your ideas, suggestions, in fact anything that will assist in making the visit a success. One suggestion that has already come in, is that when the party arrives in April there should be a reception in the Town Hall which will give them a chance to meet people at the beginning of their stay, and that people might come in overland and return taking visitors out with them, thus saving a good deal of time as well as enabling people to get to know each other.

JOHNNIE BLYTH WRITES:

A lot of people have stopped me on the road lately to offer me congratulations on my marriage, then most of them ask, "Where did you meet your wife?" The answer to that is, "I didn't." So because of that question, I decided to have published a little of the background leading up to the wedding, in the hope that I won't have to repeat to others.

Miss Paz Meri Igar of the Philippines advertised in a British paper for a pen-pal anywhere in the world. I write to a few friends, so thought I would add another to my list, not even expecting an answer.

JOHNNIE BLYTH CONTD:

Well, Paz did answer and to cut a long, and indeed private story short, we soon found that we had a lot in common, and so our romance flourished albeit by letters, culminating in marriage on the 17th August 1985.

JOHNNIE

EDITORIAL

Thanks to the assistance of many people and organisations, the last issue of Penguin News got successfully off the ground. News from the Camp is still very sparse so please send in reports of your two nighters, social activities, news of any kind.

We have received a number of very good letters of which some are anonymous and others ask for the names of the writer to be withheld. Our policy on this is that the name and address of the writer must be published with the letter; if we give way to one or two then where do we draw the line? So to those who have written, please don't be offended and we hope that you can see our point of view. Send in your names and we will publish.

All in all, things are not too bad in Stanley. Summer, despite the occasional snow showers, is making an appearance. The days are drawing out. Upland Geese are feeding on Victory Green and in the Government House paddock; even a Curlew has been sighted up West, and a touch of colour is added by the Crocuses on Arch Green. Even the Town is starting to look a bit cleaner as Albert Hatch of the PWD goes about his superb job of clearing up the gutters and sidewalks. No matter what the weather he is there with his wheelbarrow and spade. His task is immense but he keeps steadily at it. Albert's work is one of those readily visible signs of progress. Insignificant when compared with some of the projects in hand by the Public Works Department, but it is one of those small things which have the effect of making a sometimes dull world look just that much brighter.

POWER STATION TRAINING:

Andres Short, a member of the staff at the Stanley Power Station, has recently left for the United Kingdom, where he is to spend a year studying at Canterbury for the City and Guilds in Mechanical Engineering with a particular focus on diesel engines, which will relate to his job in Stanley. After Canterbury he will move on to spend some time with the firm of Allens, the engine manufactureres, who provided the main power plant for the Stanley Station. The whole course has been tailored to suit the particular requirements of the Falklands.

Andres will be joined by his wife Celia and son Marc next May, who will be going over on holiday.

NEWS FROM THE EOD - EXPLOSIVE ORDINANCE DISPOSAL:

Some truly remarkable facts and figures emerged recently during a radio discussion held between Patrick Watts of FIBS and Capt. Nick Clark of the Royal Engineers EOD Team based in the Falklands. Over the past three years nearly 20000 Hectares of ground has been searched, first visually and then gone over again with Locators to look for munitions of all kinds which may have either been buried in the earth on impact, or have been concealed by grass and undergrowth since the 1982 conflict.

Among the items dealt with so far have been: 95 unexploded bombs - 3 during the last year, 5000 grenades - 143 last year, more than 2½ million rounds of small arms ammunition, 1435 blind cluster bomblets - 33 in the last year, 300 missiles, 5000 rockets and 1400 booby traps.

There are also EOD units in the Falklands with the Royal Air Force, the RAOC and the Royal Navy. The RAF recently had to deal with a cluster bomblet at RAF Stanley which was revealed when the wind had blown away the sand leaving its tail sticking up. The RAOC are dealing with over 1000 boxes of 105mm artillery ammunition discovered recently on Mount Challenger. They will then sweep the ground to ensure that there is nothing lying beneath it.

So the message is clear. The Argentines left behind them a deadly legacy, which is if anything, now even more lethal due to deterioration with age and weathering. Everyone should be as aware of the dangers now as much as they were beforehand.

By means of the Penguin News we would like to express the thanks of everyone in the Falklands to those in the EOD Team who in often appalling weather conditions carry out their slow, dangerous, but excellent job.

NEWS FROM THE FALKLAND ISLANDS DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION:

Natalie McPhee is a nineteen year old Falkland Islander, who has worked for FIDC since it came into being. She had previously worked for FIG as assistant to the Development Officer.

In September 1984 the Board of FIDC decided to send Natalie to the Highlands and Islands Development Board for a period of three months to be trained in all aspects of development and its management. This was in keeping with FIDC's policy of ensuring that Falkland Islanders will be trained to run FIDC in the medium term future.

Natalie started her secondment during May 1985. She spent a short time in the Inverness headquarters of HIDB before moving to the HIDB's Shetland Office. The development problems of Shetland are in many ways similar to those of the Falklands. Natalie spent the first part of her secondment in Shetland travelling around the islands with the HIDB's local projects officer as he helped applicants for financial assistance prepare their case to the Board of the HIDB. She then spent time doing the same job herself. She has assisted a range of companies and individuals from fishing boats to spinning mills and hotels. She attended a financial management course to ensure that she could give the best advice possible.

Natalie is rounding off her secondment by working with Alistair Cameron, the UK representative of the FIG in London. She arrives back in Stanley in early October to take on the role of Projects Officer. She will be particularly helping small businesses turn their ideas into firm proposals to the Board of FIDC. Simon Armstrong, General Manager of FIDC said "we felt that Natalie had the intelligence and enthusiasm to play an important role in the FIDC, but wanted her to see development in broader perspectives and realise that she could make a major contribution to the development of the islands. Having seen Natalie a week ago in the FIG Office in London, I know that idea worked."

DEPARTURE OF SIR REX AND LADY HUNT

Now that it has been agreed that the Governor and Lady Hunt will leave the Colony at the end of his tour of duty on Sunday 13th October, the Government Secretary has made preliminary arrangements to mark the occasion.

The Governor and Lady Hunt will leave Government House in the taxi after lunch on that day and drive via Ross Road to the Public Jetty. The people of Stanley will be invited to line the road and it is expected that the taxi will stop at certain points for the Governor and Lady Hunt to get out and greet people in the crowd.

Eventually they will reach a point on Ross Road, probably between the Cathedral and Emma's Guest House where they will get out of the taxi and walk to a Guard of Honour formed by Royal Navy, Royal Marine, Army and Royal Air Force contingents along the road facing north. As the Governor approaches the Guard, the trumpeters of the First Battalion, the Light Infantry drawn up in the area of the beginning of the Jetty, will play a fanfare. He will then take the Royal Salute and inspect the Guard.

From there he and Lady Hunt will walk onto the Jetty, where along the western edge facing east, there will be a line of distinguished guests waiting to bid them farewell. It will include representatives of the Armed Forces, Heads of Departments, Councillors, Senior Officers of the Government; and on the 'T' of the Jetty will be the Falkland Islands Defence Force including its female members. The Governor and Lady Hunt will say goodbye to each one of them.

The m.v. Forrest will be alongside the jetty pointing westwards. As the Governor and Lady Hunt board the vessel, at about 3pm, the trumpeters of the First Battalion, the Light Infantry will play a farewell fanfare.

Once onboard, the Forrest will steam westwards to a point somewhere between the Secretariat and Government House when it will go about to sail back past Victory Green where the FIDF will fire a 17 gun salute. The RFA Sir Geraint will be waiting for the Forrest on a buoy almost due north of the line of the Public Jetty. The Governor and Lady Hunt will transfer to the Sir Geraint and sail immediately.

The two FIGAS Islanders will fly past at some stage probably over the Forrest during its west and east bound passages. More details will be given later with an announcement about the Farewell Reception in the Town Hall the previous evening on Saturday 12th October.

Many people will want to invite the Governor and Lady Hunt to private functions nearer their departure. The co-ordinator of all such social events is Miss Rosemary Beckman at Government House who will be pleased to advise interested hosts.

It is anticipated that there will be a requirement by photographers both amateur and professional, to be in advantageous positions on the day. It will therefore be necessary to introduce a system of Passes for Accredited Photographers and Press Representatives who will be permitted on the Public Jetty and the area where Sir Rex and Lady Hunt will be making their farewells to the various dignitaries. It may also be possible for persons with Passes to travel on board the FORREST to the SIR GERAINTE. Those who do not have passes will not be afforded facilities on the jetty or elsewhere.

So persons wishing to obtain Passes are advised to get in touch with the Government Secretary without delay.

FALKLANDS FISHING:

The Falklands Trout and Salmon fishing season opened on September 1st and will close on April 30th next year. A licence - which is free of charge - must be obtained from the Stanley Police Station by anyone wishing to fish for Salmon or Trout. The Police Department intend to carry out regular checks on local rivers during this season to ensure that all fishing regulations are complied with: a guide to the Fishing Laws is obtainable with the licence.

Intending Anglers may be interested in the following points taken from the Fishing Law Guide.

Permission of the Landowner to fish from private land for any type of fish must be obtained before fishing commences. Intending anglers on the Murrell River are advised to study the Fishing Law guide and seek clarification if necessary before commencing fishing, as the regulations are somewhat complex in respect of that river.

One of the most popular fishing rivers in the Falklands is the Malo. But Anglers are reminded that the exclusive rights to fish in this river are held by the Falkland Islands Angling Club and the residents of Teal Inlet.

There are penalties for unlawful Trout and Salmon fishing. Any person who contravenes any section of the fishing laws is liable on first conviction to a fine of £50 along with the forfeiture of any boat or tackle. There is also a limit to the catch. It is forbidden to take more than a total of 12 fish per day. No fish less than 10" in length may be taken.

This article concerns mainly fishing for Trout and Salmon; there are no restrictions on the taking of other fish from public waters other than to bear in mind that where necessary permission from the Landowner must be obtained first. If in doubt, ask.

THREE DAY EXERCISE FOR BRITISH FORCES:

The exercise designated CAPE PETREL was the latest in a series of pre-planned Force Exercises designed to maintain preparedness in the event of a transition to hostilities. All units in the Islands took part including the Falkland Islands Defence Force.

During the Exercise which took place from August 29-31st there was an increase in ground and air activity by the arms services including low flying and the use of pyrotechnics. Some roads, particularly in the Canache area, were closed for a while. The Exercise was planned and was successful, in causing as little inconvenience as possible to civilians. It finished on schedule at midday on Saturday.

ANOTHER GREAT DONATION FOR THE SIR GALAHAD LIFEBOAT:

The Appeal Fund for the new Lifeboat to be named after the ill-fated SIR GALAHAD was raised even further recently when Stanley House Cooks Cheryl Reeves and Mary Ursel did a marathon sponsored walk from Stanley to Mount Pleasant Airport, which raised a magnificent £387. They set out at 6am on Saturday August 30th on what was a day of really lousy weather: very cold, raining, windy with frequent and savage squalls. Both admitted afterwards that there were moments when they had doubts about making it; the cold was the worst. It was tough going, quite a bit further than they had realised, thirty miles is a long way on foot, but they kept at it. People turned out along the route to cheer them on and provide hot drinks which helped tremendously. Cheryl and Mary agreed that the worst bit of the walk was the seemingly endless long drag up the Fitzroy Ridge from the River down near the Hawks Nest Rocks.

SIR GALAHAD LIFEBOAT FUND CONTD:

They arrived at MPA at 4.45 just before dark to a great reception with a room of their own, hot showers and plenty of hot food, then to the MPA Social and Recreation Club where the £387 was raised.

Both wish to express their sincere thanks to everyone who helped in the great walk, especially Mike for the hot drinks, and to everyone at Kelvin Catering for taking care of them so well, and to the Social and Recreation Club who made the whole venture such a success.

Donations for sponsorship are still coming in and the total to date is £446.

LETTER FROM MR JIM CLEMENT:

Sir,

THE UPLAND GOOSE

The wild geese of the Falklands have been studied by scientists based in the Islands for about eleven years. The original idea was to observe their habits in order to find some method to control their depredation on re-seeds and fodder crops.

Not even the most rabid of anti-goose thinkers in our farming community would wish to see these beautiful birds exterminated. Indeed I believe it would be impossible to do so.

In the days when I was a farmer I have had murderous thoughts about geese after walking over a field of kale which had been completely defoliated shortly after the plants had sprouted. We had raised a very successful crop of kale the year before and only one or two geese had been seen on the field at any one time. Either those geese reared large broods or they told their friends. The second year was a disaster as far as kale was concerned.

All Campers know that a goose of the right age taken at the right time of year and prepared by a skilled cook makes a superb meal. Therefore it would seem to be sensible to make the unfortunate goose earn its keep.

It would not be too difficult to harvest geese in November/December when they are shedding. A method of catching them alive and uninjured even when they take to ponds and saltwater creeks could easily be found by the use of a rubber dinghy and a net. They would then have to be contained and fattened in suitable enclosures which would hold them after they had grown new flight feathers.

A market would have to be found for them and standards of hygiene maintained during slaughter and packing. This is something which F.I.D.C. might examine.

I have no idea what kind of building would be necessary for processing but it should not be anything like as expensive as a slaughter house for sheep or cattle built to EEC standards.

It seems a pity that thousands of geese are shot each year and then left to rot when they could be contributing something for their board and lodging. Given the market, the cash incentive and a successful system of capturing and fattening wild geese, here surely, is the system of control most likely to succeed.

J.P. CLEMENT

SOUTH ATLANTIC SHIPPING AND AIR SERVICE COMPANY:

In a major new Falkland Islands venture announced in Glasgow on August 22nd, a consortium of British companies has formed an organisation aimed at providing a comprehensive range of shore-based services and handling facilities to the fishing fleets operating in the Falklands area. The South Atlantic Shipping and Air Service Company will also offer similar arrangements to all other merchant shipping interests as well as the growing commercial air market.

The make-up of the consortium's members brings together the expertise of five companies with a long established marine and aviation background:

CURNOW SHIPPING LIMITED	HELSTON, CORNWALL
DENHOLM SHIPPING GROUP	GLASGOW
JAMES FISHER & SON PLC	BARROW-IN-FURNESS
SCOTTISH EXPRESS INTERNATIONAL	AYR
TURNER DIESEL LIMITED	GLASGOW

Mr Gavin Roser, a spokesman for the group said, "during each season more than 200 fishing vessels operate in Falklands waters and their catch is worth well over £100 million annually. At the moment, however, there is practically no benefit to the Falklands since these vessels tend to go elsewhere for important items such as bunkers and provisions.

The existence of the floating port at Stanley (FIPASS) makes the establishment of our commercial base a rapidly achievable prospect so now, for the first time, the British and Falkland economies both stand to benefit."

Mr Roser said that the new company is working closely with the Foreign & Commonwealth Office, The Ministry of Defence and the Falkland Islands Development Corporation.

He went on, "our aim is to ensure that a suitable financial return is obtained from all future fishing activities and in achieving this we hope to make a vital contribution to the economic development of the Falkland Islands."

Indications are that the South Atlantic Shipping and Air Service Company, which is being registered in the Falklands, will achieve a turnover in excess of £1M per year. It is intended to attract foreign investment to strengthen the Company's activities.

SOUTH ATLANTIC SHIPPING AND AIR SERVICE COMPANY

CONSORTIUM MEMBERS

CURNOW SHIPPING LIMITED OF PORTHLEVEN, CORNWALL - Operators of the St. Helena Shipping Service. Contact : Andrew Bell

DENHOLM - Glasgow based international shipping group engaged in ship owning, ship management, ship agency, freight forwarding and general maritime consultancy. Contact : Gavin W. Roser

JAMES FISHER & SON PLC - Ship Owners and Ship Managers established at Barrow-In-Furness in 1847; other involvements include Port Management and all shipping related activities. Contact : Derek M. Jackson

SCOTTISH EXPRESS INTERNATIONAL - Worldwide distribution freight forwarders and aircraft handling; headquarters in Ayr. Contact : Robin A.L. Anderson

TURNER DIESEL LIMITED - Engineering group controlled from Glasgow supplying services to industrial and marine industries worldwide.

Contact : Peter Morrison

DRUGS CASE:

Further to the report in the last issue of the Penguin News concerning persons being remanded in 'Custody of Drugs' charges. The three persons were each sentenced to four months imprisonment and have now been released on Bail pending an Appeal. The Case has resulted in comment in the U.K. over the lack of legal assistance for Defendants in the Falkland Islands.

The three persons, Ronald Menzies, Isabella Jones and Margaret Stewart, all from Glasgow and employed by Kelvin Catering at Mount Pleasant Airport also expressed their concern about conditions in the Stanley Prison, in particular the cell accommodation which Ronald Menzies described as 'inhuman with no heating.' The two ladies expressed concern over heating, washing and toilet facilities. During their 54 hours spent in the Prison they were unable to obtain either a bath, shower or even a wash in hot water. The Falklands Chief Police Officer admitted that conditions in the cells in the Stanley Police Station were far from suitable adding that he was waiting for the local Government to begin refurbishing the Prison following the voting of money for the project some time ago by the Standing Finance Committee. The Chief Police Officer pointed out that the cells were basically for holding persons overnight or for short term prisoners. He also made the point that the prison was hit by a missile during the Argentine occupation which caused extensive damage to some of the cell accommodation.

On the lack of heating and washing facilities the Chief Police Officer said that ample blankets had been provided and that arrangements had been made for the prisoners to shower at the Stanley Hospital but their release on Bail came through just as they were preparing for the journey.

The Penguin News visited the cell accommodation at the Stanley Police Station during this week to see the conditions first hand and came away with the following conclusions. That any prison aimed at being a crime deterrent resulting in the conditions being somewhat spartan. As the Chief Police Officer has said, "the cells are in some respects unsuitable, but they have never been officially condemned." The Police Force is doing an excellent job under difficult conditions. They try to make things as reasonable as possible for those occupying the cells, but it must be borne in mind that the Falkland Islands Police are running a Prison and not a Hilton. If people break the Law, then they must be prepared to put up with the consequences.

SHIPPING NEWS:

On Friday 6th September the Korean trawler 'DOM BANG 59' called briefly at Port William to pick up her Captain who had been put ashore two weeks previously for medical attention.

During the first weeks of September there were seventeen vessels using Berkeley Sound for fuel bunkering and the transfer of fish catches. Five were Spanish and the other twelve either Polish vessels working in conjunction with the Polish fishing fleet.

The FIC vessel MONSUNEN has recently made two voyages to Motley and Triste Islands to bring about 700 sheep for the Stanley Butchery. She is then scheduled to sail on voyage P24 on September 16th for a big West Falkland voyage with cargo for:

PEBBLE ISLAND : KEPPEL ISLAND : GOLDING ISLAND : HILL COVE : SAUNDERS IS :
DUNBAR : ROY COVE : CARCASS ISLAND : WEST POINT ISLAND : CHARTRES :
DUNNOSE HEAD : WEDDELL ISLAND : BEAVER ISLAND : PORT STEPHENS.

SHIPPING NEWS CONTD:

The Danish Charter vessel AES arrived in Stanley on September 3rd with just over 1000 tons of general cargo from England which was unloaded at the FIC jetty. Two working days were lost due to bad weather. The AES sailed during the afternoon of Monday September 9th bound for Europe in ballast; her Captain hopes to pick up a North bound cargo in either Uruguay or Brazil. This is the one voyage of the year when the ship returns empty. On the other three voyages she carries a full cargo of wool to the United Kingdom.

SCHOOL HOLIDAY COMMENCES:

The end of term holiday began on Thursday August 29th and will last until the Stanley Schools reopen on Thursday 19th September. The new term will then last until Wednesday December 18th.

LAND ROVER AND 4 WHEEL DRIVE CLUB:

Recently Nick Pitaluga came to Penguin News with an idea of "getting a sort of Land Rover Owners Association going here in the Islands."

Nick has been a contact for the "Worldwide Association of Rover Owners Clubs" for a year now, and they are very interested in the Falklands mainly knowing that we have the highest per capita number of Rovers (and 4-wheel drives generally) in the world.

Whilst in New Zealand, Nick was a member of an "Off Roaders Club" and from seeing how that was run, and how the local Motorbike Club runs here, he felt it would have to be some sort of a correspondence system, whereby the information he would pass on to possible members would range from recent vehicle prices, to accessories available from U.K., Australia and New Zealand, and also enable owners of series 1 Land Rovers to get those parts which are now only available through clubs and contacts.

If there was sufficient membership it would not be hard to organise a rally or a trial, trial and sprint trials or simply a family fun day day at Christmas Week when a few Campers might be in Town.

But first Nick would like to hear from anyone who would like to know more about it, or has any idea, suggestion or advice.

Naturally a subscription fee to cover costs of parts ordered would have to be imposed but this would be minimal.

An Off Roaders Club is a family club, everything voluntary if members are keen enough, and also gives a bit more entertainment for those people who are more interested in their vehicles other than just driving to and from work.

So if you are interested, get in touch with NICHOLAS PITALUGA at SALVADOR.

FIRE BRIGADE NEWS:

Marvin Clarke, Superintendent of the Falklands Fire Services, left on 27th August for a 17 week stay in the United Kingdom where he will attend a series of courses covering many aspects of fire fighting and fire prevention. The trip is being paid for by the British Council and is the first time that a member of the Falklands Fire Service has been sent for long term specialist training. Some members have in the past, while spending time in the U.K., attended short courses.

The first month or so will be spent at RAF Manston after which there will be a period with the Kent Fire Brigade and finally a stay at Tee Side Civil Aviation.

FIRE BRIGADE NEWS CONTD:

The Stanley Fire Brigade, with the exception of the Superintendent and the Fire Officer, is an unpaid organisation which everyone tends to take for granted until there is a fire. There are 25 regular members on the strength who train every week in a series of practical exercises and lessons covering House Fires, Fuel Fires, Road Accidents, Evacuation of Casualties, First Aid and Aircraft Crashes. Conditions for operating an efficient Fire Service are far from adequate, with a fire station which is little more than a garage, no office and no store. Some equipment has to be kept outside exposed to all weather as there is no room for it within the station.

Fortunately thanks to the RAF Fire Service a lot of difficulties are being overcome, particularly in one important aspect whereby the RAF carry out the servicing of the Stanley Brigade's Breathing apparatus. The RAF also attend the weekly training classes to both instruct and to assist in creating realistic situations involving the use of breathing equipment, smoke generators, and lowering injured persons from places such as the Town Hall roof. There has also been recently a course at RAF Stanley dealing with procedures in the event of a crashed military aircraft.

The Fire Brigade are equipped with one Carmichael Fire Tender - with another due to arrive shortly, two Land Rover Firefly Tenders, five Trailer Pumps, a Lighting Unit, a Cutting Unit for getting people out of crashed vehicles and aircraft, four sets of breathing apparatus with four more sets on the way. There is also all of the necessary supporting ancillary equipment and all members have standard uniforms as worn by the United Kingdom Fire Brigades.

During Marvin's absence Fire Officer Pat McPhee is in command of the Brigade.

"DO YOU REMEMBER" From: Abbie Alazia

There are many things that cross my mind from time to time, one which causes me to smile myself when I think of it. Riding into Hill Cove for the sports from Port Stephens in 1932, and while passing in between the two settlements, we came upon a tall young man with a horse and cart. The horse was gaily trotting along and the man was standing in the cart holding the reins, looking quite red in the face and singing to the top of his voice, "I want a girl, just like the girl that married dear old Dad." I said to my mate, Charlie Dickson, "I guess he has got the sports spirit that young man," and who is better known today as BIG DADDY (Les Halliday).

This however, was the first year of an organised Steer Riding event in the Falkland Islands I think, organised mainly by Mr Syd Miller, then at Hill Cove. The prize was a pair of silver spurs and was won by Reggie Grant from Port Howard. Other events which took place were: the Mile won by Jim Lee from Port Howard on 'Red Cross'. Bill Rutter's mare, 'Terrasina' was coming down in the final stages of the race, when his luck ran out and he met with an accident, causing a fractured shoulder so he had to ride back to Port Stephens via Fox Bay with his arm in a sling, which was hard luck on Jockey Bill. Apart from that, it was a very enjoyable sports.

Tim Miller of MANYBRANCH FARM, PORT HOWARD has recently become the Falklands Agent for the seed firm Smiths of Hazlehead and has provided the following information:

As you know some years ago 'Smiths of Hazlehead' took over 'Alexander and Brown' a seed firm with a long history in the Falklands.

At present Smiths have over 200 customers locally with annual sales of £2500. They value greatly their connection with the Islands. As you will appreciate many of their orders are very small, people wanting 6 or 10 packets of seeds etc and these are expensive and time consuming in the office to process and post.

Therefore Smiths feel that they can operate a better service overall by someone 'bulking - up' the orders every so often, seeds etc are usually ordered well ahead by people anyway with only the occasional 'emergency' request. The price of their products will be the same as advertised but bulk ordering will inevitably save on expensive postage from U.K., so at the end of the day customer's orders should cost a bit less. Also the customer will be saved the hassle of remitting money to U.K., guess estimating postage etc and the bother of import licences for potatoes, trees etc.

Existing customers will receive their new catalogue in the normal way and I will have a supply for any others interested.

Customers are asked to simply send their orders with payment for the item price only to me, on receiving the goods they will be billed for the outstanding share of postage. If your order is urgent then tell me.

As regards trees and hedging plants, these are all available and can be readily shipped and have a high survival rate. Last year I imported 100 Privet plants and all are doing well. Likewise a number of deciduous transplants have done very well.

If anyone is interested in planting a hedge, a few trees or more please can they let me know as soon as possible what they are interested in so we can get quotations etc for delivery on the January A.E.S. Trees and hedges do grow here if you make the effort.

ROUND THE SHOPS:

This week we take a look at Stanley's newest shop 'KIDD CRAFTS' which is due to open on Monday September 16th, at the Old Bakery, 7 Fitzroy Rd.

Lillian and Bill Kidd who started making soft toy penguins last September in a corner of the upstairs loft of the Old Bakery, are now in full time production of soft toys and gifts, employing a staff of five to keep up with the demand. The range of toys offered really has to be seen to be fully appreciated. The biggest impact is created by the sheer colour of the products combined with the really friendly atmosphere within the shop.

All of the products which may be best described as Cuddly Toys, are made from polished fur material. The quality is very high indeed with each item bearing a label on which is stitched "Kidd Crafts - Made in the Falklands." The Penguins which range from 9" to 15" in height are around £8.00 to £13.00, then there are the really super King Penguins almost 24" tall priced at £35.00. Penguins are only a small part of the range offered. The shop is rather like a Toy Zoo with Old English Sheepdogs almost life size at £35.00 : Roland Rat with pink ears and a blue cap at £25.00. Owls in various sizes from £10 - £15 : Basil Brush Foxes @ £18.00 : Pink Elephants @ £12.00 : Also Blue Elephants at the same price. Golden Spaniels @ £15.00 : Father Christmases @ £15.00.

KIDD CRAFTS CONTD:

Leopards @ £20.00 : Giant Polar Bears @ £35.00 : Snowman Mitts @ £10.00 : Day Old Chicks 3 in a nest for £5.00 : Seals in Grey, Brown, Blue, Black and Brown with big sad eyes @ £10.00 - £18.00 : Teddy Bear Pyjama Cases in really super colours @ £12.00 : Blue Dolphins £18.00 : Small Whales, Blue, Grey and White @ £10.00 : Pink Pigs @ £12.00 : along with a variety of beautifully dressed Bunnies, Teddies, Mice, some as toys, others as pyjama case, all in the £12.00 - £15.00 range. There are also Woolen hats in Red White and Blue with Falkland Islands knitted into them @ £3.00.

The ideal shop to visit in search of Birthday, Christmas or that really special present.

AIR FARES

For all Falkland Island residents and their close relatives.
For Falkland Islanders born in the Islands but no longer resident and their close relatives.
For immigrants sponsored by MIG.

£525 SINGLE
£1050 RETURN

The fare must be paid by eight days before flight date.
If the booking is cancelled within the last seven days or the passenger fails to show up for the flight a cancellation fee of £252.50 will be payable.

The full standard economy fare is:

£975 SINGLE
£1950 RETURN

Children up to their second birthday will travel free, if they do not occupy a seat.

Children between their second and twelfth birthdays will travel at half fare.

There is also Advanced Purchase Fare which is mainly applicable to passengers intending to travel from the U.K.

£625 SINGLE
£1250 RETURN

This fare must be paid at least 28 days before the intended date of travel.

All boarding tickets for northbound flights to the United Kingdom will be issued from the General Office of the Secretariat. Persons booked on a Friday's flight can obtain their tickets on the afternoon of the previous Tuesday at the earliest and up until 9am on the morning of their flight and likewise, persons booked on a Tuesday's flight can obtain their tickets on the afternoon of the previous Friday at the earliest and up until 9am on the morning of their flight.

BAGGAGE

Passengers are reminded that the maximum baggage allowance is 60 kilos per person.

Civilian passengers booking in at Brize Norton will be asked where they want their baggage unloaded on arrival in the Falklands: this may be at Mount Pleasant Airport itself, which would suit those passengers who will be met by friends at the terminal building. The alternative is for the baggage to be delivered to the Gordon Lines, an area at the Canache near Coastal 3. Southbound passengers should therefore have decided before they arrive at Brize Norton where to have their baggage unloaded - whether at MPA itself or at the Canache.

AIR FARES CONTD:

Arrangements for passengers travelling Northwards to Ascension and on to Britain:

They may hand their heavy baggage in at the Gordon Lines between 10am and 6pm on the day before their actual flight;

OR

between 9am and 10am at the Gordon Lines on the day of the flight;

OR

between midday and 1pm at the Tristar hangar at Mount Pleasant on the day of the flight.

Passengers themselves, with their hand baggage, have the option of:

reporting at the Gordon Lines between 9am and 10.30am on the day of the flight;

OR

at the Tristar hangar at Mount Pleasant between midday and 1pm on the day of the flight.

BIRTHS:

HAWKESWORTH: On September 10th to Pauline and Dave, a son Ryan, weighing 7lb 14oz. A brother for Jeanette and Christopher.

TRIGGS: On September 6th to Diane and Michael of Stanley a daughter, Donna Louise weighing 7lb 6oz. A sister for David.

Congratulations to all

WEDDINGS: Both of Falkland Islanders overseas.

On August 24th at Bramshott near Liphook in Hampshire between Tracy Peck of Stanley and Geoff Porter.

On August 31st at Letchworth in Hertfordshire between Robert Rozec of Stanley and Michela Ann Denney.

Our best wishes to the happy couples.

WE REGRET TO REPORT THE FOLLOWING DEATHS:

Lena Isabella Eleanor Goodwin on September 1st aged 85 yrs.
George Stewart who died suddenly at Fox Bay on September 6th aged 57 years.

DEATH BY MISADVENTURE:

The Falklands Coroner has delivered a verdict of Death by Misadventure on Kevin Durrant, a 24 year old contract worker from Waterlooville in Hampshire who was employed at Mount Pleasant Airport site. The death of Mr Durrant had been reported on July 8th when he had been found dead on a bus at Mount Pleasant.

MEMORIAL SERVICE:

A Memorial Service for Jack Sollis, who died in England on May 31st, was held in Christ Church Cathedral on Tuesday 3rd September.

Jack joined the Government Service in June 1939 as Coxswain of the launch A LERT on Customs and Lighthouse duties. Later he was to command the Government vessels PHILOMEL and FORREST and was awarded both the BEM and the MBE for his work concerned with the maritime affairs of the Falklands. Jack retired from Government Service in July 1983.

The Rector of Christ Church Cathedral, the Rev Harry Bagnall read an appreciation by Lt Cdr Mike Barrit of the Royal Navy Hydrographic Service from which the following extract is taken:

Jack piloted the LINDBLAD EXPLORER and the WORLD DISCOVERER during their first voyages through the Falkland Islands waters. Jack was the friend and patient counsellor of a succession of Surveyors in HM Ships PROTECTOR and ENDURANCE. Even after his retirement they came to his door to discuss their work at the start of a new surveying season. It is fitting that one of the maritime dangers to which he drew their attention now bears his name ensuring that his contribution to the Admiralty Charts will be remembered as long as men voyage in these waters.

Jack also provided maritime advice for successive officers of the Royal Marines who commanded Naval Party 8901. The knowledge which he shared so unselfishly was to be instrumental in guaranteeing the success of the operation to liberate the Falklands in 1982. Jack fired the imaginations of all who worked with him by his love of the Islands and his great knowledge of their seafaring history.

After the service Jack's ashes were interred at the Stanley Cemetery.

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FALKLANDS NEW GOVERNOR:

Mr Gordon Wesley Jewkes, CMG, who has been appointed Governor of the Falkland Islands and High Commissioner British Antarctic Territory, in succession to Sir Rex Hunt, is due to arrive in the Falklands on October 15. He will be accompanied by Mrs Jewkes. Mr Jewkes is currently HM Consul-General at Chicago.

Born in 1931 Mr Jewkes was educated at Barrow-in-Furness Grammar School and Magnus Grammar School, Newark-on-Trent. He joined the Civil Service in 1948 and served with the Inland Revenue, the Colonial Office and later with the General Register Office.

In April 1968 he transferred to the Diplomatic Service and was assigned to the Western Economic Department, later renamed Commodities Department, following the merger of the Commonwealth Office with the Foreign Office. Since then, he has served in Chicago, Port of Spain, London and Cleveland. He is married and has two sons.

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DEATH OF MONSIGNOR SPRAGGON:

All in the Falklands were shocked and saddened at the news of the sudden death of Monsignor Daniel Spraggon on the morning of Friday September 27th. The Monsignor had only returned to the Falklands ten days previously from a holiday in the United Kingdom and a visit to Rome during which time he met the Holy Father Pope John Paul. The Monsignor, who was 73, had on June 29th this year celebrated his anniversary of 40 years as a priest, of the Mill Hill Missionary Society. This was his 15th year in the Falklands where he came to succeed Monsignor Ireland. He was made an MBE for his military service as a Padre with the West African Rifles and later an OBE for his work and inspiration to those in Stanley during the Argentine occupation of 1982.

The Monsignor's body will be received into St Mary's Church at about 5.30pm on Wednesday evening, after which there will be evening Mass as usual. The Solemn Requiem Mass will take place on Thursday October 3rd at 11 o'clock in the morning. It is hoped that the Superior General of the Mill Hill Missionary Society, Bishop Cornelius De Witt will be arriving from London on Tuesday to officiate at the funeral; it is expected that he will remain in the Falklands for about ten days.

Father Menaghan and the people of St Mary's would like to express their thanks for all of the prayers and kindness extended to them during this sad time. The Monsignor's niece and family in England also wish to express their sincere thanks and have found comfort and consolation in the fact that the Monsignor died in the Islands and among the people that he loved and served so well.

FROM: DAVID TAYLOR - EXECUTIVE VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE FIDC

5 September 1985

Sir

I think you will expect me to comment on your Editorial about the FIDC (30 August) and perhaps provoke further exchanges in 'Penguin News' on this subject. I am very pleased to do so.

1. You criticise the optimistic tone of the FIDC Annual Report. Would you have liked it to be pessimistic? Would you have liked it to emphasise the the problems rather than the opportunities, the failures rather than the successes? The FIDC Annual Report is not just read in the Islands; it will be read by just about anyone of influence in the UK who has an interest in the Islands. One of the best ways to ensure continued political support is to show that the Falklands is a place where development works, quite apart from attracting the immigration and the investment which the Islands need to secure their economic future.
2. You contrast the optimism of the Report with "the reality of what is actually taking place on the ground." What is actually taking place is that financial assistance has so far been given to some 50 individuals or businesses as well as the other major projects which you mention.
3. You criticised us for recruiting our new Assistant General Manager from outside the Falklands. I believe that we had to do this not so much in terms of "qualifications" but in terms of his needing to have wider business experience than is currently available in the Islands at this stage of their economic development. It must clearly be our policy to staff FIDC as far as possible from within the Islands, although I suspect that in an organisation which has to make hard commercial judgements it will always be sensible to complement the local knowledge of Islander staff members with the greater detachment of outsiders. Incidentally, you may not know that we are currently training a young Falkland Islander in the UK in the management of development and we hope very much that she will in due course occupy a senior post in FIDC.
4. I am sorry if the FIDC has ever made anyone feel "as if they had just crept from under a stone." Islanders are justly proud of their 100 (not 150) years of Self Sufficiency but that has not, with respect, been achieved by Islanders alone, either in terms of finance or administration. The Islands have always relied on a combination of local and imported resources, human, material and financial and FIDC is in that tradition. It is an organisation in a hurry; it must be to make up for what has not been done in those 100 years. Would you have it work more slowly? Its style is modern: it uses computers and word processors extensively. In a country where there are so few people, would you have it use more old-fashioned, more labour intensive methods?
5. Of course, your penultimate sentence is right. "It is the people of the Falklands who must play a far greater role in calling the tune and setting the pace." The FIDC is ultimately only a catalyst. It provides initial opportunities and thereafter assistance and support for those with the capacity to take advantage of those opportunities. It cannot itself develop the Islands, nor can the Falkland Islands Government; only Islanders can do that. FIDC was created with a high degree of local autonomy and with great care that it should in its activities and structure reflect the needs and wishes of Islanders. If it no longer reflects those needs and wishes, Islanders should say so and indicate in what way they believe it should change.

DAVID TAYLOR
EXECUTIVE VICE CHAIRMAN

FIDC NEW SCHEME:

On September 25th the Falkland Islands Development Corporation announced the introduction of a new scheme to help small businesses get going - the ENTERPRISE GRANT scheme.

Anybody wishing to start up a new business offering an essential service can apply for the enterprise grant, provided that:

- the service is not already being provided by an existing business;
- they genuinely need financial help to get going.

Existing businesses will not be able to apply for assistance under this scheme for expansion, but could do if they plan to offer a new service.

The scheme aims to make starting off a new business very simple. FIDC will not ask for financial projections or detailed plans - just two references and a chat with a member of FIDC staff is all that is required.

The grant will be £2000 - regardless of the type or scale of business proposed. The grant would be paid out in two lots - one immediately on award of the grant and one three months afterwards - provided all is still on course.

The scheme makes it easier than ever before to get new businesses going - we hope people will come in and see us now to discuss those plans that they have always had to run their own business.

This new scheme will hopefully help to balance some of the criticism of the FIDC in assisting only really big projects. Now positive assistance is being offered at the other end of the ladder - at ground level - to the man in the street who has a sound idea but needs that extra bit of cash to convert the idea into a reality.

The General Manager of the FIDC says that there will not be lots of red tape and long delays. The money will in most cases be paid out within three weeks of the application being made.

OBITUARY:

From Jen Williams; Chairman of the Falkland Islands Horticultural Society.

I would like to pay a small tribute to Albert Cletheroe - known more affectionately to everyone as Joe - who passed away on Friday 20th Sept.

In my opinion Joe was one of the outstanding gardeners of Stanley. He was a great sportsman who always entered his vegetables and flower gardens, season after season for competition, regardless of winning. He always played a great part in making our Annual Show the success that they normally are. He would be one of the first along with his basket of beautiful cut flowers, and a large collection of vegetables and soft fruits for the various sections of the show.

Usually he won one or two of the main prizes, and a considerable number of cash prizes. Then in the evening with groups of his gardening friends he would discuss with them the show in general and the seasonal achievements and disappointments which is all part of the gardening world.

Once again, an outstanding gardener who will be greatly missed among our fading gardening community.

BRITISH ANTARCTIC SURVEY NEWSLETTER:

Summer activities of the British Antarctic Survey are now commencing.

The RRS John Biscoe sailed from Grimsby on 17 September 1985 bound initially for Montevideo in Uruguay. The vessel will then sail directly for the Antarctic peninsula, visiting Livingston Island and the Damoy Air facility before arriving in Stanley on 31 October.

The operations of the Damoy Air facility will enable the John Biscoe to disembark many of the summer field scientists and support personnel who will then fly by the Survey's De-Havilland twin otter aircraft to Rothera Base which is situated at the southern end of Adelaide Island. The twin otter aircraft utilise Rothera as the summer working base and from there can route to many other foreign Antarctic stations.

On the South Georgia front, two scientific personnel, Seamus McCann and Ben Osbourne, who have been regular visitors to this area, embarked the French yacht Damien II in Stanley and sailed initially for Bird Island. Bird Island is the only British Antarctic Survey biological station in the South Georgia group of islands situated on the north western tip. Damien II under the command of Jerome Poncet, together with his wife Sally and three children, will be attached to the British Antarctic Survey for the remainder of the year circumnavigating South Georgia undertaking a wide range of scientific studies with BAS personnel on the seal and bird breeding cycles.

The RRS Bransfield is scheduled to leave the United Kingdom on 30 October for the Falkland Islands and eventually Antarctica.

The resident BAS Officer in Stanley, Myriam Booth returned on 27 September, having completed another UK summer working in the Cambridge headquarters.

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BIRTHS

BOYD : to David and Coleen (nee Carey) in Brunei on Jun 17th a daughter Jennifer Louise weighing 3.53kg.

CAREY : to Trudi and Michael Carey of Stanley a daughter Sarah Jayne weighing 8lbs 8oz on September 11th.

Congratulations to the parents, and also to Gladys and Tony Carey for being instrumental as Grandparents in both of the above events.

DEATHS

Albert Richard (Joe) Cletheroe - aged 75 years who died on September 20th.

Ludwick Riley (Bikey) Anderson - who died on September 24th aged 84 years.

Daniel Martin Spraggon - The Rt Revd Monsignor MHH OBE aged 75 years who died on September 27th.

Our sincere condolences to all family and friends

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FIGAS NEWS:

News has been received that the third Islander aircraft will be ready for shipment by sea towards the end of November. This should mean that it will be operational in January 86.

Work is progressing well on Islander BRAVO GOLF which should be ready for flying again in early October.

FIGAS Pilot Captain Eddie Anderson is presently on leave in the United Kingdom and is expected to return in mid November.

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FROM: MAJ R.N.B. FREEMAN R SIGNALS

Ext 2081

21 Sep 85

May I introduce myself? My name is Major Robert Freeman and I arrived in the Falkland Islands in the middle of July and took over from Major Ian Barton as the Civil/Military Liaison Officer. During my first month or so here I have been able to visit a number of people both in Port Stanley and the Camp.

During my visits a number of problems have been brought to my attention with regularity and I would like briefly to mention these problems and to say what the Headquarters British Forces Falkland Islands (HQ BFFI) are doing about them.

Perhaps the main problem for landowners who have Service units on their land are when the tracked BVs use landrover tracks and gateways. This often results in the tracks and gateways becoming impassable to landrovers. This Headquarters is restricting the use of BVs, instructing drivers to stay off landrover tracks, and in a number of places putting in gates for BVs beside landrover gates. One area that people in Stanley are very conscious of is the ships names on Wireless Ridge. Unfortunately there are a number of military vehicle tracks going through the ships names, but I hope that by the end of the summer there will be little visual evidence of the tracks from Stanley.

A problem that is always occurring is servicemen not leaving the gates in the position that they are found, either open or closed. As a result this Headquarters regularly reminds servicemen and new units when they arrive of the importance of gateways and fences to the local farmers, and of the financial consequence of not obeying local laws. A major problem with this is that most servicemen are on a 4 month tour and therefore we have a constant education problem.

May I take this opportunity to remind all radio users that both 2 meter and 4.5 MHz radio transmissions can be picked up a long way from these Islands: the 4.5 MHz band, for example, has been picked up in Japan. As a result all users are requested to refrain from any mention of military information of a possible use to a hostile nation, such as the names of the units stationed down here and their location. The sort of transmission we would hope to avoid would be "We have 4 sailors who have just come ashore from HMS Password." Thank you for your co-operation.

Should you wish to contact me, you can write to me at SO2 J5, HQ BFFI, New Hostel, Stanley or phone me on Stanley Mil Ext 2081 or Stanley Civil 477.

R.N.B. FREEMAN

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FROM DAVE EYNON:

SOUTH ATLANTIC MARINE SERVICES LTD

FISHING - Fishing trips for trout and mullet from Stanley. Cost £2/hour/person fully inclusive. Fishing gear for hire £1.50/day.

LAND ROVER SPARES - For sale at competitive prices.

Please call in at S.A.M.S. sited opposite Whalebone Arch. We are open seven days a week between 4-30pm to 5-30pm or just call 145-4 rings.

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WORK STARTS ON THE ESTANCIA TRACK:

Work commenced on September 27th by the PWD on the 11 km long stone all weather track which will link Stanley not only to the Estancia but also to all routed in the North Camp. The route branches off the main Stanley to MPA road at about Kilometer 34 passing up over Wall Mountain across the saddle to the south of Mount Kent and thence to the Estancia. After the completion of this first phase which is expected to take some 2½ years, it is anticipated to continue to build further lengths of track to link up North Camp Settlements.

The labour force on site will be 5 men with others at the Quarry and in support. It is anticipated that they will average building 200 meters of track per week. The cost of the project is expected to be £330,000.

FALKLANDS TO BE REPRESENTED IN CANADA:

Councillor the Hon Tim Blake and Clerk of Councils Pete King have left for the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association Conference in Saskatchewan Canada. They will travel via the United Kingdom and are due to return on October 15th.

The CPA Conferences are a most useful way in which the Falklands voice can be heard by a wide audience from Commonwealth countries.

CABLE & WIRELESS OFFICER TO BARBADOS:

Stewart Wallace the Administrative Officer at the Falklands Office of Cable & Wireless has recently returned from a tuition course in Financial and Management Accountancy held in Barbados. The course, the first of a new scheme by Cable & Wireless, was conducted by a tutor from the U.K. and used the facilities of the Barbados Institute of Management and Production.

Stewart travelled by way of MPA to Ascension and then on to Antigua by an American C141 Starlifter Military Transport aircraft (one of the biggest in the world) and then on to Barbados by a DC9 of Brit West Indies Airlines.

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FALKLANDS DIVING COMPANY IN DEMAND:

During the past month four fishing vessels, two Spanish and two Polish, have had to call on local Diving Company South Atlantic Marine Services Ltd to assist in the removal of rope and wire fouling the ships' propellers and rudders, and to carry out a general underwater inspection of the same area.

Dave Eynon, with his team of divers, Derek Clarke, Owen Summers and Richard Neal, successfully carried out all the diving tasks and are available for all underwater inspection maintenance and repair work.

The vessels dived on were:

Spanish trawlers: 'Fragana'
'Pesca - Vigo 2'

Polish trawler: 'Carina'
and Mother ship: 'Pormosa'

NEW FALKLANDS AIRMAIL LETTER FORM:

These are officially known as Aerogrammes, but it is likely that we will continue to call them Airmail Forms. The new ones were released on Monday 19th August at the Stanley, Fox Bay and Mount Pleasant Post Offices, and also at the Philatelic Counter of the British Forces Post Office. They depict photographs in colour of a colony of King Penguins taken at Volunteer Point. The East Cove Harbour Complex showing the vessel 'MERCHANT PROVIDENCE' and a view of the STANLEY/MPA ROAD taken towards the South West of Mount William. The cost of the new Airmail Form is 26p.

FALKLANDS MOUNT PLEASANT AIRPORT COMMEMORATIVE COIN:

The two coins were released for sale at the Stanley Treasury during August. They were issued to commemorate the official opening by HRH Prince Andrew on the 12th of May and in acknowledgement of the skill, efficiency and determination of those involved in its construction. The Royal Mint was authorised by the Government of the Falkland Islands to strike a limited number of 5000 only legal tender proof coins in Sterling Silver with a face value of 50 pence. One side bears a portrait of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, the other side shows a portrait of HRH Prince Andrew.

The silver proof coins come in a presentation case and are priced at £25.00 each. A similar coin struck in cupro-nickel has also been struck and is available in a clear rigid plastic case priced at £2.00. These coins are available from the Treasury who point out that orders for Commemorative Coins to the value of £250 and above will attract a 10% discount.

These coins may also be obtained at the Speedwell Store which has become the Falklands leading coin centre. They also have stocks of:

1982 50p Liberation Crown in Sandhill case£2.00
150 Years of British Rule 1833 - 1983 Crown
in Sandhill case£2.00
Same as above but on a card with some history
of the Islands£3.08
Same as above but loose£1.50
1977 Silver Jubilee 50p Crown in Sandhill case£2.00

The following are available in Sterling Silver and boxed:

1982 Liberation Crown£23.10
150 years of British Rule£27.50
Queen Mother's 80th Birthday£27.50
Royal Wedding 1981£27.50
1977 Silver Jubilee£25.00

1982 7-coin currency set in Sandhill cases.....£3.60
(½p : 1p : 2p : 5p : 10p : 20p : 50p)

Same as above plus Liberation Crown£5.30

FROM THE GOVERNMENT SECRETARY:

REF: LEG/10/191

20 September 1985

"Notice is hereby given that Mr. Kuzma Mario Zuvic-Bulic of Stanley, Falkland Islands, is applying to the Civil Commissioner for naturalisation, and that any person who knows a reason why naturalisation should not be granted should send a written and signed statement of the facts to the Government Secretary at the Secretariat, Stanley, Falkland Islands."

The Secretariat
Stanley

TYPYST/CLERK (on the scale £2868-4224 or £3852-4452 depending upon experience).

The Falkland Islands Development Corporation require a typist/clerk to work in their Stanley Office. Sound typing skills are essential and a knowledge of basic book-keeping would be desirable. This is a full time post with office hours being 0800-1230 and 1315-1630, Monday to Friday. The successful candidate will receive training in a range of modern office practices and in book-keeping. Long term career prospects with FIDC are definitely present for an ambitious, enthusiastic applicant.

For further details apply to:

The General Manager
Falkland Islands Development Corporation
Secretariat
Stanley

DIDDLE DEE FOR SCOTLAND:

After the Falklands War a sprig of white heather for every serviceman killed was planted in Princes Street Garden, Edinburgh.

Last year's Royal Navy representative at the annual commemoration in the garde, Lieut-Cdr. Ken Napier, who served in HMS Plymouth in the conflict, suggested that it might be appropriate for the garden to include some Falklands heather - commonly called Diddle-Dee and the idea was eagerly accepted.

However, obtaining a healthy specimen proved much more difficult. Diddle-Dee is a sub-arctic plant with its summer and winter rythms the reverse of Edinburgh gardens.

Four attempts were made by returning naval personnel to introduce a living sample to Scotland - but probably because of the lengthy transit through the tropics, none survived.

None, that is, until Admiral Sir Nicholas Hunt, lately Flag Officer, Scotland and Northern Ireland, paid an early visit to the Falklands in his new appointment of Commander-in-Chief Fleet, and brought back a sturdy specimen ideally potted in compost.

The plant was soon on its way to Lieut-Cdr. Napier at FOSNI HQ Pitreavie and he in turn took it immediately to Edinburgh District Council's Garden Nurseries.

There, foremen gardeners William Dennison and Allan Raeside, delighted to receive such a strong example, vowed it would be given intensive care to bring it from its dormant Falklands winter state to be ready for planting in the Princes Street Garden next March. And, they added, there was a bonus: there was enough bush to take cuttings for extensive propagation. So a little piece of the Falklands will live on in Scotland.

RAF HELP STANLEY SCHOOL:

The Air Movements Flight at Stanley have recently presented some school benches to Stanley Junior School. The benches cost £550 and were paid for with money raised by Air Movements Flight, which come largely from contributions from "Gozomes" - personnel going home from FI, who were more than willing to part with a little loose change!

FORCES MAIL SETS RECORD:

August 7, 1985, was a blue letter day among Forces serving in the Falkland Islands.

On that day a senior aircraftman serving at Port Stanley walked into the Forces Post Office and mailed the millionth Bluey, back home to England.

The Bluey, an apt nickname for the Forces Air Letter Form, provides that vital link between the uniformed personnel on the Falklands and their families and friends 8,500 miles away in the UK. It also makes its way to all other overseas posts where British Forces are serving.

Postage is free on the Bluey for all Service personnel with the "BFPO 666" address - and their families in UK can obtain them from civil post offices and use the freepost facility.

The free air letter form is so popular among the Navy, Army and RAF that some hard-writing lads have up to ten pen-pals, maintaining an almost unbroken link with home.

Thirteen staff at the Falklands Forces PO handle the mail for all three Services in and out of the Islands, including batches of assorted letters and parcels weighing up to 3,000lb which arrive by air from UK.

NORTHBOUND PASSENGERS FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST:

2 AUGUST

Miss K Patrick
Mr F Cheong

6 AUGUST

Mr P Dale
Mr P Blatchford

9 AUGUST

Mr J Omara
Mr J Peck
Hon HT Rowlands OBE

13 AUGUST

Miss P Langmead
Mr P Filipczyk
Mr E Rigby
Mr P Hoare
Mr D Blake
Mr & Mrs I Nunn & 3 children
Mr F Sergeant
Mr R Larkin

16 AUGUST

Mr L Green
Mr D Taylor
Miss A Watts
Miss L Watts
Mr Martinez

20 AUGUST

Mr & Mrs T Hawksworth
Mr & Mrs P Beavan & Infant
Miss R Allan
Mr A J Clarke
Miss S McCormick

23 AUGUST

Mr P Middleton
Miss A Adams
Miss L Watson
Miss D Betts
Master S Clarke
Master S Goodwin
Master H Morrison
Master A Wilkinson
Master B Watson
Master J Butler
Miss P Bentley

NORTHBOUND PASSENGERS 10R AUGUST CONTD:

27 AUGUST

Mr P Felton
Mr J Baylis
Miss J Baylis
Mr M Clarke
Mr P Almond

30 AUGUST

Mrs G Steen & 4 children
Miss D C Roberts
Miss D Check
Mr & Mrs H Guthrie
Dr Edwards-Moss
Mrs M Halliday

SOUTHBOUND PASSENGERS AUG/SEPT

13 AUGUST

Mrs N King
Dr & Mrs Puller

16 AUGUST

The Hon J Cheek
Mr P Williams
Mr R Clifton

27 AUGUST

Mr W Etheridge
Mr R Jones
Mrs S Peck
Mrs Sillis

30 AUGUST

Mr D Taylor
Mr A Sackett
Mr S Jennings
Mrs G Calvert
Mr M Davis
Mrs P Luxton & son
Mr & Mrs D Donnelly & 2 children
Mrs P Craig & child
Miss W Cusworth

3 SEPTEMBER

Miss S Alazia
Mrs I Young husband
Mr & Mrs S Armstrong
Mr B Hills
Mrs Morrison
Mrs E Goss

10 SEPTEMBER

Mr & Mrs R Lee & 2 children
Miss P Buckland

13 SEPTEMBER

Miss S Cameron
Mr S Wallace
Mr & Mrs M Peake
Mr S Miller
Mr A Clarke

17 SEPTEMBER

Mrs J Gaiger
Mon. Spraggon
Mr J Rodgers
Mrs P Jones & 2 children
Mr & Mrs P Biggs & 2 children
Mr & Mrs D Castle
Mr & Mrs J Baylis & child

20 SEPTEMBER

Mr T Hansen
Mrs F Alazia
Mr & Mrs K Lennard
Mrs Hills
Mr & Mrs E Goss & 2 sons
Mrs V Winteringham
Mr & Mrs A Hughes
Mrs N Edwards
Mr R Smith

EDITORIAL:

In this edition No 81 we publish a letter from the Executive Vice Chairman of the Falkland Islands Development Corporation which was written in response to our Editorial in Issue No 79. The Chief Executive is obviously very upset that criticism should be directed at the FIDC. In fact he must have been so annoyed that he forgot to post his letter, because the first that the Penguin News heard of it was when his Secretary telephoned to see why it had not been printed in our last issue. The original still has not turned up, so we had to ask for a photocopy instead.

The prospective Candidates for Election to Council have been making their speeches during the last week. All were good and very firm on the main issue that the Falklands does not want any part in any possible attempts at future dealings with Argentina. Among the candidates are a couple of extremely good outsiders who may well come up through the bunch and end up in the lead. Their realistic and some times outspoken approach and understanding of our affairs is refreshing.

We wish all the Candidates good luck, and ask you the electorate to make every effort to cast your vote on THURSDAY OCTOBER 3rd.

Dear Sir,

7th September 1985

I was amused to hear the news, that people who commit a crime, and are jailed, then start complaining about the conditions of the cells.

They would do well to stop and think, "well if I make a good citizen, I would not be here in the first place." So why complain, they did after all bring it on themselves, and I have no sympathy for them whatever.

J. BLYTH

FROM THE F.I.C.:

Mr David Britton, Managing Director of the Falkland Islands Co. Ltd. will be appointed to the Board of Coalite PLC, this appointment will take effect on 1st October 1985.

Mr Britton will remain a Director of F.I.C. Mr F.C. Mitchell, Executive Director, will resume responsibility for the day to day running and operation of F.I.C.

The Falklands side of the business will still be a portion of Mr Britton's activities and will still make visits to the Islands.

HHE STARTS IN THE FALKLANDS:

The 'Hash House Harriers' have arrived in the Falklands. This zany-fun-run cult exists all over the world and is basically an offshoot of the old English public school game of Hare and Hounds spiced up with apres-run ritual.

The Falklands kennel of the Hash is based at the MPA site at Mt. Pleasant Airfield. The inaugural run was held on the 16th of September. Seven brave runners faced the high winds in equally high spirits over a course of some three miles. Since the first run, interest has grown and also many former ex-pat hashers have appeared out of the peat bogs to follow the weekly trail.

The runners follow a pre-laid trail of paper over a course of approximately four miles that lasts roughly an hour. The trail contains checkpoints, turnbacks and other tricks to slow the runners that allows even the most slowest of runners to keep up. Once the trail is found the cry of 'On On' is heard and has caused much puzzlement around the airport site.

When the run is complete a beer wagon is on hand and ritual Down Down's (beer downed) plus songs before the weekly meeting ends.

The Hash is non-competitive and is one of the reasons for its world wide popularity. It provides a 'get-away-from-it-all' opportunity once a week for people suffering from the pressure of modern living or living alone overseas.

The Hash House Harriers originated in pre-war Colonial Malaya in 1937 at the Selangor Sports Club in Kuala Lumpur. The name was taken from the club dining room which was called the Hash House due to its indifferent food. A group of ex-Pats there decided to stage a run on a Monday night to get rid of the weekly excesses of alcohol, but having done the run, they felt so good that they spent the Monday night in the bar! During World War Two, one of their most colourful characters was killed shortly before the fall of Singapore and, it was largely in his memory that the Hash resumed once the war was over. They even claimed for war reparations for a few drinking tankards and a tin bucket; the Japanese Government paid in full! The Hash stayed very low key until the early sixties when another started in Singapore. Since then the explosion has been incredible. To date, there are over 800 Hashpacks in the world the majority of which are still in the Far East.

HASH HOUSE HARRIERS CONTD:

Hashing in the Falklands presents its own problems what with the occasional minefield, peat bogs and gale force winds that would blow away every scrap of paper marking the trail were they not securely anchored with rocks! The other problem we have is one of transport. If that can be sorted out then the hash can run all over the most interesting parts of the Island. There may be a Hash in the Cayman Islands and another in Bali, but for sure, hashing here in the Falklands is the farthest south that any Hashman has run.

For more information on the HHH contact:

Terry Kavanagh
Hash Master
Falkland Islands Hash House Harriers
Grandmet I.S. Ltd.
H 16 P.O. 5
F.I.

MOUNT PLEASANT USERS WORKING GROUP:

Changes to the timings of the twice weekly BA 747 flights from the Falkland Islands were notified to the Mount Pleasant Users Working Group at the meeting at Government House on Monday 9 Sept. 85.

Sqn Ldr Pat Rowncy, head of the Joint Services Movement Staff at HQ BFTI said the alterations would be brought about by time changes both here in the Falklands and in UK, and increased efficiency at Mount Pleasant where an hour will be knocked off the present 4 hour turn round time.

From 17 Sept the Jumbos will be scheduled to arrive at MPA on Tuesdays and Fridays at 11.00 am local instead of 10.00 as at present. Departure time remains the same of 14.00 hours local. Departure times from Brize Norton on Mondays and Thursdays will be 21.05 hours local while arrival times on Wednesdays and Saturdays will be 10.30 hours local.

From 26 Oct FI arrivals and departures will remain 11.00 and 14.00 local on Tues and Fri with departures from Brize Norton at 20.05 hours local on Mondays and Thursdays and arrivals there at 09.30 hours Wednesdays and Saturdays.

The Working Group was also told that the baggage weight allowance of each individual passenger was now clearly printed on all tickets issued both here and in the UK. Any baggage in excess of this would have to be paid for prior to the flight at the appropriate freight rate.

SPORTS REPORT - BY PATRICK WATTS:

The GOVERNORS CUP Individual Knockout Competition will be remembered for two reasons. It signalled the farewell appearance of Sir Rex Hunt, as a player and as the donator of the prize. Despite his personal change of title post conflict to Civil Commissioner, Sir Rex insisted that the original title of the tournament be retained. The second memorable was that the final provided a rivetting confrontation between a local lad, Colin 'Tottie' Ford and a contractor from Mt. Pleasant, Kim Llewlyn, who has achieved success in County competitions in his Welsh homeland. The Mt Pleasant entrants made it clear from the outset that they believed they had the men to take the Cup back to the Airport Site, and several locals bade farewell after drawing one of the visiting group. However, when the semi-final stage was reached, veteran Pat Whitney, the eventual winner Colin Ford and another Islander Philip Rozee occupied 3 of the 4 places with Kim Llewlyn the sole visitor. He duly kept his promise and won his way into the final, although Pat Whitney put up a splendid fight. The 2nd semi-final was by comparison a mild affair. Philip Rozee, never having previously found himself in such exalted company in his own words 'froze up' and Tottie Ford easily progressed to the final.

The Falkland Islands Company, Limited.

WELL STORE

Are you among the many who just can't get that cold cleared up? Perhaps one of the following medicines may help.

Day or Night Nurse @ £1.55. Venos Cough Mixture, Guss Linctus, Linctus of Codeine, Cherry Flavoured Linctus, Phenis with Honey and Lemon. For Stubborn Coughs Balsam Glycerin Honey & Lemon with Ipecacuanha, Bronchial Emulsion (Extra Strong), Beechan's Powders, Vicks Inhaler and Vapor Rub also Mentholatum, Iodised Throat Tablets. We also have the following Analgesics; Panadol, Phenis, Medax, Tromil, Anadin, Ascorin and Soluble Dispain.

Prevent chapped lips by using Gypsyl Gelve priced at only 61 pence.

We now have in stock Tonic Vitamin Tablets containing Iron and Yeast in bottles @ 76p.

On sale now the largest variety of books ever, something for every member of the family, we have Novels, Fiction, Science Fiction and Non-fiction and many new Christian Books, all in Paperback and Hardcover. Among the large Glossy books which make lovely presents there's a Great World Atlas priced in the £16. range, while Cookery, Gardening, Inventions and Adventure to name but a few are priced from £7. upwards.

In the Children's Department there's something for all ages too. Playmobil from £1.45 to £15., Lego from £2.69 to £35., Cabbage Patch Dolls are here complete with their adoption papers for £25.95. Three sizes of Gudy Bears attractively boxed @ £9.95, £15.95 and £27.95.

A large supply of Jigsaw Puzzles are now available in wood and cardboard ranging from a twelve piece for the beginner to 3,000 pieces.

KINNOCK-ALFONSIN TALKS ON FALKLANDS:

Reaction by the people of the Falklands over the talks in Paris in mid September between the British Labour Party Leader Neil Kinnock and President Alfonsin of Argentina was very strong indeed. The discussion which was reported as being wide ranging concerning the future of the Falkland Islands, and held without the prior courtesy by Neil Kinnock of consulting either the Foreign Office or the Falkland Islands Government Office in London. Here in the Falklands even deeper suspicion of British Labour party was caused by Kinnock's action in talking to Alfonsin at a time when Argentina has still not declared an end to the hostilities of 1982.

It was intended to publish some of the views of the people of the Falklands on the matter in the above space, but they have been so forth-right as to have made most of them regrettably unprintable. The blank space has therefore been left as demonstration of the feelings of the Falkland Islanders towards Mr Kinnock and his followers.

PENGUIN NEWS

THE FALKLANDS NEWSPAPER

Issue No 82

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Price 40p

DEPARTURE OF GOVERNOR HUNT:

Sir Rex and Lady Hunt departed from the Falklands during the afternoon of Sunday October 13th after a highly eventful tour of duty. The farewell proceedings began a month or more ago when Sir Rex and Lady Mavis commenced on a tour which included every Farm Settlement in the Falklands to say goodbye. Then on the evening of Saturday October 12th at a Public Reception held in the Town Hall to say farewell to the people of Stanley, Sir Rex was presented with the Freedom of Stanley by Members of the Islands Councils represented by Financial Treasurer Harold Rowlands, on behalf of the people of the Falklands. Only Prime Minister Mrs Margaret Thatcher and the Corps of Royal Marines have previously received this honour. Gifts were then also presented by Dorothy Wilkinson, Jenny McKay and Susan Nightingale on behalf of the children and the people of the Falklands.

Their departure on Sunday, which was a splendidly warm and sunny day, was attended by a large crowd. Sir Rex was wearing for the last time his full dress uniform of a Colonial Governor. On the journey from Government House to the Public Jetty they made many stops to make personal goodbyes to the folk lining Ross Road and to the children from the Stanley House Hostels and the Gun Crews of the Falkland Islands Defence Force who were later to fire the Salute. At the jetty they were greeted by a Fanfare from eighteen trumpeters of the Light Infantry, then Sir Rex took the Salute from a parade drawn up from members of the armed forces serving in the Falkland Islands including the Gurkha Engineers, The Royal Engineers, The Royal Air Force and the Royal Marines.

Sir Rex and Lady Hunt then moved towards the jetty, on their way inspecting and chatting with the Girls Brigade and the Stanley Scouts. On the shore end were some 140 local dignitaries, and at the seaward end were members from the Falkland Islands Defence Force and the Staff from Government House, all there to make their personal farewells. They then took leave of the Commander British Forces Falkland Islands, Air Vice Marshall RJ Kemball and Sir Rex's personal ADC Major Pat Peck of the FIDF before boarding the MV FORREST which steamed slowly round the harbour enabling them to take a final look at Government House. A fly past by the two Islander aircraft of the FALKLAND ISLANDS GOVERNMENT AIR SERVICE then took place followed by a seventeen gun Salute from the FIDF as the FORREST passed by Victory Green.

The FORREST then proceeded to go alongside the Royal Fleet Auxillary LSL SIR GERAINTE which was moored in the harbour just to the east of the FIC Jetty. Shortly after Sir Rex and Lady Hunt had embarked, the SIR GERAINTE steamed towards the harbour entrance preceded by the Guardship HMS PROTECTOR, one of the Falkland Islands Patrol Vessels of the Royal Navy. A final Salute was given by two Phantom fighters of the Royal Air Force which flew low over the ship as it passed through the Narrows to begin its' twenty day voyage to the United Kingdom.

CONTD.

DEPARTURE OF GOVERNOR HUNT CONTD:

During his speech on Saturday evening in the Town Hall, Falklands Chief Executive David Taylor made a special mention of thanks to Everards Brewery for providing drinks for the occasion, to the Hawkesworths for providing the refreshments, to the ladies who had worked so hard making the preparations for the evening, to the Scouts for their help in handing out the drinks and refreshments and to all those who had assisted to make the evening such a success.

FALKLANDS ACTING GOVERNOR:

After the departure of Governor Sir Rex Hunt on Sunday October 13th the Falkland Islands Chief Executive Mr David Taylor, was sworn in as Acting Governor at a small ceremony at Sullivan House at which Falkland Islands Councillors were present. Mr Taylor served in this capacity until the arrival and Swearing in Ceremony of Mr Gordon Jewkes.

ARRIVAL OF GOVERNOR JEWKES:

His Excellency Mr Gordon Wesley Jewkes was sworn in as Governor of the Falkland Islands and High Commissioner of the British Antarctic Territory at a ceremony held in the Town Hall at nine o'clock on the morning of Wednesday October 16th. This was followed by a parade at Victory Green in which the Falkland Islands Defence Force, units of the military forces stationed in the Falklands, the Girls Brigade and the Falklands Scouts took part. A Fanfare was sounded by trumpeters of the Light Infantry and a Salute of 17 guns was fired.

His Excellency, who is accompanied by Mrs Jewkes, was due to be sworn in on the previous day but the aircraft in which they were travelling was delayed by poor visibility and low cloud at Ascension Island, which caused it to be diverted to the Ivory Coast. This resulted in a five hour delay in the arrival at Mount Pleasant Airport where it eventually landed at twenty past four on Tuesday afternoon.

In a brief address after being sworn in, the new Governor said in answer to a question which was on everyones mind but had not at that time been asked - "Does the arrival of the new Governor imply any change of policy towards the Falkland Islands on the part of Her Majesty's Government?"
The reply was a short and emphatic NO.

FUNERAL MASS FOR THE LATE MONSIGNOR DANIEL SPRAGGON OBE:

The Funeral Mass for the Late Monsignor Daniel Spraggon OBE, was held in St Marys Church at Stanley on the morning of Thursday October 3rd.

A great number of people attended, including the Monsignor's nephew Edward Spraggon, who came out from England to represent the family. The Falklands Governor and Lady Hunt also were present as were the Commander British Forces in the Falkland Islands, Air Vice Marshall Kenball and Mrs Kenball. The service was conducted by the Superior General of the Mill Hill Missionary Society, Bishop Cornelius de Witt who had also come out from England - and Father Austin Monaghan.

The Falklands Chief Financial Secretary, the Hon. Harold Rowlands OBE, gave a most fitting tribute to the Monsignor at the close of the service which we print here as an Obituary. The Rector of Christ Church Cathedral the Rev Harry Bagnall, the Forces Chaplain and the R.A.F. Padre with whom the Monsignor had always worked so closely, also took part in the Service.

"The people of the Falkland Islands have lost in the death of Monsignor Spraggon, a true and remarkable friend.

Monsignor was strong in pursuit of justice, and this was evident during the Argentine occupation of these Islands. He was courageous at this time, he delivered with force protest after protest to the Argentine Authorities.

Falkland Islanders truly believe that life could have been more difficult, during the 10 weeks of occupation, had it not been for the untiring efforts of the late Monsignor Spraggon.

As an eye witness I am able to confirm that when Monsignor bellowed, the Argentines mellowed. Monsignor's sense of humour was always present even after his house was riddled with Argentine bullets.

It was not long after his terrible ordeal in the hospital fire that the Monsignor's sense of humour had returned.

We, the people of the Falkland Islands, have lost a good friend who generously gave 14 years service to our community and we shall remember him."

ELECTION RESULTS:

The following candidates were successful in gaining seats on the Legislative Council of the Falkland Islands in the general election held at Stanley on October 3rd.

Lewis Clifton	379 votes	Charles Keenleyside	275 votes
Norma Edwards	200 votes	John Cheek	193 votes

The unsuccessful candidates were:

Willie Bowles	180 votes	Terry Betts	150 votes
Terry Peck	131 votes	Derek Evans	126 votes
Phil Middleton	109 votes		

All of the Candidates would like to thank everyone who made the effort to turn out and cast their votes. The percentage Poll was a very good 78%.

The following candidates were returned unopposed to represent the Camp.

Tim Blake	of Hill Cove	Tim Miller	of Many Branch Farm
Tony Blake	of Little Chartres	Robin Lee	of Port Howard

FIRST ACTION BY NEW COUNCIL:

The newly elected Falkland Islands Council moved swiftly into action immediately after being sworn in on Tuesday October 8th when they sent the following statement to the Falkland Islands Government Office in London with instructions that it should be forwarded to Messrs Kinnock and Steel and to the Press.

"WITH REFERENCE TO THE STATEMENTS MADE BY THE LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION MR NEIL KINNOCK, AND THE LEADER OF THE LIBERAL PARTY MR DAVID STEEL FOLLOWING THEIR MEETING WITH PRESIDENT ALFONSIN OF ARGENTINA.

THEIR STATEMENTS GAVE NO THOUGHT TO THE WISHES, INTERESTS OR RIGHTS OF THE FALKLAND ISLANDERS. THE WISHES OF THE ISLANDERS ARE TO REMAIN BRITISH, AND OUR INTERESTS LIE IN A BRITISH WAY OF LIFE UNDER A BRITISH FLAG.

STATEMENT CONTINUED:

"OUR RIGHTS ARE TO LIVE UNDER A DEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENT OF OUR OWN CHOOSING, AS LAID DOWN IN OUR NEW CONSTITUTION, WHICH WAS SUPPORTED BY THE BRITISH PARLIAMENT. ALTHOUGH BOTH MEN WENT OUT OF THEIR WAY TO ACCOMMODATE THE ARGENTINE STANCE, NEITHER MADE ANY ATTEMPT TO DISCOVER THE FALKLAND ISLANDERS VIEWPOINT, AND YET THEY ARE BOTH PREPARED TO MAKE STATEMENTS IN THE 'ISLANDERS INTERESTS', WE FIND NOTHING IN THEIR STATEMENTS WHICH WE CONSIDER WOULD BE ACTING IN OUR INTERESTS.

WE ARE SHOCKED THAT SUCH STATEMENTS CAN BE ISSUED SO SOON AFTER BRITISH LIVES WERE LOST FIGHTING TO LIBERATE BRITISH TERRITORY, FREE BRITISH SUBJECTS AND RESTORE THEIR RIGHT TO SELF DETERMINATION."

Only seven of the new Legislature were officially sworn in, as Councillor Tim Blake was in Canada representing the Falklands at the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association conference. During their meeting the Councillors elected three of their number to the Executive Council; the Hon. Lewis Clifton to represent Stanley, the Hon. Tony Blake to represent the Camp and the Hon. Charles Keenleyside to represent the Camp and Stanley.

Councillors also decided that the Hon. John Check and the Hon. Lewis Clifton should represent the Falklands at the meeting in New York of the United Nations General Assembly in November.

BIRTHS

- FORD to Marilyn and David of Stanley a daughter Donna Marie weighing 8lb 2oz on October 3rd. A sister for Tanya.
- POOLE to Nancy and Raymond of Stanley, a son Toby Raymond weighing 7lb 1oz on October 4th. A brother for Andrea, Ross and Michael.
- MCKAY to Jose and Kenneth of Teal Inlet a son Derek Roy weighing 7lb 2oz on October 7th. A brother for Jennifer, Wayne and Melvyn.
- ROSS to Janet and Glenn of Stanley, a daughter Kerrienne weighing 7lb 7oz on October 10th.
- Our Congratulations to all.

DEATHS

Douglas Clarence (Sturdee) Goodwin of Great Island - on Sept 29th aged 63 years.

Clavis Edward Clausen of Goose Green aged 43 who died on October 14th.

Fatal Accident at Mount Pleasant; A British contractor working at the Mount Pleasant Airport complex was killed on Tuesday October 8th after being knocked down by a fully laden giant Volvo Truck. The man, Mr Thomas McAferty from Kent, was employed by the Joint Venture as a General Foreman and had been on the site since October 1984. He leaves a wife and son in the United Kingdom.

This was the first industrial fatality at Mount Pleasant Airport since work began there in October 1983. There have been a number of deaths by Misadventure.

Our sincere condolences to all family and friends of those who have died recently.

Falkland Supplies
2a Philomel Street
Stanley
Falkland Islands

The Editor
Penguin News
Stanley

5th October 1985

Dear Sir

On this the anniversary of what is known to us as the great Falkland 'Rip Off' we feel that we should write and state our opinion of Development in the Falkland Islands.

For many months now we have heard over the Radio and read in the media much about the development of these Islands in which we believe that one and all have every important part to play. We also are confident that there is a future, a great future here if the right approach is taken, however we do believe that there exists a few who do not want development to take place. Unfortunately it would seem that those few do have some control. Would their Kingdom really collapse?

We would like to give you details of the following problems which we are experiencing with regard to the 50 acre plots which the Falkland Island Company supposedly so willingly sold just one year ago today, and now appears to be the biggest 'Rip Off' that the Falklands has known for some time.

On the 17th August 1984, we paid a sum of £800 to the Company in respect of a deposit on four of the 50 acre plots and then on the 5th October 1984, we paid the final sum of £1200 which was requested by the Company in a letter which they stated that they were in the final stages.

Since that date we have contacted the Company on many occasions and also the Government in connection with the Land, and to date we have not even been successful in getting someone to show us where the land is situated - let alone being able to subdivide it.

On the last visit of Mr David Britton to the Falklands we approached him on the matter and he assured us that by the middle of July white sticks would be placed in the plots twenty yards back from the road which would show north and south boundaries, a situation far from satisfactory but at least a move, but still nothing has happened.

The Company place the blame on to the Government, which does have some bearing, and the Government place the blame on to the Company, who we believe are most of the fault because they did collect our money.

Since our purchase of the land we have made purchases for investment in excess of £6500 in respect of fencing and other items which is all lying idle and not gaining any revenue so we have ceased further investment. We did have a plan to develop the land and had the project come into being, could have sold all of our produce. Also we had persons interested in a hire scheme which we had hoped to introduce but we have now had to cancel the whole idea.

Over the past year the Company have had the full payment for the land and no doubt reaping benefits from that payment and furthermore they have continued to use the land for grazing and at some stages we believe the land to be overgrazed, therefore if we ever do get the land, we believe that we will have to spell it before we can bring it into production.

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Falkland Supplies letter contd:

We have made the investment with no return and no one appears to be interested in rectifying this situation.

We can only view this as a complete 'Rip Off' and lack of development interests with certain powers in the Islands.

How can one expect money to be placed into development projects if this type of situation continues.

The Company claim a big deal with 50 acres for just £500. Less than the cost of a video recorder. This is true but at least you would get the use of your recorder. What do you think is the costing in reality taking into account loss of bank interest, loss of profit, loss of development.

Does this have any reflection on the word subdivision we hear so much about?

Peter R. Short
MANAGER

THE FALKLAND ISLANDS COMPANY, LIMITED.

WEST STORE

Are you among the many who just can't get that cold cleared up? Perhaps one of the following medicines may help:

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Prevent chapped lips by using Lypsyl Salve priced at only 61 pence.

We now have in stock Tonic Vitamin Tablets containing Iron and Yeast in bottles @ 76p.

On sale now the largest variety of books ever, something for every member of the family, we have novels, Fiction, Science Fiction and Non-Fiction and many new Christian Books, all in Paperbacks and Hardcover. Among the large Glossy Books which make lovely presents there's a Great World Atlas priced in the £16 range, while Cookery, Gardening, Inventions and Adventure to name but a few are priced from £7 upwards.

In the Children's Department there's something for all ages too. Playmobil from £1.45 to £15, Lego from £2.69 to £33, Cabbage Patch Dools are here complete with their adoption papers for £25.95. Three sizes of Cuddly Bears attractively boxed @ £9.95, £15.95 and £27.95.

A large supply of Jig-saw Puzzles are now available in wood and cardboard ranging from a twelve piece for the beginner to 3,000 pieces

FROM DAVE EYMON - SOUTH ATLANTIC MARINE SERVICES LTD:

FISHING -- Fishing trips for trout and mullet from Stanley
Cost £2/hour/person fully inclusive.
Fishing gear for hire £1.50/day.

LAND ROVER SPARES - For sale at competitive prices.

Please call in at S.A.M.S. sited opposite Whalebone Arch. We are open seven days a week between 4-30pm to 5-30pm or just call 145-4 rings.

PSA PROVIDES NEW FLAG:

The Falkland Islands is to receive a new Governors flag - courtesy of the Property Services Agency.

It will be handed to the outgoing Governor and former Civil Commissioner, Sir Rex Hunt, by Mr Dermot Boylan, Director of Works, South Atlantic, (Property Services Agency). The presentation will take place at noon 12 October at Government House, the day before Sir Rex is due to leave Port Stanley.

The promise of a new flag, a union flag with the colony coat of arms inset in the centre, was made by Mr Ian Gow, former Housing Minister when he visited the Islands for the opening of the Mount Pleasant Airport in May this year.

He noticed the weather-beaten flag flying at the Governors residence and promised that the Property Services Agency, who designed and built the Airport in record time, would provide a new one.

The new flag, costing £60 and paid for from the Department of the Environment Ministers Gift Fund, was flown to Port Stanley via parcel post.

FOR SALE BY TENDER:

Vintage (1942) Ford Lorry previously used by Stanley Fire Brigade. The vehicle is in running order but would require repairs to the steering mechanism. It may be viewed, by arrangement with the Mechanical Superintendent, during normal F.I.G. working hours.

Tenders, in writing, should be addressed to the Chairman, Tender Board, Secretariat, to reach him no later than Friday 1st November 1985.

Government does not bind itself to accept the highest or any tender.

FARMING PROJECT - U.K. FALKLAND ISLANDS TRUST:

The main purpose of my recent short visit has been to continue the agricultural project financed by the U.K. Falkland Islands Trust.

The Trust is interested in financing projects which may be of real value to the Islands and which are not covered by the normal Government - sponsored bodies.

One of the main limitations to reseeding in the Falklands is the cost of imported fertilisers. In view of this the Trust felt it appropriate to investigate the possible use which one of the largest natural resources around the Islands, kelp, might have. The first stage of the project involved applying kelp in a liquified form to a range of soil types in the Islands and assessing its effect on the release of some of the nitrogen already present in the soil. Many of the natural cycles of mineral release and breakdown occur only at a very slow rate indeed in the Falklands and some means of increasing this rate other than with conventional fertiliser could prove very beneficial.

The soil trials referred to (which I set up in 1983) indicated that kelp extracts, at high levels, be almost effective as fertiliser in stimulating the release of some of these minerals from the soil.

The next stage of the project was to see if this affect would be translated into actual improved grass growth. Kelp (in either a ground or liquified form) has been applied to a series of plots, totalling 4 acres, on two ground types on Keppel Island. The area was rotavated and reseeded and treatments involving nitrogen fertiliser have been incorporated into the experiment. This trial should indicate whether kelp, in a processed form and at reasonable application rates could be used in reseed either on its own or in conjunction ...

FARMING PROJECT CONTD:

... in conjunction with low doses of nitrogen fertiliser. In addition some preliminary trials on the composting and breakdown of kelp have been set up and an improved strain of bacteria for inoculating white clover (to improve its growth) is being tried.

If kelp does show some promise as a fertiliser then the next major problem is, of course, the processing of it into a usable form - and that is another story entirely!

JIM MCADAM

FROM THE STANLEY SPORTS ASSOCIATION:

"Possibly one of the rarest sounds to be heard around Stanley today is the 'Clip-clop' of horses hooves. Formerly a sound so common that it was commonplace in our mode of life. If a sound of a horse's hoof is heard today it creates as much excitement as did the throb of the engines of the first motor vehicle ever to be heard in Stanley, and the listener hurries to see who the horseman is. Motor vehicles of all types are now so commonplace that they arouse no interest at all in the pedestrians.

It is against this changed pattern of transport in and around Stanley that the Committee of the Stanley Sports Association face the ever increasing problem of planning and organising the annual sports meetings.

In the 30's, 40's and 50's upwards of 40 horses could be seen around Stanley but these numbers have dwindled until the amount of horses seen in Stanley may be counted on one hand, the result being that the success of the Stanley Sports meetings has been due to the enthusiastic support of horse owners from East and West Falkland and one or two dedicated racing folk in Stanley.

The Committee of the Stanley Sports Association are grateful for this support, and especially grateful to those who bring horses over vast distances to compete at our meetings. We hope their dedication to horse-racing will continue.

It is again time for the Sports Committee to lay out the programme for the 1985 Christmas meeting and it would simplify the task if jockeys and owners will indicate to Lewis Clifton, soonest, their intention of participating and the number of horses they are likely to bring. A phone call or cable without delay will make it easier to plan the programme of events and assess the number of prizes to provide.

Many of the foals from the imported racing stock should now be of racing age and we would like to see these brought together in competition in the Maiden Plate races and see how they perform against the fast sprinters we already have in our racing string. If holding paddocks are a problem to owners the Association will do its utmost to find suitable holding paddocks around Stanley.

It is said that horse-racing is a part of our heritage and indeed was a matter of contention in a recent Council Meeting; the Stanley Sports Association is now clocking up its 73rd annual meeting and the Committee hope that this meeting will see as many Stanley and Camp horses combining to make this meeting as successful as the 72 that have gone before.

continued.

STANLEY SPORTS ASSOCIATION CONTD:

Not only does the Committee want to see a goodly number of horses and spectators at this meeting but they also ask anyone interested in the continuance of our Sports to offer their help with the many tasks that have to be done to provide a successful and smooth running meeting.

Can anyone imagine the Christmas holidays without the RACES? We can't."

F.I.D.C. UPDATE:

ONLY INTERESTED IN BIG BUSINESS?

Many people in Stanley seem to think that FIDC is the big businessman's friend, but hasn't got time for the small trader.

Do the facts bear this out?

So far FIDC has given the following assistance:

AGRICULTURE - 54 projects assisted with an average value of £3241
INDUSTRIAL - 14 projects assisted with an average value of £16377
TOURISM - 2 projects assisted with an average value of £3775

The breakdown of these awards by amount is interesting:

£	Number of Projects
1 - 1000	15
1001 - 5000	41
5001 - 10000	8
10001 - 25000	4
25001 - 50000	1
50001 - 100000	0
100001 & up	1

FIDC have to get involved in larger projects. It would be impossible to start an inshore fisheries industry in a small way. It is a shame that the media are only interested in the major projects. Our smallest project to date has been £2500 - not of major interest to the world's press! It is up to us to show the world (and more importantly the British tax payer) that the Falklands are keen to develop and that something is happening.

However we are mostly interested in small businesses and our record shows this.

Our Enterprise Grant Scheme is a vital part of our plan to help small traders. It isn't a matter of "hawking money at street corners" as one critic recently accused it, but our strong belief that there are people in the Islands with ideas. Ideas that need every assistance from us to turn them into action.

Already we have had 6 applications for an enterprise grant. We hope that they are just the first of many.

WE WANT TO HELP SMALL BUSINESSES

FROM MR DEREK EVANS:

D.C. Evans
Box 201
Stanley

2.10.85

Editor
Penguin News

Dear Sir,

I would like, through the medium of your paper, to clarify the situation regarding the Cathedral Church Hall. On several occasions on the radio in the past week it has been intimated that the Church, because it decided against selling the Church Hall, is responsible for depriving the Senior School children of a site for their proposed new classroom block; almost implying that we haven't the right to keep our Hall.

It is correct that, by a majority decision of the Church Council, it had been decided to sell the Hall because of the dilapidated state of the building. However no definite decision could be made without the approval of the Bishop and the Vestry. The Vestry includes everyone on the Church roll. After a lively meeting of the Vestry it was decided we should keep our Church Hall because it was felt that no church could function properly without its hall and also because several groups of children were identified who needed the facilities the Hall has to offer. It has now been decided as a first step towards the renovation of the Hall to purchase the materials to re-roof it.

The Church would never deliberately attempt to deprive the Education Dept. of needed facilities. As a Church body we do feel however, that if we consider we need our Church Hall we have the right to refuse to sell it and it is hardly reasonable then to intimate that we are impeding educational progress.

We very much hope that we can get the Church Hall back into a good state of repair and then make sure it is well used for all Christian purposes.

Yours faithfully

Derek Evans
Church Warden

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FROM THE GOVERNMENT SECRETARY:

REF: LEG/10/19I

20th September 1985

"Notice is hereby given that Mr. Kuzma Mario Zuvic-Bulic of Stanley, Falkland Islands, is applying to the Civil Commissioner for naturalisation, and that any person who knows a reason why naturalisation should not be granted should send a written and signed statement of the facts to the Government Secretary at the Secretariat, Stanley, Falkland Islands."

The Secretariat
Stanley

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PASSENGERS TRAVELLING:

INCOMING: The following amendments and additions should be made to incoming passenger lists:

6th September:

Mr & Mrs A. Alsop & son
Mr & Mrs D. O'Shea
Mr D. Moir
Master Chandler

20th September:

Mr & Mrs H. Guthrie
Mr P. Bevan

24th September:

Mr & Mrs Hutton
Mrs Ellen McKay & 2 children
Mrs T. Arger & baby
Mr P. Arger
Mr P. Middleton
Miss A. Adams
Miss L. Watson
Miss D. Betts
Master J. Butler
" S. Goodwin
" S. Clarke
" H. Morrison
" B. Watson
" A. Wilkinson
Mr & Mrs F. Cheong
Mr Pheasant

27th September:

Mr N. Anderson
Miss M. Booth
Mr & Mrs G. Evans

1st October:

Mr & Mrs R. Gilbert & 3 children
Mrs McCullen
Mr H.T. Rowlands
Mrs Kilmartin & baby
Mr & Mrs Heathman
Mr & Mrs Crabb & baby
Mr A. Chatting

11th October:

Mr D. King
Miss A. King
Mr & Mrs V. Bernsten & 2 children
Mr B. Biggs

11th October:

Miss Harrod
Miss Green
Mr J. Peck
Mr L. Green
Miss G. Price
Mr E. Kenny
Mr Taylor (Goose Green)
Mr S. Massey (Fort Howard)

4th October:

Miss & Master Steen
Miss S. McCormick
Mr & Mrs R. Walker
Mrs Nutter & 2 children

OUTGOING:

3rd September:

Mrs B. Crabb & baby
Mr & Mrs G Betts & son
Mr V. Steen
Mr I. Strange
Miss J. Smith
Mr P. Malik

6th September:

Mr G. Bound
Mr Aoyagi
Miss J. Robson
Mr I. Carr
Mr T. Flood
Mr J.P. Martin

10th September:

Mr A. Short
Mr S. Pitaluga

13th September:

Mr D. King

17th September:

Dr. I. Henderson

OUTGOING PASSENGERS

20th September:

Mr T. Betts
Mrs M. Betts
Mr P.E. Heckles

24th September:

Mr P. King
Mr. L.G. Blake
Mr E. Anderson
Miss K. Cockwell

27th September:

Mr J. Clement
Mrs J. Clement
Mr D. Smith
Mrs A. Smith & child
Master J. Smith
Miss P. Biggs
Miss W. Green
Miss M. Harrod
Mr J. Brown

FALKLAND ISLANDS DEFENCE FORCE NEWS:

On Friday October 4th Sir Rex and Lady Hunt attended an evening at the FIDF Club which was for Sir Rex, the last occasion in his capacity of Commander in Chief of the Force and he took the opportunity to carry out the following duties:

To announce the retirement as Commanding Officer of Major Pat Peck after 39 years service with the FIDF and to present him with copies of the books 'No Pincin and 'Above All Courage' - two excellent books which cover the events of the Falklands 1982 war from a military point of view. Major Peck, although no longer on the Active Role, will still continue his duties as ADC to the Governor.

The following promotions were then announced: Captain Brian Summers to be promoted to the rank of Major and take over command of the FIDF. Lieutenant Mike Rendell to be promoted to Captain and take up duties of Training and Operations Officer.

Sir Rex then presented Long Service Medals to: Corporal Leslie Biggs, Corporal Derek Clarke and Corporal Owen Summers. After which Major Peck Presented Sir Rex with an FIDF pullover and Lady Hunt with an FIDF wall plaque. Once the formalities and speeches were over, all present settled down to drinks and a splendid curry supper.

FIDF TEAM WELL PLACED IN MILITARY COMPETITION:

A ten man team from the FIDF came a commendable 5th out of twenty-one teams competing in a March and Shoot competition which is a gruelling test of stamina and marksmanship. An FIDF team had come first in a previous competition earlier this year. The competitors were each required to carry 40lbs of ammunition, weapons and equipment over a ten mile cross country course from Moody Brook, up Mt Tumbledown, across Goat Ridge, along the Two Sisters, down through the Two Sisters gate and back to Moody Brook where they then took part in the shooting part of the competition. The FIDF team consisting of the following members covered the course and the shooting event in 2 hours.

Capt. Mike Rendell, Corporals Philip Rozee and Owen Summers, Lance Corporals Peter Biggs and Jeremy Smith, Privates Peter Roberts, Paul Watson, Michael Jones, Mike Luxton and Simon Goss.

The final result of this competition was:

1st	A Team from the Gurkhas
2nd	" " Light Infantry
3rd	" " Gurkhas
4th	" " Light Infantry
5th	" " F.I.D.F.

AN APPRECIATION OF SIR REX HUNT C.M.G. GOVERNOR OF THE COLONY OF THE FALKLAND ISLANDS FEBRUARY 1980 TO OCTOBER 1985

Rex Masterman Hunt, accompanied by his wife, Mavis, arrived in these Islands on February 27th 1980, to succeed Mr J.R.W. Parker as Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Falkland Islands.

The period of service in the Falklands has varied considerably during this twentieth century. Governor Allardyce was Governor for 11 years but for the most part Governors have been with us over periods of three to four years with only four staying six to eight years.

Rex Hunt was the 25th Governor, the first being Richard Clement Moody, 1842-48. From 1833 to 1842 there were three successive Naval Superintendents in charge at Port Louis. Looking back through those periods of service as Governor, Rex Hunt, whose time with us lasted five years and eight months, differed from all his predecessors in that after two years here as Governor, Argentina invaded the Falklands and the Hunts were forced by the invaders back to Britain.

At the time of the invasion, on April 2nd 1982, Rex Hunt remained in his place at Government House keeping all Islanders fully informed by radio broadcast and refusing as long as possible to meet any of their commanders until the overwhelming strength opposing him forced he and Mrs Hunt out of Government House and thence on to one of their planes which took them via Buenos Aires to Montevideo and thence by R.A.F. to Britain.

However the mere fact of the invasion by Argentina so angered the British Prime Minister and the British people as a whole that within weeks a quickly put together Task Force of Navy, Army and Air Force Units set out for the South Atlantic, quickly recaptured South Georgia within days and then landed at Port San Carlos in the Falklands whence their splendid fighting troops pushed rapidly overland and after some two days of bitter fighting on the hills to the west of Stanley, the Argentines surrendered and were fairly quickly disarmed and shipped back to Patagonia.

By 14th June, the war was over and Governor Rex Hunt was landed back in the Islands before the end of June. That quick return gladdened all our hearts after the dreary weeks of Argentine occupation and our hearts were further gladdened when we learned that on the recommendation of Margaret Thatcher, Rex Hunt was knighted by the Queen for his determined services and efforts to keep these Islands British.

The development of some larger farms into smaller units around 3,000 sheep capacity had pleased Sir Rex Hunt a great deal and he often visited some of them. He was a man who had a great appreciation of Falkland Islanders and with all matters that were likely to affect our future and determination to remain for ever a British possession. In his last weeks he toured the whole of the farming areas and took the trouble to ask his main question of each couple. What would they do if these Islands were ever handed over to the Argentines? He got the same reply everywhere except for one pair who said they would give it a try; all the other Islanders he spoke with gave him the same answer - they would leave the Islands. On his retirement in Britain he will be a wonderful supporter of these Islands and we hope and expect to see both he and Lady Hunt return here to see us all again.

TASK FORCE NORTH - THE LAST WORD? - NOT QUITE!

By now the eleven teenagers who took part in our Task Force North expedition have no doubt told their individual stories to family and friends. Some experiences were shared by way of Nick Capron's Falklands Sound radio programme and I hope some will form the basis of many more yarns of the future.

These experiences, added to John MacDonald's trip to Sri Lanka, have greatly added to our programme of participation within the framework of the United Nations International Year of Youth. Not forgetting the Weddell Camp in which the girls achieved their goal of walking along the 'street' over the rugged interior of Weddell, from Kelp Creek House to the settlement - it's been an action packed year so far. However, its not quite over yet. We still need another £2,500 to pay off all our outstanding debts for the U.K. trip. So still the fund raising campaign continues. But if the support of all our many friends has not dimmed from before our trip this should be achieved by Christmas.

Then where? It's looking good for St Helena 1986, before the 2nd Wickford Knights planned trip here in January to February 1987.

Of the many friends with Island connections we met, the following wish to be particularly remembered:

Mr Dick & Connie Baker now of St Helena

Dr Mary Elphinstone now working in Dundee Hospital intensive care unit as an anaesthetist.

Mr Duncan McPhee and his wife and children now living in Plymouth.

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EDITORIAL:

We welcome our new Governor and Mrs Jewkes to the Falklands where we hope that they will enjoy being part of that 'something' which is hard to define, but makes the Falklands what they are.

In some quarters the wind of change has already started to blow. Windows are being opened enabling the fresh air to circulate in places which in some cases have been stuffy and dormant for years. Governor Jewkes is wasting no time in settling in and planting his feet well and truly on the ground. In the recent interview on FIBS, in the nicest possible manner, he indicated that some areas of deadwood have been noticed and made it quite clear that there will be no room for passengers while he is in command...

In the words of the song ... 'The Carnival is Over!'

Details are given in Stamp News in this edition of the 1986 Falklands Stamp programme. Once again only two local artists are used. What a pity when so much talent in this field can be found locally. There is also the vast untapped field of our young people whose talents and abilities were so well demonstrated in the recently held Sue Whitley Trust Fund exhibition for Arts and Crafts by the children of the Falklands.

Why are locals not encouraged to submit designs as used to happen? Why go elsewhere when we have the means here in the Colony? No doubt there will be profound answers to these questions from high places, but whatever the reasons given it would surely be considerably cheaper than the high fees and costs incurred by going outside, and there is also the prestige value attached to 'Home Grown' produce which should not be overlooked.

TWO TWO NIGHTERS!

AT HILL COVE:

The two-nighter was held on the weekend of Friday 30th August and Saturday September 1st. On Saturday night there was Penguin Racing, games of darts, followed by a dance. On the Saturday there was a 22 rifle competition in the shearing shed, and in the afternoon a mini bazaar.

During the afternoon Donald Short got together a sponsorship form for the two Stanley House Cooks, Cheryl and Mary, who were walking to M.P.A. for the Sir Galahad Lifeboat Fund.

We had a buffet supper that evening, followed by a dance, during which raffles were drawn.

It was a most enjoyable weekend and all who attended were pleased with the fund-raising side of it. £300 for the Hospital, and £135 for the Sir Galahad Lifeboat Fund.

AT PORT STEPHENS:

Port Stephens Social Club held their two nighter on the 27th and 28th of September - a final fling before the season gets underway - and what a good time was had, thanks to the visitors who came from Fox Bay West, Fox Bay Village, Chartres, Weddell, North Arm and Stanley.

Supper on both nights was provided by the ladies of the settlement - an excellent spread of goodies - and the dancing got underway very early on; a nice blend of some of our traditional Falklands dances and modern beat numbers.

Saturday proved to be fairly busy with games such as Catching the Rooster, Throwing the Wellie Boot, Spar Boxing and a Treasure Hunt which kept everyone on the move and we were very lucky to have three marvellous days weatherwise.

All at Port Stephens would like to thank all their visitors for helping them to enjoy a truly splendid weekend.

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FALKLAND ISLANDS AGENCY

The range of goods now available from Brian Paul's agency includes the following:

New or good reconditioned tractors - choose from FORD, MASSEY FERGUSON, JOHN DEERE or KUBOTA. Plus full range of accessories and spares.

New Landrovers, and fully reconditioned second hand models petrol or diesel.
LADA NIVA 2121 4 wheel drive wagon at £4,500 plus shipping.

PIAT MADAGASCAR at around £4,000 plus shipping.

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HUNTER, YOFO OR TIROLA stoves for domestic cooking and central heating - all peat burning.

There's a new deal on all building materials including hardboard, plumbing and electrical goods, self assembly windows and all interior decoration items.

Many people have contacted Brian with ideas about new purchases - most goods have been supplied at competitive prices.

He'll look into everything - from furniture to sheep dogs (either trained or puppies!)

Contact him direct at: 3 Tucker Street
Wells
Somerset

or through his local agent: Phil Middleton on 276.

FROM THE JUNIOR SCHOOL:

Junior 4 are doing a science project on peat. They are comparing peat from Stanley and peat from Camp. Questionnaires have been delivered to most houses in Stanley but as quite a few people were not home, could they perhaps read through this copy of the questionnaire in the Penguin News and deliver it to the Junior School.

Science Questionnaire

- Address:
- 1) Do you burn peat? YES/NO
 - 2) If not, what alternative fuel do you use?
 - 3) How many fires do you burn in your house?
 - 4) How many bucketsful of peat do you burn on average per day in the summer?
 - 5) How many bucketsful of peat do you burn on average per day in the winter?
 - 6) How many trays of ash do you empty each day?
 - 7) What make of cooker do you use?
 - 8) Where is your peat bog?
 - 9) How many yards of peat do you cut or have cut on average per year?
 - 10) Do you store your peat in a shed or in the open?

MOUNT PLEASANT USERS WORKING GROUP

The schedules planned to be flown by the RAF TRI-Stars, which are due to take over the air link between the Falklands and the UK on Dec. 3rd, were placed before the Mount Pleasant Users Working Group at its regular meeting at the Officers Mess, Lookout Camp on Thursday 23rd Oct 85.

Tri-Stars will leave Brize Norton at 8.05pm each Monday, Thursday and Saturday, arriving at Mount Pleasant at 11.00am on Tuesday, Friday and Sunday. After a 3 hour turn around, flights will leave at 2.00pm the same day to arrive back at Brize Norton at 09.30am on Wednesday, Saturday and Monday.

Booking arrangements are unchanged.

After discussing ways to improve arrangements for unaccompanied children, the Working Group decided that in future parents or guardians will be asked to make it clear to the Secretariat at the time of booking that the child would be travelling alone. In this way passenger handling staff both on the ground and in the air can be alerted and better arrangements made for their well-being throughout the journey.

The Mount Pleasant Users Working Group is chaired by Lt Col T.J. Ludlam RE. It comprises of representatives of the British Forces and the following members of the civilian community:

The Hon John Cheek	Legislative Council
Gerald Cheek	Director of Civil Aviation
Simon Armstrong	Manager FIDC
Richard Flother-Cooke	First Secretary Government House

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FROM THE GOVERNMENT SECRETARY:

REF: LEG/10/19I

20th September 1985

"Notice is hereby given that Mr Kuzma Mario Zuvic-Bulic of Stanley, Falkland Islands, is applying to the Civil Commissioner for naturalisation, and that any person who knows a reason why naturalisation should not be granted should send a written and signed statement of the facts to the Government Secretary at the Secretariat, Stanley, Falkland Islands."

The Secretariat
Stanley

REF: LEG/10/19J

24th October 1985

"Notice is hereby given that Mr Jose Hector Tellez of North Arm, Falkland Islands, is applying to His Excellency The Governor for naturalisation, and that any person who knows a reason why naturalisation should not be granted should send a written and signed statement of the facts to the Government Secretary at the Secretariat, Stanley, Falkland Islands."

The Secretariat
Stanley

BRISTOW ANNIVERSARY:

During September Bristow Helicopters Limited celebrated their second anniversary of successful operations in the Falklands. Their Managing Pilot, Captain John Lenting, has kindly provided the following details of the Company's role in the Falklands.

"Bristow Helicopters Limited was awarded the MOD contract in 1983 to operate in the Falkland Islands in support of the military garrison. The Sikorsky S61-N helicopters arrived in the Falkland Islands on the RFA Bedevere and were off-loaded on the 21st of September 1983. Testflying and training started soon afterwards and the first operational flight was carried out on the 30th of September.

The S61-N mark II helicopters are made by Sikorsky Aircraft Corporation in Stratford, Connecticut in the United States and are multi-role helicopters for carrying passengers, freight, underslung load work or a combination of these tasks. They are commonly known as "ERIC'S" in the Falklands, a name supposedly derived from Eric Bristow, the dartplayer.

The S61-N II's operate in the Falkland Islands under licence of the Civil Aviation Authority in the U.K. This type of helicopter is extensively used in the North Sea in support of the oil industry as well as many other places in the world. Bristow operates S61 helicopters for example in Malaysia and Australia.

The S61-N II helicopters are powered by two General Electric CT 58-140-2 engines each producing a maximum of 1500 SHP.

In the Falklands our helicopters are normally operated in a mixed passenger/freight role to leave ample space for the large amounts of baggage normally carried by servicemen. It also leaves sufficient space for freight that is often required to be carried to the military outstations. Alternatively the configuration of the aircraft can be changed to an all freight one, simply by removing all the seats and leaving a large cabin space to carry freight which often consists of supplies for the outstations. On the other hand seats can be added to bring the passenger carrying capacity up to 24 seats.

The seats are comfortable and military personnel appear to appreciate the comfort and the window at each seat location enabling them to enjoy the sights of the Falkland Islands while travelling to their destination. The tasking of our helicopters normally takes the form of an aerial bus service visiting many and various locations all round the islands during a day's flying.

For all our personnel and for the flying crew in particular a tour in the Falkland Islands constitutes a welcome break from the flying off-shore in the North Sea to oil platforms and drilling rigs. Most of our crew in fact elect to return to the Falkland Islands for more than one tour of duty and often stay for one year or longer.

Till the end of September 1985 Bristow Helicopters Ltd have flown over 8000 hours since the start of our operations here. During this period, more than 200,000 passengers, 7 million pounds of baggage and 13 million of freight were carried.

Bristow Helicopters Limited and their personnel are hopeful that we shall remain in the Falkland Islands for a long time to come.

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STAMP NEWS:

NEW STAMPS

The Falkland Islands Early Charting issue was released on 30th September to commemorate the voyages of the early British Hydrographers and surveyors who began the survey and the settlement of the Falkland Islands. The set comprises of four stamps predominately coloured in blue, white and gold, each depict a portrait of a famous hydrographer with a line drawing of his ship or ships in the background.

- 7p Captain John McBride RN with HMS JASON 1765
- 22p Commodore John Byron RN with HMS DOLPHIN & TAMAR 1765
- 27p Vice Admiral BJ Sullivan KCB with HMS PHILOMEL 1842

The official First Day Cover depicts a navigational instrument of the period and has an insert giving details of the persons whose portraits appear on the stamps. The covers are priced at £1.30 each and may be obtained from the Philatelic Bureau in Stanley or some of the local shops.

From a collectors point of view this is an interesting issue as it shows very clearly the naval uniforms of the period, but from a practical or a customers point of view, it is not over popular as it is extremely difficult to distinguish the different values on a set which are all of the same colour and layout.

Ter-Centenary 1st Light Infantry

Under a special arrangement with the Postal Administration of the Falkland Islands Dependencies, permission was given to the present Military Garrison to prepare a special philatelic cover commemorating the Ter-Centenary of the 1st Light Infantry which is presently serving on South Georgia. The specially produced cover shows a coloured photograph of the area of King Edward Point, flanked on either side by an infantryman in the uniform of 300 years ago and that of today. The postage stamp affixed to the cover is the 27p FID Queen Mother issue (the Queen Mother is Colonel-in-Chief of the Light Infantry). A specially prepared cancellor will be used on the cover. In addition the Garrison Commander who doubles as Magistrate and Deputy Postmaster will sign each cover. A few of these covers are available from the Bureau and additionally from: Commemorative Covers, Pay Office, 1st Light Infantry, Wecton Camp, Preston PR4 3QJ at a price of £2.00 each.

Falkland Islands 1986 Stamp Programme:

The following subjects are proposed as stamp issues in the months indicated. Firm details will be posted in subsequent issues of FISN:

- February - Shells (4 values)
- April - Her Majesty The Queen 60th Birthday
- May - SS Gt Britain Anniversary
- August - Rockhopper Penguin (4 values)
- November - Christmas

BOMB DISPOSAL NEWS:

Explosive Ordnance Disposal teams have recently completed Area Clearance on either side of the Stanley/Mount Pleasant Airfield road in an area to the south west of Mount William. In a one kilometer stretch of land searched an astonishing number of over two hundred finds were made which included 105mm shells, 81mm mortars, blocks of TNT, 35mm shells, grenades, 3.5" rockets, 90mm high explosive anti tank rounds, 120mm and 60mm mortars.

BOMB DISPOSAL CONTD:

The EOD have also continued their policy of visits to the Stanley Schools pointing out the grave dangers of the minefields and the importance of not touching any suspicious objects. These should be reported as quickly as possible to the EOD Headquarters. The lectures are always enthusiastically received especially those which include added drama by the inclusion of small explosions, smoke and imitation blood!

Battle Area clearance has been going on in the RAF Stanley complex where five cluster bomblets have been located and dealt with during the last seven weeks. These bomblets, which are highly dangerous, are the No 1 priority on the tasks of the EOD, who have now started work in the Goose Green area where there are 13 known cluster bomb strike areas which have to be searched.

Mines and Minefields continue to be a problem. Two dead sheep were recently discovered in a minefield between Mount Harriet and Mount William, both had one of their front legs blown off. On the west end of Two Sisters two Argentine army kitbags were found which contained a total of 144 P4B anti personnel mines. It can only be presumed that the Argentines had intended to lay these mines but events prevented it taking place.

The new Minefield Map dated 1st September shows a whole lot of previously Blue areas now Green. All Red areas remain Red; i.e. known minefields within Blue or Green areas. These maps are obtainable either from the EOD HQ behind the Stanley Town Hall, or from the Police Station. If you are in any doubt at all about the minefield situation it is essential that you get one of these maps.

Remember that the THREAT presented by the MINEFIELDS is as real today as it ever was.

GUY FAWKES FIREWORKS FOR STANLEY:

An ancient British ceremony seldom seen in Stanley, will be performed this year - courtesy HMS Penelope.

In cities, towns, villages and even individual gardens throughout Britain on the evening of the 5th of November, the air is alive with the swooshes, bangs and flashes of fireworks as well as the glow of countless bonfires. It is the traditional Fireworks Night when all celebrate the famous failure of the gunpowder plot to blow up the Houses of Parliament in the 17th Century. It is a tradition that has seldom been seen in the Falkland Islands because of the difficulty of transporting the explosive fireworks to the Islands.

This year something of the atmosphere of the traditional British fireworks night will be felt in Stanley when HMS Penelope puts on a special display while anchored in the inner harbour opposite the public jetty.

"We have been able to bring to the Falklands a special display designed for us by a manufacturer," said Commander Michael Johnson, the Captain of HMS Penelope. "We hope it will be something a little bit different for the people of Stanley - specially the children."

The display, which should be visible from many parts of Stanley, is planned to start at about 9.30pm Stanley time and will last for approximately half an hour. Several £100s-worth of fireworks will be used.

The display is subject to cancellation or postponement due to adverse weather, or alteration to the ships operational programme.

Poets Corner

My Falklands Home

Mist covered mountains, rivers of sweet,
The tumbling of water down to the sea,
Lower peat-bogged moorland, rocky island mounds,
Penguin covered beaches easily found,
Sea trout in the rivers, geese on the shore,
Sheep on the hillsides, outcrops in the scar,
The air is so pure that I can see for miles,
I'm the keeper of the mountains and guardian of the isles,
Muddy tracks meandering from place to place,
And anyone whose island-born, then I know your face,
Falkland islands, the lands of my birth,
My ancestors lived here and knew its true worth,
So visiting stranger whatever you may see,
Remember it's my home and dearly loved by me,
Yes our ways are different ~ to you our life is slow,
But dwell upon its quality wherever you may go,
For everyman's true odyssey is buried in his mind,
And its not about possessions of the perishable kind,
So when you walk my islands and drink their beauty deep,
Make it part of your own odyssey: forever yours to keep.

9th July 1985

The Keeper
Keeper of the mountains
Guardian of the isles

FROM HOLMSTEAD BLAKE & COMPANY LIMITED:

THE FUTURE OF HILL COVE FARM

We, the Board of Holmstead Blake & Co. Ltd., have been considering for some years whether some means could be found of transferring ownership and control of the farm to our employees, on a basis fair also to our shareholders.

In our view the terrain and geographical situation of Hill Cove make it unsuitable for subdivision and we are particularly anxious that the settlement should remain in being as a community, which subdivision might imperil. We have therefore been examining the possibility of turning the farm into a co-operative society, with initial membership composed of present employees. We have consulted the Falklands Islands Development Corporation, who have been most helpful.

When it became apparent that a co-operative could be established on a satisfactory financial basis, we decided that our employees must be consulted on such a far reaching move before proceeding further. We therefore prepared and sent to each employee a paper, setting out as fairly as we could the arguments for and against establishing a co-operative or retaining the status quo, and asking for individual opinions on a confidential basis. The outcome was a majority in favour of the farm continuing to operate as at present.

In these circumstances we have shelved the co-operative proposal, but will continue to monitor the opinion of employees and respond accordingly, if that changes.

11th October 1985

CONSTRUCTION WORKS UPDATE:

25th October 1985

The new electrical distribution system is in full swing and the first cable from the Childrens Playing Field to the School Hostel is complete. The work continues up John Street and into Fitzroy Road. There is also progress on all the substations and the cables along the side of the by-pass and Dairy Paddock. It is pleasing to see Steve from Bluff Cove helping NEI with this work as well as PWD.

For those people who worry about the roads there is more to come with the replacement of the water mains next year and the telephones. If there is to be supplies of water, electricity and a telephone service the excavations have to go on!

At the hospital Fairclough Miller under Joe, of the nails and string, are building their construction camp and base ready for a start on the 11th November on the main works. More about the contract in the next issue.

The Estancia track has reached 1.3km and on a Sunday you may drive up to the Saddle on Wall Mountain and admire the view. It is hard for the road team when they are making such good progress as they have to release some of their machines for work on the hospital and electrical works.

At Jeremy Moore Avenue drainage works continue on the new site for twelve mobile homes which are so badly needed.

Lastly, there is the quarry which is providing stone for all these jobs and the plan workshops who keep the machines going. Without them it would all grind to a halt.

BRITISH FORCES BROADCASTING SERVICE:

There are some exciting changes to BFBS programming, bringing some notable additions to the Falkland Islands Broadcasting Station's joint output with BFBS (writes Chris Russell).

Steve Wright, one of the most popular presenters on BBC Radio One, starts his own Sunday morning show on BFBS. Tony Blackburn, whose DJ "pedigree" goes back many years (!) starts his own sould show for BFBS. And there are many more new shows from BFBS London and from other BFBS stations around the world.

One direct effect of this increase of programmes is that BFBS programmes can now continue nightly to about 3.30 am. We hope shifties and insomniacs enjoy the extra hour's programmes, which started in the early hours of Saturday Oct 5th.

MORE SPORT: BFBS London's sports preview programme is popular on BFBS stations around the world. But London Sportsdesk hasn't been aired in the Falklands because of the timings of despatch and air-bridge. Now, for a trial period at least, you can hear London Sportsdesk after the 9 o'clock news on Saturday mornings. The BBC World Service relay of Saturday Special continues from 11 am local time, until November 2nd, when its start-time reverts to 1215 after the UK clock-change.

MORE ROCK: In place of Tony Jasper's HM show, BFBS now offers you two late night rock shows every week.

Gibraltar Rockyard, with BFBS Gibraltar presenter Guy Starkey, gives specialists two hours of sophisticated rock, including concept albums and concerts - between 12.30 and 2.30 am early on Saturday morning. John Bennett, who was here in the Falklands until June this year, presents a one-hour rock show from Berlin, including some rock interviews, which you can hear in the early hours of Monday morning.

MORE FOLK: Forces Folk is a BFBS Germany production containing folk music recorded on location in BFG (British Forces Germany), and it will replace the Thursday evening repeat of Folk Review, which you can still hear on Saturday afternoon at 4pm. We hope to reflect the lively British folk scene in Germany, which should be of interest to the many Falklander folk enthusiasts as well.

MORE DIFFERENT MUSIC: Nice 'n' Easy also from BFBS Germany makes a welcome return. John Boy Walker (as opposed to Johnnie Walker, who continues his two-hour Sunday morning show) presents music every Thursday afternoon at 4pm. Tracking the Trends, from BFBS Gibraltar, looks at a variety of new music. From London come two brand new music shows: Allinson's Freshbeats with Capital Radio's Richard Allinson is a review programme including new singles and albums. 30 years at Number One is a look back at the Number Ones over the past thirty years, combined with nostalgic proddings as presenter David Hamilton (of BBC Radio Two fame) reminds us of events in the year in question.

SEVEN DAYS IN THE EVENING: Seven Days, the weekly BFBS London regional and national news roundup, has to move to a later day, and can now be heard at the new evening time of 9.45pm every Wednesday. Ultimately, we hope to be able to place the programme on a Monday evening.

Alan Clough of BFBS Germany, who was also in the Falklands about a year ago, returns to the air to chair a new panel discussion programme which touches on home and personal matters. It is recorded on location throughout Germany - and you can hear the first edition of Out of Question at 4.30pm on Wednesday.

B.F.B.S. AND F.I.B.S. RADIO PROGRAMMES

SATURDAY

0600 Breakfast Show
0830 Falkland Islands News mag.
0900 News
0902 London Sportsdesk
0930 Nicks Oldies
1000 Me, Mark Page
1100 Saturday Special
1200 Radio Newsreel
1215 Saturday Special
1300 World News & Commentary
1315 Saturday Special
1400 World News
1410 Comedy Special
1445 Sports Roundup
1500 Video and Movie News
1600 Folk Review
1700 Overdrive
1730 Childrens Corner
1830 Theatre 45
1915 Beautiful Music
1945 Sports Roundup
2000 World News & Commentary
2015 The Seige of Krishnapur
2030 In Concert
2100 Hancocks Half Hour
2130 Bullets with Paul Gambaccinni
2230 Rodigans Rockers
0030 The Top Forty
0230 Second Stag with P McD

SUNDAY

0600 Breakfast Show
0830 Forces Roundup
0900 Steve Wright on Sunday Morning
1000 Johnnie Walker
1200 Radio Newsreel
1215 Counterpoint
1245 Musical Zodiac with Gordon Clyde
1345 The Archers Omnibus
1445 Sports Roundup
1500 The Top Forty
1700 Sitrep
1730 Liz Lampards Classics
1815 School for Love
1830 Announcements & weather forecast and flight schedule
1845 Evensong broadcast from Stanley
2000 World News & Commentary
2015 Letter from America
2030 My Music
2100 Pick of the Goons
2130 Country Folk
2230 John Peels Music
2330 Video and Movie News
0030 B.F.B.S. U.K.
0230 The Rock Show with John Bennett

MONDAY

0600 Breakfast Show
0900 Allinson's Freshbeats
1000 The Morning Request Show
1100 Just a Minute
1130 Memory Lane
1200 Radio Newsreel
1215 B.F.B.S. U.K.
1412 Afternoon Delight
1600 News
1603 Me, Mark Page
1700 News in Brief
1701 The Archers
1715 The Arts Worldwide
1730 Feature
1800 Falkland Islands News mag.
1830 Sixty Minute Theatre
1930 Announcements
1945 Sports Roundup
2000 World News & Commentary
2015 Stanley Folk
2030 Announcers Choice
2100 Falkland Islands News mag.
2130 Pick of the Pops
2230 Late from London
0030 B.F.B.S. U.K.
0230 John Peels Music

TUESDAY

0600 Breakfast Show
0830 Falkland Islands News mag.
0900 Soul Station - Tony Blackburn
1000 The Morning Request Show
1100 Lord Peter Wimsey
1130 Memory Lane
1200 Radio Newsreel
1215 B.F.B.S. U.K.
1412 Afternoon Delight
1600 News
1603 Tracking the trends with Jo Pyk
1700 News in Brief
1701 The Archers
1715 King Solomons Mines
1730 Profile
1830 Calling the Falklands
1900 My Word
1930 Announcements
1945 Sports Roundup
2000 World News & Commentary
2015 Calling the Falklands (rpt)
2045 A Study in Scarlet by Sir AC Doya
2115 The Anything Goes Show
2230 Late from London
0030 B.F.B.S. U.K.
0230 Tracking the Trends

WEDNESDAY

0600 Breakfast Show
 0900 Pick of the Pops
 1000 Housewives Choice
 1100 My Music
 1130 Memory Lane
 1200 Radio Newsreel
 1215 B.F.B.S. U.K.
 1412 Afternoon Delight
 1600 News
 1603 Counterpoint
 1630 Out of the Question, a panel discussion from BFBS Germany
 1700 News in Brief
 1701 The Archers
 1715 15 Minute Theatre
 1730 Neil Richardson presents
 1800 Falkland Islands News Mag.
 1830 Cambridge Folk Festival
 1900 Animal, Vegetable & Mineral
 1930 Announcements
 1945 Sports Roundup
 2000 World News & Commentary
 2015 Sports Quiz
 2045 The 39 Steps by J. Buchan
 2100 Falkland Islands News Mag.
 2145 Seven Days with Clive Jacobs
 2230 Late from London
 0030 B.F.B.S. U.K.
 0230 Soul Station with Tony Blackburn

THURSDAY

0600 Breakfast Show
 0830 Falkland Islands News Mag (rpt)
 0900 Country Folk with David Allen
 1000 The Morning Request Show
 1100 Round the Horne
 1130 Memory Lane
 1200 Radio Newsreel
 1215 B.F.B.S. U.K.
 1412 Afternoon Delight
 1600 News
 1603 Nice 'N' Easy with J. Walker
 1700 News in Brief
 1701 The Archers
 1715 Special Request
 1730 The Request Show for Teenagers
 1800 Short Story
 1830 Choice Tracks with Aiden Kerr
 1915 Dr Whortle's School
 1930 Announcements
 1945 Sports Roundup
 2000 World News & Commentary
 2015 Falkland Sound with N. Capron
 2130 Forces Folk from BFBS Germany
 2230 Late from London
 0030 B.F.B.S. U.K.
 0230 Nice 'N' Easy with J. Walker

FRIDAY

0600 Breakfast Show
 0900 Musical Zodiac
 1000 The Morning Request Show
 1100 Dr. Finlays Casebook
 1130 Memory Lane
 1200 Radio Newsreel
 1215 B.F.B.S. U.K.
 1412 Afternoon Delight
 1600 News
 1603 30 yrs at No. 1 with David Hamilton
 1700 News in Brief
 1701 The Archers
 1715 madam Bovary
 1730 30 minute Theatre
 1800 F.I. News Magazine
 1830 Calling the Falklands
 1900 In Concert
 1930 Announcements
 1945 Sports Roundup
 2000 World News & Commentary
 2015 Calling the Falklands (rpt)
 2045 Stanley Folk
 2100 F.I. News Magazine (rpt)
 2130 Friday Hour
 2230 Late from London
 0030 Gibraltar Rockyard with Guy Starkey
 0230 Live Dates from BFBS Cyprus

ADDRESS REQUESTS FOR:

The Morning Request Show
 Housewives Choice
 Teenage Request Show
 Childrens Corner

To:
 F.I.B.S.
 John Street
 Stanley

ADDRESS REQUESTS FOR:

Breakfast Show
 Afternoon Delight

To:
 B.F.B.S.
 Lookout Camp
 B.F.P.O. 666

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STANLEY COUNCILLORS REPLY TO TERRY BETTS:

The disclosure by Terry Betts that during his recent visit to England on Falkland Islands General Employees Union business he appeared on a film being made by an Argentine television company has brought considerable comment from many sections of the Falklands community. His remarks that the Councillors had made a dumb and absolutely stupid decision in not allowing the Argentine television team to visit the Falklands were heard with a mixture of anger and astonishment.

Two Stanley Councillors who were instrumental in making that decision, the Hon Mrs Norma Edwards and the Hon Charles Keenleyside asked that they could reply to their remarks through the Penguin News.

' Both pointed out that All of the recently elected Councillors made it perfectly clear that neither they nor the people who they represented wanted anything to do with the Argentines. However pleasant and impartial the Argentines may appear to be, we know from bitter experience what life under their rule is like. The general Argentine people may well be alright - but it is their devious politics and intransigence which we want nothing to do with.

The documentary film which the Argentines are making obviously seemed OK at the time to Terry Betts but he would certainly have no say in what the final result was going to be like or what political slant may eventually be put on it. The request by Mr Boyd the Anglo Argentine producer of the film to visit the Falklands was kept confidential at his wish. The elected Councillors are sufficiently aware of the feelings of the people of the Falkland Islands to have made the rejection to his proposed visit without hesitation. It would have naturally been in Boyd's interest to have crept into the Falklands quietly hoping to achieve a *Fait Accompli* resulting in a documentary of immense propaganda value to the Argentines. Of equal value to them in propaganda terms would have been the rejection by Falklands Councillors if they had made a great song and dance of saying No. Even though only having been in Office a few days, the Council was sufficiently aware of the pitfalls of being deliberately provoked into a situation which would have been of considerable advantage to Argentina.

The only possible relaxation of the policy of the Falklands Council may be the consideration of a visit by proven bona-fide relatives to the Argentine war graves in the cemetery near Goose Green. Such a visit would have to be under strict International Red Cross supervision. No South American Red Cross representatives - their attitude was noted when they visited Stanley during the Argentine occupation of 1982. The visit would have to be by ship to Choiseul Sound, the relatives taken to the Cemetery then returned to the ship; an operation which could be accomplished in a matter of three to four hours.

Both councillors are very disturbed that the consequences of Terry Betts irrational behaviour could well become serious in the hands of the wrong people both in the United Kingdom and Argentina. He is, of course, quite entitled to his personal views but these have shown him to be a weak link in our political front. As head of the FIGEU he has shown that he can easily be influenced by smooth talking and kid glove treatment, leaving himself wide open to manipulation by those who have no support for the Falklands.'

FROM TERRY BETTS:

The Editor
Penguin News

Dear Sir

I have at hand a copy of a letter that Mr Robin Pitaluga has passed on to Penguin News for publication. In it he states that he was shocked and dismayed to hear that I had been interviewed by an Argentine T/V crew and that he does not agree with my view that Legislative Councillor's decision not to allow the T/V crew into the Falklands as being dumb and stupid.

Firstly, I was not the only person connected with the Falklands who agreed to be interviewed by the crew, so I expect that he is not happy with Alistair Cameron or Lord Shackleton either. My question to that is why?

I took full advantage of the opportunity to tell the Argentine people why we in the Falklands want to stay British and to develop and prosper under the best democratic Government in the world. I also said that people in the Falklands had no desire to be under the rule of Argentina or anyone else.

I think that we in the Falklands must take every opportunity we can to tell people in Argentina and Britain why we have no plans for changing our position. That is why I don't agree with the Councillors who decided not to allow Islanders the opportunity to express their desires and wishes on our future to the Argentine people.

Robin seems to be implying that I might have lost sight of the fact that 256 Servicemen have lost their lives fighting for the freedom we now enjoy. If he is, then I can only say, shame on you Robin. I spent several days along with some other Islanders during the occupation helping 3 Para at Estancia before their final move to Stanley to liberate us. Some did not survive the battle to Stanley, some will never see or walk again. I will never forget their sacrifice and I am grateful to the Servicemen who defend us now.

But I warn unless we take every chance to talk to people and that includes Argentines, then we might end up with a deal we don't like and have no control over.

TERRY S. BETTS

P.S. I will always speak for the Falklands at anytime, anywhere and to anyone.

FALKLAND ISLANDS COMMITTEE - LOCAL BRANCH:

At the AGM 22/10/84 the following were elected to the Committee:

Chairman	Joe King
Vice Chairman	Gerald Cheek
Hon. Sec.	Nick Hadden
Hon. Treas.	Stan Smith
Member	Dave Eynon
"	Bill Goss
Reserve	Velma Malcolm

The Committee met on 11th Nov with a lengthy agenda. Among the points discussed were: The exchange of correspondence with M/S Kinnock & Steel; a meeting in near future with members of Leg. Co; membership, publicity and advertising.

CONTD.

F.I. COMMITTEE:

Our aim is still to 'Keep the Falklands British'. We listen to opposition MP's and the like telling us we should accept some accommodation with Argentina and that they together will 'Guarantee' to protect our way of life.

David Steel in his press statement said, " Democracy would not have come to the Argentines without the sacrifice and courage of our forces during the war in the South Atlantic". Yes, our British Forces! O.K. then, shouldn't the Argentine people be grateful that we restored their democracy and acknowledge it just by leaving us to live the way we want to live. They owe it to us to accept that we have the right to self determination, just the same as they have. The Argentine way of life is not our way of life; a fact well known to M/S Steel, Kinnock & Co., but there are none so blind as those who choose not to see.

A number of new members have joined us in recent times which is most encouraging. We endeavour to monitor and analyse all that is going on with the object of keeping the F.I. picture in the right place in the future. If you have any views on any subject whatever which you think will affect the future of the Falklands please share them with us so that together we might be able to do something about it. Any member of the Committee will indeed be pleased to have a chat with you.

'THE GREAT SPONSORED WHEEL BARROW PUSH'
IN AID OF THE FALKLAND FAMILIES ASSOCIATION
26th DECEMBER 1985

FROM R.J. MASASKILL (RAG) & J.R. WYLIE (HAMISH)

" We would like you to sponsor us per kilometer under the following conditions; that we both push a wheel barrow each, containing one case of beer per barrow, over a distance of fifty kilometers (approximately thirty two miles) from Mount Pleasant Airport to Stanley Race Course without opening or drinking any alcohol on the way."

The event will take place on the first day of the sports 26th Dec 1985 where Rag or Hamish will finish with a 300 metre dash along the racecourse to the finishing line.

The closing date for sponsors is December 15th. The Sponsor Forms are in the GLOBE, VICTORY & ROSE BARS: THE WEST STORE; PINK SHOP; THE SPEEDWELL STORE & WODDBINE CAFE. Should you have any difficulty in finding a Sponsor Form get in touch with the Penguin News and we will do the necessary.

Should you just wish to make a donation please send it along to

The Falkland Families Association Wheelbarrow Push
P.O. Box 200
Port Stanley
Falkland Islands

ADVERTISEMENT
THE FALKLAND ISLANDS COMPANY LIMITED
WEST STORE

With the Fishing Season very much in the news at present perhaps a visit to see our selection of tackle would be worthwhile.

Rods are priced at £10.95 & £15.95, Reels £15.45 & £18.48. There is a variety of Spinners ranging in price from 79p to £1.20. Swivels, Hooks and Floats are available in a few different sizes. Once you've hooked your fish you may need a Hand Net, these cost £14.45 or even a pair of Waders @ £18.67.

Our Wine Shelves are well stocked at present. In the very popular Three Litre Boxes we have the following: Cloberg Laski Reisling @ £5.68, Berich Dierstein @ £6.75, Claret (Bordeaux Superieur) @ £8.64, Muscadet @ £7.90, Liebfraumilch @ £8.14, Olasz Riesling @ £6.06, Anjou Rose @ £6.17 and Vin De Table full bodied @ £5.52.

If you prefer a bottle of Wine maybe one of the following could be your choice: From K.W.V. we have Chenin Blanc, Cinsaut, Petiet Blanc, Cabernet Sauvignon, Steen, Golden Vintage and Riesling.

In the larger bottles we can offer Monte Camp Vindo Da Travola in Red and White, also White, Sweet White and Red by Rocamar.

If you are looking for a special bottle to grace your Sideboard, see out latest addition to the Whisky Shelves: 'CARDHU' Pure Malt Scotch which has been matured for 12 years @ £10.54.

Also in presentation boxes are bottles of Logan De Luxe Scotch @ £8.08, Glenfiddich Pure Malt @ £8.43 and Teacher's Royal Highland (De Luxe Blended Scotch) @ £8.82.

VISIT BY ADMIRAL "SANDY" WOODWARD, FORMERLY TASK FORCE COMMANDER:

"Admiral Sir John Woodward, known to many as Sandy Woodward, the Commander of the British Task Force that came and re-took the Islands in 1982. He is now the Deputy Chief of Defence Staff in the Ministry of Defence in London. He visited the Islands from the first to the fifth of November, and on the afternoon of Sunday the third he laid a wreath at the Liberation Memorial. There was no formal memorial service. He simply laid a wreath, and Harold Rowlands, the Financial Secretary, similarly laid a wreath on behalf of the people of the Falkland Islands. Immediately afterwards, by kind permission of the Chief Executive, Admiral Woodward went into the Government Secretariat building to meet Islanders for a chat and a cup of tea.

MARRIAGE: On November 16th at Stanley between:
Richard Guy Clemence of the F.I.A.R.C. and
Ann Patricia Setridge

We regret to record the following death:

Dorothy Wilhemina Davis on October 27th aged 73 years.

FROM: MRS KITTY BERTRAND

11 Ross Road East
Stanley
12.11.1985

Editor
Penguin News

Dear Sir

Having listened to Monday's "Magazine" and the interview with Mr Terry Betts, I would like to say that I fully support our Councillors in their refusal to allow an Argentine T/V team to come to the Falklands. What is more, everyone who has spoken to me about it, holds the same opinion as I do!

Yours faithfully

KITTY BERTRAND

FROM: ROBIN PITLUGA

Gibraltar Station
Falkland Islands
12.11.1985

The Editor
Penguin News
Port Stanley

Dear Sir

I listened with interest to the discussion on the Falkland Islands News Magazine last evening when Patrick Watts interviewed Terry Betts.

It was clear that Terry had a most interesting, busy and useful few weeks in England, but I was shocked and dismayed to hear that he had been interviewed for Argentine television, and that he dismissed as 'dumb' and 'stupid' our Councillors' right and proper decision not to allow the Argentine T/V crew into the Falklands.

An RAF Officer I spoke to last Saturday evening expressed amazement that only 4 out of 8 councillors could take such a decision. I remarked that I was surprised that 4 were consulted as I was confident that our present council is so united on the question of contact with Argentina that 1 would have been sufficient. I hope that all right-thinking residents of these Islands, for the sovereignty of which 256 British servicemen gave their lives, will give our Council their full support and let them know they have it.

The apparent secrecy surrounding the attempted visit of the T/V team is to be deplored, and I am told that our new Governor was in office only four days when the request came through. Is someone trying to see if, or show that our resolve has weakened now that Sir Rex Hunt has gone?

Terry indicated that Ronnie Boyd is an Anglo/Argentine, and my experience has been that these are far more fanatical about the 'Malvinas' problem than many pure Argentines, especially the younger generation. Terry went on to say that the chap did not seem to be politically swung one way or the other but seemed to be impartial. Well, he would want to give that impression wouldn't he? A fool would not be doing his job, and let us not be so naive as to think that Mr Boyd will be the only one who decides on the format and content of the completed film. Let us not kid ourselves that any Argentine made T/V documentary wherever filmed, will ever change the views of the Argentine people, it is certain to be so slanted as to further harden those views.

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FROM ROBIN PITLUGA CONTD:

Argentines will believe what they are taught or want to believe. A lot more time has to pass and many unlikely changes will need to be seen to have taken place and become established in the arrogant hearts and minds of the Argentine people, before we let a single one of their nationals into the Falklands, other than to visit the war graves under the strictest possible control.

I agree with Terry that in Britain we are still woefully misunderstood, and it is in the UK we should be concentrating our efforts. It is unfortunate that we appear not to have employed the public relations firm which sent a representative here many months ago.

Yours faithfully

R.M. PITLUGA

FROM: PHIL MIDDLETON

15.11.1985

Dear Sir

I have recently outlined a proposal to the trustee and chairperson of the building commonly referred to as the Social Club; but as yet have heard nothing in reply.

In an attempt to reclaim the premises from dereliction my proposal is to purchase the building for an agreed sum and upon the terms of a new lease from Government aim to run a coffee bar and amenities centre upon purely commercial lines. So far I have had a favourable response from the F.I.D.C. for consideration of an enterprise grant to get the building sorted out and functioning again.

Run daily as a coffee and snack bar the premises would provide a service for all visitors and Stanley residents, and have that much sought after facility of a toilet available for public use. The evenings would be run for all persons wishing to use the facilities provided, ie darts, table tennis or magazines room; or groups could hire the premises for committee meetings and group sessions for clubs or activities. Pressure upon the Youth Club could be relieved for the older teenager would have another place to meet and enjoy worthwhile activities, perhaps with the more adult members of the community also venturing along to relieve their youth.

I would appreciate your readers response to the above idea and hope to have an answer to my original letter in the very near future.

Yours

P. Middleton

REF: LEG/10/19J

24th October 1985

"Notice is hereby given that Mr Jose Hector Tellez of North Arm, Falkland Islands, is applying to His Excellency The Governor for naturalisation, and that any person who knows a reason why naturalisation should not be granted should send a written and signed statement of the facts to the Government Secretary at the Secretariat, Stanley, Falkland Islands."

The Secretariat
Stanley

A New Store - for Farmers & Householders

A Farm and Householders Co-op, to be known as

FARM & HOUSEHOLD SUPPLIES

will soon be launched in Stanley.

Following interest expressed by many farmers for the formation of a new co-op to sell a wide range of goods and items for the farm and household we are pleased to announce this business will start early in 1986 from a warehouse in Stanley.

FIDC are helping plan the establishment and running of this co-op and have promised to make a substantial investment in the business, offering to contribute funds, £ for £, equal to the value of shares subscribed by farms and householders.

Householders in camp and Stanley are invited to become members through purchasing a share and so have the opportunity of shopping at the co-op along with farmer members.

The widest possible selection of the major goods and materials required for the farm will be available for purchasing from stock held at the co-op. Suggestions for lines to be stocked will be welcomed.

The intention is good service at the lowest possible price.

It will enable farms to release large amounts of cash otherwise tied up in the purchase of farm materials and stores kept on the farm. Most items will be available "on demand" direct from the co-op as you plan to use them.

Here is a list of the main items to be sold:

BUILDING MATERIALS - Roofing Tin, Siding; Sawn Timber.

FENCING MATERIALS - Sandpoint materials, Wire, Electric Fencing, etc

Numerous HARDWARE GOODS - from NUTS AND BOLTS to PLUMBING, ELECTRICAL GOODS and IRONMONGERY

FARMS NEEDS including SHEARING EQUIPMENT PARTS, EARTAGS and VETERINARY SUPPLIES and FARM TOOLS

WOOLPACKS; FERTILIZER and SEED; OIL and LUBRICANTS; MAINTENANCE PARTS for ROVER and TRACTOR

Wide Selection of HOUSEHOLD ITEMS -including; DIY GOODS; PAINT; GARDEN NEEDS; WORKING CLOTHES.

Farmers and other intending members will soon receive a prospectus outlining in detail how the co-op is to be established and run, inviting them to purchase shares and so enable the business to begin.

Individual householders are free to buy shares and can receive details and a prospectus.

Shares are priced £100 each and may be purchased by filling in the application form inside the prospectus.

For further information please write to :-
Stephen Carrington,
Secretary to the Co-operative Steering Committee,
c/o F.I.D.C., Port Stanley.

FALKLAND FAMILIES ASSOCIATION VISIT:

Three representatives of the Falkland Families Association made a three day visit to the Falklands in early November to plan and act as a co-ordinating team for the main visit planned next April when 65 members are hoping to make a weeks visit. The representatives were Chairman Mr Des Keoghane whose son was killed on SIR GALLAHAD, Vice Chairman Mrs Sarah Jones, widow of Col H Jones VC of The Parachute Regt, and Committee member Mrs Christine Robinson-Moltke whose husband was lost on HMS COVENTRY. The Association is made up from members of the families of the servicemen who gave their lives during the Falklands war of 1982. It was formed as a result of the visit in 1983 when the relatives visited the Falklands briefly onboard the CUNARD COUNTESS to visit the battle fields, memorials and sea graves, and the War Cemetary at San Carlos. Since that time great fund raising efforts have been carried out in order that the 1986 visit can take place. The Association members have asked that we pass on their sincere thanks and gratitude for the magnificent sum of over £5,600 which was raised for them in the Falklands last summer.

The visit next year is dominated and sadly threatened in some aspects by the crippling Ministry of Defence costs - not from the uniformed branches of the Services, they are only too willing to help - but from the Civil Servants employed within the Command Secretariat who maintain a constant and ruthless vigilance over Military spending. These costs are out of our court. Hopefully the Falkland Islands Government Air Service costs for the travel by the group when they are in the Falklands and indeed any other costs, will be taken care of in a right and proper manner by our Councillors. The gratitude of the people of the Falkland Islands to the Sons, Husbands and loved ones of the relatives is far beyond any monetary value.

Naturally the visit is being planned to take in Goose Green, Fitzroy, San Carlos, Pebble Island and Port Howard. The main overnight stay will be at Goose Green where accommodation for the entire party was offered without hesitation within minutes of the arrival of the co-ordinating party. The same spontaneous hospitality was extended by the people of Port Howard for those members of the main party who pay wish to overnight there. It goes without saying that the same offer is extended by the people of Stanley, so in order to get the programme together in good time, please get in touch as soon as possible with either Norman Clarke or Nick Hadden so that on the day the organisers know who is going to stay where.

The Association will keep us fully informed of their progress and plans as they become finalised. They are determined that despite the formidable burden of air fares alone at around £1300 per person, that the visit will go ahead. For some, indeed for many, the combined fare for husband and wife is beyond their reach without assistance, so if readers have any ideas which may help to solve this immense problem do please get in touch with suggestions without delay.

All three members of the co-ordinating team wish to thank most sincerely all of those people who helped in so many ways to make their short visit so worthwhile. Far more than had been hoped for was achieved, they found the hospitality overwhelming enabling them to return to the UK confident that next years visit will go ahead as successfully as the 1983 visit with the added benefit that they all want very much, which is to be able to meet and spend a lot more time with the people of the Falklands.

Mrs Christine Robinson-Moltke has asked us to express her special thanks to the people of Pebble Island who made her so very welcome. Her only regret was that it was not possible to have an overnight stay at the Settlement.

THE NEW COUNCIL ALLOCATES RESPONSIBILITIES:

Further to the election of three Legislative Councillors to Executive Council, His Excellency the Governor sought the views of the Councillors as to various appointments to Committees which needed to be made following the election of a new Legislative Council and the retirement of three former Councillors, Mr Bill Goss, Mr Harold Bennett and Mr Ron Binnie.

Councillors met last month to discuss and recommended how they should allocate amongst themselves responsibilities for the oversight of various aspects of Government. In addition, Camp Councillors agreed a division of responsibilities between various geographical areas. The following subject/departmental allocation was proposed and accepted by His Excellency the Governor:

FIGAS/Customs & Harbour	Councillor Tony Blake
Posts & Telecommunications	" Tim Miller
Health	" Charles Keenleyside
Education & Training	" John Cheek
Public Works	" Norma Edwards
Agriculture & Fox Bay Village	" Robin Lee
Police & Justice	" Lewis Clifton
Secretariat, Treasury, Central Store & Printing	" Charles Keenleyside
Fisheries	" Tim Blake
Military Affairs	" Tony Blake

The following geographical distribution was determined:

East Falkland	Lafonia/Fitzroy	Councillor Tony Blake
	North of the Wickhams	" Tim Miller
West Falkland	South	" Robin Lee
	North	" Tim Blake
	Chartres	" Tony Blake

Councillors will make it their business to take a particular interest in the subject covered by their portfolios and to keep in close contact with the relevant Heads of Department. Members of the public are encouraged to see Councillors about matters in their portfolios if they have worries in those areas or need help. Government officials will continue to be available to render advice and assistance, as they have always done.

Selections for Committee appointments which still have to be formally approved by Executive Council are:

Town Planning	Councillor Lewis Clifton
Housing Committee	" Norma Edwards
Board of Health	" Charles Keenleyside
Chairman, Immigration Board	" John Cheek

The Education Committee has to be formally approved in Legislative Council. A motion will be put forward proposing the following membership:

Councillor	John Cheek (Chairman)
"	Norma Edwards
"	Charles Keenleyside
"	Robin Lee
"	Tim Miller

The Advisory Committee on the Prerogative of Mercy which advises the Governor under the new Constitution over petitions for clemency will, in addition to the Chief Executive, Attorney General and Chief Medical Officer, include two elected Councillors, one each from Stanley and the Camp, appointed by the Governor on the advice of Legislative Council. These will be Councillors John Cheek and Tim Miller.

COUNCIL RESPONSIBILITIES CONTD:

The Stamp Committee and the Civil Aviation Advisory Committee remain unchanged: the Chairmanship of the R/T Committee has still to be discussed.

NEWS FROM THE YOUTH CLUB:

The Youth Club is an important aspect of life for the youngsters in our community. Along with other opportunities such as those provided in the schools, the scouts, the girls brigade and in informal gatherings of youngsters, it plays its part in the developmental process of our youth.

It is unfortunate that the club has been closed recently, this has been due to a small number abusing it in a variety of ways. As a result, after consultations with the police, we have had to limit membership to those under 18. Some may consider this a retrograde step and it could be a temporary one.

It can be difficult for youngsters to stand up to older (and bigger) people and say "no, I am sorry but you cannot do that." We encourage responsibility but for the meantime whenever the Youth Club is open there will be a back up for these children. The hours of the Club are:

7-30 - 10.00pm Mon, Wed, Thurs & Sat

6-00 - 9.00pm Tuesday

8-00 - 11.00pm on disco nights.

Perhaps you would like to come along and offer to stand in for an evening or two. You would not only be helping the children but you might well find that you are helping yourself. Contact Phil Middleton or any Committee member.

For the future - Most people would agree that toilets are needed at the Youth Club. Our aim is to raise money to provide these. If the young are important to you, you may feel able to assist in some way.

In recent weeks a great deal of hard work has been done by a number and the Club looks a lot better for it. It is good to see the young (or some of them) take pride in their club. We must encourage them as much as we can if we are to teach them to make the most out of their leisure hours.

IMPROVEMENT OF JETTY FACILITIES

Assistance from FIDC

Shipping services around the Island continue to provide a major link serving and connecting farms and settlements. Freight shipments in and out are heavily reliant upon adequate jetty facilities. Yet the condition of many of these jetties is one of serious disrepair and deterioration and threatens the future necessary to refurbish and improve the jetties to a suitable standard is often not available, particularly on new small farms where there are presently many competing investments to be made.

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JETTY FACILITIES CONTD:

In view of these circumstances and in light of the fundamental role of the settlement jetty to farms, FIDC have introduced a special scheme aimed at assisting small farms through provision of grant aid towards upgrading, replacement or initial construction of a jetty. FIDC will need to be convinced that there is an economic justification for all proposals submitted under the scheme.

This scheme differs from others under the Land Development Scheme where grant is normally only available towards investments in new farm developments, not towards expenditure on existing assets. Grant assistance will be restricted to those farms with a maximum of 7500 sheep. In this instance it is proposed that grant aid should exclude any allowance for use of unpaid/own labour in the project. The same scales of assistance as apply to other L.D.S. projects will be offered.

The scheme will operate for a limited duration only. Eligible farms wishing to apply for assistance under this scheme must register an application within 12 months of the date of this announcement, providing an outline plan of proposed work, a description of the design, materials and estimated cost. If approved, applicants will have 3 years to complete the project under great assistance. The 3 year time scale is considered necessary as most farm businesses are likely to have already planned and committed the use of funds to other investments in the immediate future. It is not considered the scheme should run indefinitely or to assist any further upgrading requirements beyond the original publication. Payment of grant will only be made upon completion of the jetty.

Further information and an application form can be obtained from FIDC.

FROM: J.D. BARTON

Teal Inlet
5.11.1985

The Editor
Penguin News
Stanley

Sir Sir

I was astonished to hear that the Stanley Police are patrolling some of our rivers to make sure that all anglers had licences.

Licences are free, but cost Government, and therefore the tax payer to issue them. The police patrol is just going to increase the cost to the tax payer.

I would suggest that either a charge, say £10 is made for an annual fishing licence, or the Police find something else to do.

Yours faithfully

J.D. BARTON

CONSTRUCTION NEWS REPORT:

As all in Stanley can see the hospital construction work has begun with the start date fixed as 11th November. When excavation gets underway the topsoil will be going to the Brewster houses and the fill material to the new Victory Green type land fill at the end of Ross Road West and to an area near YPF.

At YPF the PSA will be excavating all the fuel soaked soil, taking it to the Moody Brook tip where it will be burnt. The spoil from the hospital site will be used to reinstate the shore.

Travel in Camp is becoming easier. The Darwin settlement has improved no less than 9km of the track beyond the end of the MPA road and speeds similar to the maximum limits can be achieved. Details of the progress at Port Howard are awaited. When both these sites receive their diggers they will be able to build their many stream crossings.

ODA advisors have proposed to the FIG the options for the complete renewal of the water system from new treatment to the mains in the road. A start next October is projected. It will eventually give us an effective system of fire hydrants.

Elsewhere can be seen the start to the resheeting of the Beaver Hangar, progress on the Town Hall fire escape and the electrical cabling.

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MPA ROAD CLOSURE:

To enable the Stanley/MPA road to receive its final surfacing it is necessary to restrict the use of it to traffic for approximately four months. The restrictions will apply each day, including Sundays, until March, 1986 and the road will be closed to traffic between 1000 and 1600 hours daily. Special arrangements have been made for local settlements owners, traffic to meet aircraft and for emergencies.

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MORE SCOUTING NEWS:

Following in the wake of the Scouting News article published earlier and the interest shown in the 'Get Up and Go Scouting' display now open in the Town Hall corridor; a slide show of the recent Task Force North Expedition proved a popular attraction.

After coffee, a general discussion was held covering many topics relating to scouting in the Falklands and the present position was outlined from the chair. The accounts will soon be audited but a summary is now published for general information.

As at 31/10/85 - Total Cash = £641.88
Bills Outstanding = £422.43
Monies owed to Scout Association = £757.70

Although it can be seen that we have enough money to pay all our existing bills it must be pointed out that a break down of money owed, highlights the following: cash owed for childrens flights to Weddell for the September 1984 camp totals £215 - cash owed for Weddell camp September 1985 totals £140 - and cash owed for uniforms being used by the children totals £402.70. Without the above money being paid we cannot order any more uniforms, badges, books or equipment and the enjoyment of the cubs, scouts and venture scouts will suffer as a consequence.

STANLEY HOUSE HOSTEL NEWS:

As we have most kindly been given space in the Penguin News, we feel it is a golden opportunity to let parents in Camp and all other friends know what has been happening at the Hostel in recent weeks.

We were pleased to learn of Mr. Peter Gilding's appointment for the new and much needed position of Head of Hostel early in the Term. He began by learning about the past working system, listening to ideas for improvement and bringing in many new ideas of his own for out-of-school-hours activities. As a result the Hostel is a much happier place to live and work in.

The Stanley House garden has been taken in hand again after several years rest. Much hard work, with many children involved, has resulted in a large plot being cleaned, turned over and partly planted with vegetables. The lawns have been mowed, the flower borders cleaned out and the hedges trimmed. A small glass greenhouse has been erected and a polyhouse is soon to follow. If anyone has any cauliflower, cabbage or flower seedlings to spare, we will be glad to hear from you!

We now have a barbecue area and held a most successful barbecue on the 5th, (before the firework display by HMS Penelope). Mr Gilding was chief cook and Staff and children prepared lots of goodies to make it a memorable evening. This was the forerunner of what we hope will be a regular event during the fine weather.

There has always been a need for a Common Room each for the girls and boys in the new dormitory buildings. These have now been arranged and the older children are enjoying being able to relax and make their own brew of tea, coffee etc, before going to bed. It has given all the children a much homelier atmosphere in the evenings.

The children are hoping to rear a baby lamb for Mr & Mrs Phillips of Mount Kent. They get great pleasure from looking after Benny, who is thriving well and its great to see him cavorting round the lawn with the children. We have an offer from Elaine Miller of Manybranch for a Jacob's Sheep as a permanent resident.

During the weekend of 19th October a party of Hostel children along with Mr. Gilding and Ron Clifton and kindly assisted by the Misses Alison Sutton, Christine Campbell and Julie Johnson, painted the stones at the Camber which forms the names of the ships BARRACOUTA, BEAGLE, PROTECTOR and ENDURANCE. They had a great day out and photographs taken by Mr. Gilding show that not all of the paint went on the stones! Many people have remarked how nice it is to see the ships' names restored as they are part of our local history.

There have been several successful fishing trips which have made a welcome addition to the diet. The excess 50lbs of cleaned fish was sold to people in Stanley for 50p per pound. The money thus raised, is being kept to provide goodies for weekend outings. If anyone requires fish it may be worth your while to contact Stanley House - you could be lucky!

Some of the other activities available to the children are: Golf with Mr. Sherwood (Mr Alex Smith is planning to make a small putting green in the Hostel grounds for practicing) Cross Country running - Mr Andy Clarke; Model Making - Mr Keith Reddick; Jogging - Miss Margaret Butler; Discussion Group - Mandy, Wendy and Bronwyn and Football Training - Mr Paul Williams. Swimming sessions are still very popular on Wednesdays and Saturdays. These are supervised by staff, with welcome assistance from Mrs Nicky Luxton. Our grateful thanks go to all our helpers, who so freely give their time and expertise. We also wish to thank Mr Gene Williams for his advice and encouragement with gardening matters; Mr W. Bowles for help with the greenhouse; Mrs Leona Whitney for penguin eggs; Mrs Sally Blake for eggs presently hatching in our incubator; Mrs Bennett, Mrs Thom and Mr Keith Reddick for flower seedlings and cuttings; Mr B Thorsen for seed potatoes and lettuce plants; Mr Mick Clarke for the use ...

FROM: JOHN POLLARD

Dear Sir

Having enjoyed the Royal Marine Freedom of Stanley parade on Battle Day, I was so disappointed with the Town Hall reception that I feel obliged to comment.

Why were so few Falkland Islanders present amongst the many ranks of VIP's, Guests and World Discoverer "passers-by"? Obviously, because so few were invited, the lucky ones receiving their invitations as an afterthought just a few days before the parade.

Having served with NP 8901 before 1976, I feel the true VIP's and guests should have been the many Islanders who befriended 'Royal' then as they do today.

Finally, I wonder if the gentleman who "invited" the Royal Marine to wash up the buffet plates before leaving the hall, on what was their day, would have asked the same of the other freedom of Stanley, the Prime Minister and Sir Rex Hunt? I think not!

J.G. POLLARD

FROM: MRS JOAN CHISWELL

Port Stephens
11 Dec. 1985

The Editor
Penguin News

Dear Sir,

Two letters in the No.84 issue of "Penguin News" have prompted me to write the following:

Anglo-Argentines are "pure" Argentines, in common with every one else born in Argentina, which is a multi-racial country whose people are descendants of Spanish, Italian, German, French, Yugoslav, Arab, Chinese, British etc. etc. nationals. Having lived most of my life in Argentina, I know that the hearts and minds of the people are no more "arrogant" than those of other nations. Nor Argentines any more than the British, believe only what they are taught to believe. And is it "arrogant" to believe in something, however mistaken that belief may be?

Hundreds of Anglo-Argentines, among them my husband, my sister and my brother, volunteered to fight in the Second World War and many died for the cause of freedom. Were they "fanatical"? Many sympathize with the Kelpers' resistance to any change in the status quo: many do not. But sooner or later the whole complex problem of rival claims will have to be settled in talks between Britain, Argentina and the Falklands. I think it was right of Mr Terry Betts to "grasp the nettle" and attempt to give his views and those of the Kelpers, to the Argentine people. The best of good luck to him!

And finally, as we are approaching the season of peace on earth and goodwill to ALL men, may I wish everyone a happy, blessed and peaceful Christmas?

Yours faithfully

A non-arrogant, non-fanatical
Anglo-Argentine

JOAN CHISWELL

FROM: JOHN ADAMS

P.O. Box 102
Stanley

9 Dec. 85

Editor
Penguin News

Dear Sir

As an ex Royal Marine who now lives in the Falkland Islands I feel disappointed at the course of events of 8th Dec 85 with regards to the Freedom of Stanley of the Royal Marines.

In 1976 the people of Stanley granted the Freedom of Stanley to the Royal Marines in recognition of long association and friendships. This year that right was excrcised.

What took place was not what was expected. The Parade and March Past cannot be faulted. The Band of H.M. Royal Marines was as expected, excellent.

At the reception in the Town Hall after the Parade, it was noted that there was a distinct lack of local people. Those who were there were out numbered by Senior Officers of BFFI and numerous PSA and other dignitaries. They even out numbered the Royal Marines. Even people who were on the original Committee who granted the Freedom did not receive their invites until late Thursday 5 Dec. Most people in Camp did not even realise that a Parade or invitations had been planned.

At the reception it was evident that it was not a local function for the Royal Marines. Did the Colonel who invited the American Tourists from the World Discoverer, into the Town Hall bother to explain to them the real reason of the function? Or did he think it was His reception? As for the VIP's or OTHERS, who or what is a VIP or an OTHER? And how do you differentiate if all had invitations. Or is it a matter of RANK?

Royal Marines were among the first settlers of these Islands history.

There are more families on these Islands that have son-in-laws who are serving or ex Royal Marines now resident here than the Military know or care to acknowledge.

Next time MAKE IT A LOCAL AFFAIR.

Yours sincerely

J. Adams

(Ex NP8901 '74-85')

Op Corporate 42 Cdo RM
Now a BENNY and proud of it.

FROM: JIM FAIRFIELD

9th Dec. 1985

As an ex-Royal Marine who served with N.P. 8901 and a member of the Green Beret Association, I would like to express my disappointment and anger at how the reception for the Royal Marines, on their day, the Freedom of Stanley, was organized. It would have made a lot more sense to have had an open reception for all. Like the receptions which are so easily organized for the Members of Parliament etc. Instead we had the usual V.I.P. and Others syndrome. The Royal Marines were classed with the Others. (For those who do not know, Royal Marines were the ones in blue uniforms and white helmets).

V.I.P.'s were ushered up first to eat. Real plates and cutlery, then seated at the few tables around the hall well away from the Rabble. The Others had to settle for paper plates and stand. Royal Marines were not allowed to participate till last.

As many Royal Marines that day, and ex-marines had served with Naval Party 8901, or had visited the Islands before, they were disappointed not to see more local friends. They were given only a few hours off for the parade before being flown back to their ships. 'Spot the local', became the bad joke of the day. Many of the town residents used to visit Moody Brook each week-end. All of them showed hospitality to the Royal Marines by having them stay in their homes. Those are the people that should have been the V.I.P.'s at the reception, friends or as the organizers would say, locals. There could not have been enough people there in the hall as a certain pompous army Colonel not only invited some tourists in off the street, but also gave them the V.I.P. treatment!!!

No sooner had the Royal Marines started a conversation when they were ordered to wash the plates and clear up behind the V.I.P.'s. Surely a proper cleaning up party should have been arranged. When this was suggested, the reply came back, "If they will not obey a command to wash dishes, how can I do my job in times of war, they must obey my commands". May I be so bold as to point out to this gentleman that the night of the Argentine Invasion the Royal Marines were making a last stand at Government House. At that point the Governor had no intention of surrendering, and against all odds the Royal Marines kept fighting back. They obeyed that command regardless of the fact that many of them could have lost their lives.

Was the Falkland Islands Government consulted on the organization? Whether they were or not, they are equally to blame for the way the Royal Marines and the public were so disgracefully treated.

Freedom of the City should have been a day for the locals and the Royal Marines. Instead the locals were kept away, the Royal Marines just there for show, but the B.F.F.I. mandarins had a good day at the tax payers expense. Once again B.F.F.I. and the F.I.G. have lost the chance to show off the good relations normally enjoyed between the military and local population.

On the night of the 7th December the Green Beret Association entertained all Royal Marines, including the Band to a very successful barbecue, where they were the guests of honour, as they should have been on the 8th December.

JIM FAIRFIELD

FROM MRS SUE BIRMINGHAM:

Fox Bay West
28th November

Dear Sir

I have just been incensed by a commentary following the BBC news regarding the defeat of Britain in the United Nations in the debate over the Falklands.

The commentator seemed to support the view that we should be sacrificed to strengthen Argentina's democracy. Surely the Argentine people are the only ones who can support the continuation of democratic government in their country. If they don't want it, they won't have it.

Handing our Islands over to them won't prevent Argentines creating atrocities against each other. The "dirty war" showed that they are not a particularly civilised nation, democracy plus the Falklands won't make them so.

Yours faithfully

S. Birmingham

ADVERTISEMENT FROM:
FALKLAND SUPPLIES STANLEY

FOR SALE

During January 1986 we will have for sale the following items which are now surplus to our requirements:

One Greenhouse, Glass with Aluminium frame. One Central Heating unit consisting of a Parkray 99G solid fuel Water/Room heater, Warmstyle Convecter Radiator 20"x19". Myson Classic Fan Convecter Radiator. Manifold 8x10mm. Combination Indirect Cylinder and a quantity of Radiator Valves. 100 plus Tree and Shrub plants, a very nice assortment. Several rolls of Insulation and a quantity of specially covered plywood, and a few other sundry items.

The items will be sold at cost price to clear. Definite prices of goods on arrival.

The decision to sell off our investment has been forced upon us by a letter we have received. Copy below:

TOWN PLANNING

"I am to advise you that your application to site a Mobile Home with extention and for the crection of a Peat Shed, Hen House and Greenhouse at No 1 Fitzroy Road East, was considered by Executive Council on 31st October 1985.

I regret that your application was not approved."

Is there really a shortage of housing in Stanley?

Are we being encouraged to invest and develop?

BATTLE DAY

Came the dawn, came the day,
For sweet revenge over Graf Von Spee.
To avenge the defeat of Coronel
And send the Kaiser's ships to hell.

Nurnberg, Gneisenau, Leipzig too,
From Sappers Hill hove into view.
Then 'send the men to breakfast' was Sturdee's terse comment.
'Steer East by South' spoke Von Spee, 'Action to Prevent'

British battle cruisers shelled Scharnhorst all the day
Until, her flag still flying, she dipped & slid away
Into the deep dark waters, below South Atlantic swell.
There were no survivors, brave men who had fought so well.

Invincible, Inflexible, on Gneisenau turned their guns
Shelled & pounded hour by hour, we beat the bloody huns.
Her Captain ordered 'scuttle' to save the honour of the fleet,
And as Gneisenau settled, keel up, we knew we had them beat.

Her brave crew, or what was left of them to save
Gave three cheers for the Kaiser, and leapt to icy wave.
Her Captain went down with his ship, an honourable grave.
We must salute the men who died, iron ship, & men so brave.

Nurnberg's end came very soon, chased & sunk by 'Kent'.
Leipzig fought on gallantly her hull all holed & rent.
Glasgow & Cornwall chased her relentlessly, shells to rip & rend.
But after nine at night, her life was at it's end.

So it is we march, to the Memorial on this day.
To give thanks to God, & to brave men our respects to pay.
Standing, looking out to sea across the briney wave
Thinking, on the men, swallowed in this salty grave.

RICHARD NEAL
Stanley 8th Dec 1985

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AGENTS FOR RUTLAND ELECTRIC FENCES

Before ordering your fencing from other sources, do ask us to obtain quotations for you. You might be surprised how competitive we are.

When looking at our competitors prices remember to compare like with like. Packing and delivery to the docks, F.O.B. charges, agents charges can add up to more than you might expect. A recent comparison has shown that on a straightforward mile of fencing our price was nearly 10% lower than the best equivalent and you do not pay us until after the goods have arrived in the Falklands.

A discount offer does not always mean the best deal. F.I.C. reflect all U.K. trade discounts in their prices.

TRY US BEFORE BUYING ELSEWHERE
EVERY PENNY COUNTS THESE DAYS

STANLEY DAIRY PROGRESS REPORT:

After receiving many enquiries regarding the current position of the New Dairy being built near Mullet Creek, on the site now known as Beckside Farm, we think a short construction report might be of interest to many people. The most obvious features to be seen at the moment are the new house and the recessed areas. The recesses which were established according to Agricultural Research Centre guidelines early this year received their first application of fertilizer a few weeks ago. The response has been quite noticeable, first by an immediate change of colour to bright green, now being followed by an increase in the quantity of grass growing. The new house, the first Clanwood house in the Falklands, was erected without too many problems during the winter. Most of the problems that there were were due to the fact that the builders were not builders! The house is not quite finished but is habitable and we are now in residence, trying to get everything sorted out after the move, and trying to master the new cooker which has a bewildering selection of knobs, levers and dampers, but which is proving most effective.

Due to the construction of the house, work on the dairy building has been minimal. Delays have been experienced due to the scarcity of suitable heavy plant to do the initial site preparation but at last, thanks to Alec Smith and the PWD Road Gang, the site has been cleared and work has now started infilling with stone subbase for the building. There's still a lot of site work to do but it is hoped that there will be obvious signs of progress before too long.

It is still hoped that sufficient progress will have been made to enable us to go to U.K. next winter to bring back about 30 cows to enable us to start milk production next spring.

Malcom & Glennis Ashworth
Stanley Dairy Limited

RAF TRISTAR SCHEDULED FLIGHTS:

As from 30 November 85, RAF Tristars took over the air link between the Falklands and UK from British Airways.

Tristars will leave Brize Norton at 8 pm each Monday, Thursday and Saturday, arriving at Mount Pleasant at 11.15 am on Tuesday, Friday and Sunday. After a three hour turn round, flights will leave MPA at 2.15 pm the same day to arrive back at Brize Norton at 10.40 am on Wednesday, Saturday and Monday.

The RAF Tristar flights will move the same number of passengers North as the two 747 aircraft, and the three flights will enable bookings to be spread more evenly. The twice weekly Hercules flights will continue to operate, arriving on Monday and Thursday and leaving on Tuesday and Friday.

Booking arrangements are unchanged, as are the Stanley/MPA road restrictions, which continue to apply each day between 10.00 am and 4.00 pm for approximately four months.

GOVERNMENT NOTICE

Ref: LEG/10/19K

10 December 1985

"Notice is hereby given that Mr Jose Sixto Ruiz-Barrientos of Walker Creek, Falkland Islands, is applying to His Excellency The Governor for naturalisation, and that any person who knows of any reason why naturalisation should not be granted should send a written and signed statement of the facts to the Government Secretary at the Secretariat, Stanley, Falkland Islands."

NEW BOAT FOR FIC:

The Falkland Islands Company, Limited has purchased a 32 feet, high speed launch. This has been done to extend and improve the services for international fishing companies operating around the Falkland Islands. This heavy duty pilot/police type launch will be used to attend vessels in Port William and Berkeley Sound. The introduction of this launch, due on the January 1986 'A.E.S.' will greatly improve communications with the fishing fleets. Fittings in the launch are extensive and amongst them include bunks, cabin heaters, V.H.F., audio radio, fridge, stove etc.

A DANCE WITH A DIFFERENCE:

The girls of Cable and Wireless held a highly successful supper dance in the Town Hall on Saturday 26th October. Entry was by ticket only which were bought in advance at £2 each which included the cost of an excellent curry and rice supper, with drinks being available from a bar in the hall. Much thought combined with a considerable amount of effort had gone into dividing the hall into two parts by means of a large white netting curtain which enabled one part of the hall to be used for dancing with small tables being decorated and set out in the other half at which the guests could enjoy their meal and chat in a very relaxed atmosphere while not being overpowered by the music or dancing.

The girls are to be congratulated for organising such an excellent evenings entertainment in what was certainly a different and highly enjoyable style. The food and the music were excellent as was the aim of the dance which raised over £600 to be used for the new Hospital Fund.

POPPY DAY IN STANLEY:

This years house to house sale of Poppies in Stanley was carried out by the children of the Stanley House Hostels who collected what is believed to be the best ever total of £463.34. Congratulations on a superb effort. The Poppy Day collectors are arranged by the F.I. Branch of the Red Cross on behalf of the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal. More details in our next issue.

FIDC ENTERPRISE GRANT HELPS LAUNCH NEW STANLEY BUSINESS:

Giles and Crystal Mercer have launched a new business which will be of considerable use in getting those infrequent but essential jobs done around the house and garden. No longer will we be able to use the old excuse of not having the tools or equipment or whatever. These things are now available at very reasonable rates as will be seen from their advertisement below:

Its getting late to put that garden in order. Why not rent a rotator or trim that grass before it gets out of hand with a mower from:

MOLEHILL RENTALS

Let us have the headaches : Why buy when you can hire?

IMMEDIATELY AVAILABLE:

Carpet Shampooer	£3.50 per day
Circular Saw	2.50 " "
Rotovator at £2 per hour or £10 per day	
Rover Trailer	2.50 per day
Petrol Mower	10.00 " "
Wheelbarrow	2.00 " "

Practice that newfound craft at home with a spinning wheel £2.50 per week.

We are starting small but will expand soon, give us a call or pop in 'Molehill Rentals' 5 Hebe St. Phone 295

A New Store - for Farmers & Householders

A Farm and Householders Co-op, to be known as

FARM & HOUSEHOLD SUPPLIES

will soon be launched in Stanley.

Following interest expressed by many farmers in the formation of a new co-op to sell a wide range of goods and items for the farm and household we are pleased to announce this business will start early in 1986 from a warehouse in Stanley.

FIDC are helping to plan the establishment and running of the co-op and have promised to make a substantial investment in the business, offering to contribute funds, £ for £, equal to the value of shares subscribed by farms and householders.

A wide selection of goods and materials will be available for purchasing from stock, and some large quantities or seasonal items through advance ordering for bulk purchase by the co-op. The intention is to provide good service at the lowest possible price.

It will enable farms to release large amounts of cash otherwise tied up in the purchase of farm materials and stores kept on the farm. Many items will be available "on demand" direct from the co-op as you plan to use them.

Here are the main items we expect to sell :

BUILDING MATERIALS - Cladding & Insulation, Sawn Timber.

FENCING MATERIALS - Sandpoint & treated materials, Wire, Electric Fencing, etc

Numerous HARDWARE GOODS - from NUTS AND BOLTS to PLUMBING, ELECTRICAL GOODS and IRONMONGERY

FARMS NEEDS including SHEARING EQUIPMENT PARTS, EARTAGS VETERINARY SUPPLIES and FARM TOOLS

WOOLPACKS; FERTILIZER and SEED; OIL and LUBRICANTS; MAINTENANCE PARTS for TRACTOR and VEHICLES

Wide Selection of HOUSEHOLD ITEMS -including DIY GOODS; PAINT; GARDEN NEEDS; WORKING CLOTHES.

Suggestions for lines to be stocked will be welcomed.

Contractors/traders and householders in camp and Stanley are invited to become members through purchasing a share and so have the opportunity of shopping at the co-op along with farmer members. Farmers will soon receive a prospectus outlining in detail how the co-op is to be established and run, inviting them to purchase shares and so enable the business to begin. Other individuals may obtain a prospectus from the address below.

Shares are priced £100 each and may be purchased by filling in the application form inside the prospectus.

For further information please write to :-

Stephen Carrington,
Secretary to the Co-operative Steering Committee,
c/o F.I.D.C., Port Stanley.

STANLEY HOUSE NEWS:

Here in Stanley House the children and staff are preparing for the end of the 1985 School Year. We are holding a Bar-b-Que on the last Monday of the term. There will be lots of chops that will no doubt be rapidly consumed, along with goodies produced in our kitchen by our hard-working cooks Mary and Cheryl. Caroline Ford and Lisa Jaffray have decorated a Christmas Cake under Mary's guidance just for this occasion.

Since our last newsletter life at Stanley House has continued at a hectic pace with all the usual activities being enjoyed. We have to admit that our Football Team has tried in vain to beat Stanley School despite playing brave and talented football under the watchful eye of trainer Paul Williams.

Improvements in the grounds continue with the rebuilding by Steve and Mark (of the Bomb Disposal Unit) of a Dutch Oven to be used at Bar-b-Que's in the future. Handyman Tony Jaffray is rebuilding the Conservatory Roof so that we may fill it with potted plants next term, hopefully bringing it back to its former glory.

The Falkland Islands Angling Club under the chairmanship of Terry Spruce have most kindly allowed us the use of the Malo fishing huts twice a year completely free of charge. This will give us the opportunity of introducing children to the joys of fishing one of our best trout rivers and learning to do so in a responsible manner.

Thanks to the Hercules flight at RAF Stanley many of our children have had the opportunity of a Hercules Flight which was thoroughly enjoyed by all the intrepid bird-men and women of Stanley House.

During next Winter we will be producing our own Falkland Islands Schools Plaques from a mould kindly produced by the lads out in Port William on the Lumiere.

Perhaps the highlight of the term was our overland trip to Goose Green in early December. For this we have to thank all the people of Goose Green for their wonderful hospitality and particularly Mrs Eileen Jaffray for the original idea and organisation. We are also grateful to the drivers who willingly drove the children out in a convoy of eight landrovers on the Friday evening and returned everybody safely on Monday evening. A Great Time Was Had By All!!

Sadly the end of a school year inevitably means saying goodbye to children, some of whom will not be returning next year. All the staff, I know, would like to wish all the best in the future to: Paul Barnes, Bruce Smith, Samantha Miller, Lee-Ann Whitney, Terri-Ann Jaffray, Susan Nightingale, Kristy Thorsen, Julia Miller, and of course our Mount Kent lamb 'Benny' - we will miss them all!

Also we have regrettably to say goodbye to Miss Julie Johnson whose unfailing voluntary help has been greatly appreciated by both staff and children alike. Perhaps the insertion of an advertisement here would not go amiss. If you are interested in assisting voluntarily at Stanley House amongst a great bunch of young campers please let us know.

Now a word of appreciation from us all to all those of you who by word of deed have helped Stanley House in 1985. 'Thankyou'. Finally, I would particularly like to express my thanks to all the staff at Stanley House for everything they do in ensuring that Stanley House is a happy and well run boarding establishment. Thanks to the ladies who keep everything spotless: Daisy, Rene, Winnie, Mary, our laundress and clothes repairer Mary, our Handyman Tony, Cocks Mary and Cheryl, House-parents Ron, Janet, Lorraine, Iris, Donna, Alex, Jean, Juanita and last but certainly not least my thanks go to the lady who really runs this place - Rose Jaffray our Hostel Warden. Happy New Year To You All!!

PETE GILDING
HEAD OF HOSTEL

SALE OF MT. EDGEWORTH FARM

The Falkland Islands Development Corporation have purchased from Chartres Sheep Farming Co. the areas known as Rat Castle, Mt Edgeworth and the Plain and now offer this for sale to interested parties.

The details of the sale are:

The Land:	Mr Edgeworth	4790	acres	approx
	Rat Castle	3205	"	"
	The Plain	17750	"	"

The acres given are not exact and could carry an error of plus or minus 5%.

The Stock

Sheep: A balanced flock will be offered with the farm. This is likely to comprise

- 1000 Hoggets (mixed ewes and wethers)
- 840 Shearlings (mixed ewes and wethers)
- 1667 Breeding ewes (mixed ages)
- 1983 Wethers (mixed ages)
- 50 Rams (mixed ages)
- 10 Ram hoggets

FIDC has agreed with Chartres Sheep Farming Co that Mt Edgeworth Farm will be stocked off shears. Whilst FIDC is arranging for the farm to be stocked as described above, the new owner will be accepting the farm as is on the day of sale. The FIG Agricultural Officer (or the new owner) will ensure that the farm is initially stocked as described. However no claim for stock discrepancies will be accepted after date of sale.

Cattle

Six cows are offered with the farm. Any Chartres cattle on the Mt Edgeworth farm on the date of sale will become the property of the new owner. However no guarantee is given either to their presence or quality.

Horses

No horses are offered with the farm.

The Buildings

The Green Hill House and all movable assets around it, including the fencing surrounding the house paddock are offered. The assets include the stable, cow shed, hen house, generator (1 3/4 KVA) and shed and electric waterpump. The Green Hill House is not situated on Mt Edgeworth Farm and must be moved within 3 years of date of sale. FIDC has purchased the Plain House (see below) to provide immediate living accommodation.

The use of the Chartres Woolshed is also offered for up to 10 years.

The Rat Castle shanty is included in the sale.

The Plain House (including cut peat)

The Plain House has been purchased from J.L. Waldron and is to be offered with adjoining land as part of Mt Edgeworth Farm.

The House

The house is a modern house in good condition. It has 3 bedrooms, kitchen, sitting room, bathroom, scullery, pantry and large back porch. The house includes all the usual out-buildings in varying states of repair. A 3 KVA electric start generator and shed - both in good condition.

The Adjoining Land

Approximately 175 acres of land is offered to link the Plain House with the previous boundary to Chartres Sheep Farm. Boundary fences to this land will be erected by J.L. Waldron.

The Tractor

A new Zetor 7045 (70 HP) tractor will be purchased by FIDC and be included as part of the sale. The new owner will be eligible for a grant of £4900 or 50% of the purchase price of the tractor. The grant has already been deducted from the purchase price of the farm.

SALE PRICE:

Mt. Edgeworth farm including the land, stock, buildings and equipment (including the new tractor) is offered for sale at £96074.

The owner will normally be expected to put down a deposit of 10% of the purchase price. Farmers who believe that they could run the farm successfully, but do not have the cash deposit immediately at hand, should not be discouraged from applying. FIDC will offer the owner a "soft" loan for the balance of the purchase price. The exact terms of the loan offered are contained in the prospectus.

METHOD OF SALE:

Interested persons should in the first instance write to FIDC, Stanley requesting a prospectus and application form.

The closing date for applications will be 31 December 1985.

FIDC will invite suitably qualified applicants to attend informal discussions aimed at establishing the applicant's plans for the future of the farm. These discussions will lead to selection by FIDC of the new owner.

PROPOSED DATE OF SALE.

It is intended that the new owner will be chosen by early in the new year and will take possession after the completion of shearing, expected to be the end of February 1986.

The sale of Mt. Edgeworth Farm will not be advertised outside the Falkland Islands. Individuals having friends or relatives who may be interested in purchasing the farm should advise them to contact FIDC.

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FARM HOLIDAYS AT SUNNY ROY COVE

AT THE

ROY COVE GUEST HOUSE

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Apply to Phyllis Butler at Roy Cove for details

DAY OUT AT MPA:

Acting on a suggestion from Mr Des Peck (thank you, Des) Wimpey Taylor invited the Senior Citizens of Stanley to a day's outing at Mount Pleasant Airport.

Early in the morning of Sunday 1st December, two coaches toured Stanley, calling at check points to embark the 74 over 60's who had expressed a desire to attend the outing.

After a very enjoyable run to Mount Pleasant, we arrived one and a half hours after departure and were, at once, taken to the restaurant and given tea, coffee, soft drinks and biscuits.

We then boarded the coaches again for a tour of the Airfield. Our guide explained the use of the various buildings and told us of the thousands of tons of concrete which had been poured into the runway. He pointed out the stone-crushing and grading plant, which, he said, is the largest in the World. This tour over landed us back at the restaurant for a delicious lunch which was enjoyed by all and rounded off this part of the day's outing.

A short time in the Rest Room, talking to the organisers and workers was followed by a visit to East Cove - quite an impressive sight, with the Cove installations representing many hours of hard work. I digress here to marvel at the enormous amount of work put into the complex, and all British workmen and overseers responsible for this, should be justly proud of their achievements.

From East Cove we started the return journey, calling at the Great Britain Hotel, where Mr Clark served us with drinks (gratis) - thank you Fred. Very competent drivers gave helping hands to the old folk when descending from the coaches.

All citizens expressed enjoyment of the outing. The Project Manager, Mr Roberts, and the Office Manager, Mr Brian Blackburn, were in attendance and Mr Peck received a gift of £500 from the workers to go into a Senior Citizens Fund. Des hopes, as do the Citizens, to repeat the day out on a date in the not too distant future.

By an Old Codger who is glad his wife persuaded him to go.

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FALKLAND ISLANDS COMPANY LIMITED

The 'West Store' has recently opened a new shop called 'Fleetwing Shop' which is situated opposite Victory Green on Ross Road, and offers Late Night and Weekend shopping facilities.

OPENING HOURS: Monday 4pm to 8pm. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 5pm to 8pm. Friday 6pm to 8pm
Saturday and Sunday 9am to 12 noon. 1.30pm to 5pm

If you are looking for a gift you may find something suitable or perhaps you have run out of film for your camera or just want a paper-back for the weekend. The Deep Freeze Cabinet can offer you a good variety too.

Call in and have a look - its really worth a visit

MOUNT PLEASANT USERS WORKING GROUP

Details of the freight charges on flights between the UK and the Falklands were placed before the Mount Pleasant Users Working Group at its meeting in Government House on Thursday, 15 December 85.

Charges for Southbound freight are as follows: The Duty Rate will be £3.84 per kilo, whilst the advance purchased rate will be £4.57 per kilo. The full commercial rate of £7.13 per kilo will be charged for remaining freight.

Charges for Northbound freight remain unchanged. Falkland Island Government sponsored exports will be charged at £2.00 per kilo. The Duty Rate, for those who qualify for the concessionary passenger fare, will be £2.54 per kilo. The advance purchase rate will be £3.02 per kilo, remaining freight will attract the full commercial rate of £4.72 per kilo.

The group also heard that arrangements for unaccompanied minors were being finalised. Parents arranging flights for unaccompanied children should inform the Secretariat, giving the age of the child on the booking form and making it clear that the child requires an escort. Movements Staff will then arrange for an escort to accompany the child from MPA through to Brize Norton.

Parents wishing to meet their children on arrival at MPA, should identify themselves to the local civilian police or immigration personnel, who will then clear the request with the Service Movements Staff to allow parents to meet their children in the baggage area.

The Stanley/MPA road restrictions continue to apply each day, including Sundays, until March 1986 and the road will be closed to traffic between 1000 and 1600 hrs daily. Such arrangements have been made for local settlements owners, traffic to meet aircraft and for emergencies.

SALE OF MILITARY SCRAP

There will be sales of military scrap from 27 to 31 December, at the FI Field Squadron Theatre Park and the FI Field Squadron Plant Park.

The sales will be from 10 till 12 and 1400 to 1600 hrs daily, and 1400 to 1600 hrs only on Sundays. Their locations will be sign posted from Bullocks Bend. Car Parking will be available at both parks. Children will not be admitted to the sale sites.

Prices will be given on the spot, and scrap will be bought sight seen, on a cash only basis.

Although the FI Field Squadron will have plant available at both sites to move scrap and assist in the loading of bulky or heavy items, buyers will be responsible for taking their purchases away from the parks, at the time of purchase.

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COUNCILLORS MEETING:

Stanley Councillors the Hon. Norma Edwards and the Hon. Charles Keenleyside held a highly successful meeting in the Refreshment Room of the Town Hall on Monday January 13th. Attendance was very good indeed as were the very wide range of questions asked on subjects including Offshore Fishing Control, Conservation, Education, Housing, Stanley Cemetery, the Fire Brigade, the Rubbish Dump, the Swimming Pool, the proposed Dry Cleaners, Compulsory Purchase of Land and many other subjects.

Both Councillors showed that they were really concerned with their Constituents affairs and problems, showing willingness to work with them and take things on board rather than defend the Government and field sticky problems off into the long grass. If necessary they were willing to stick their necks out on behalf of their Constituents.

From the meeting two main points emerged very clearly.

Firstly: that there exists within Stanley a very strong, healthy, vibrant, community spirit.

Secondly: from the wide range of topics discussed it was apparent that some serious consideration should be given to reforming the Stanley Town Council, thus not only giving more townspeople involvement in their own affairs and decision making, but taking some of the domestic work from the shoulders of the Legislative and Executive Councillors who have plenty to do looking after our Policy Making and External Political affairs.

MUSEUM PROGRESS:

Dr Neil Cossens, Director of the National Maritime Museum at Greenwich, accompanied by his wife Veronica, who is a Botanist, visited the Falklands during December to advise on the re-establishment of a Museum at Stanley. Discussions were held with many local people concerned with the history and conservation in the Islands. A visit was also made to some of the hulks in Stanley Harbour and a weekend was spent at Keppel Island.

Dr Cossens report is expected soon.

Dr Cossens, who was formerly the Director of the Ironbridge Gorge Museum Trust in Shropshire, is in March, to take up a new appointment as Director of the Science Museum in London.

NEW PRIEST FOR ST MARY'S:

Father Pat Littlewood arrived in the Falklands shortly before Christmas to assist Father Monaghan at St Mary's. The new priest who is 44 years of age and hails from Coningsby near Doncaster. His last appointment was with the Mill Hill Fathers at Albany New York where he spent 3 years. Previous posts have been in the Cameroons West Africa for 4 years and Kenya for 10 years. Father Littlewood will stay in the Falklands until July.

PEN FRIENDS:

We have received several enquiries from various parts of the World for Pen Friends in the Falklands. The age range is from about 10 years to post retiring age so should you be interested please get in touch with the Penguin News.

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FIGAS NEWS:

The third Pilatus-Britton Norman Islander aircraft for the Falkland Islands Govt Air Service arrived onboard the cargo vessel Lotte Scheel in early January. The 7 man assembly team from the makers arrived by air on Sunday 5th January. It is expected that the uncrating and assembly should take place about 2-3 weeks, enabling FIGAS to have the aircraft ready for flight testing and operation at the end of January.

JOURNALISTS DEATH:

You will have read elsewhere in this issue Arthur Sandles' article in the Financial Times, 28th December 1985 in which he picked the Falkland Islands as his best new holiday destination for 1986.

Sally, we have just heard that Arthur died on 6th Jan 1986, whilst skiing in Switzerland. The FIDC will be sending a wreath on behalf of everyone involved in Falkland Islands Tourism.

Chartres
December 28, 1985

Editor
Penguin News
Stanley

Dear Sir

I refer to the letter from Mrs Joan Chiswell in Issue No 85.

In my experience and that of many other Falkland Islanders which extends from having to share a passenger ship many years ago to sharing air travel to the U.K., topped off by encounters with her fellow Anglo-Argentines in 1982, they are by far the most arrogant and unpleasant section of what is not a very nice nation. Argentines are deservedly the most loathed people in South America - they have territorial claims on all their neighbours. Anyone who trots out the lame excuse that it was just a military government should refresh his or her memory at the disgusting scenes recorded by newsmen in Buenos Aires in early April 1982, and to be found on the two TV documentaries of the Falklands War. If Galtieri had won he would have been a national hero for evermore as he was then, briefly.

While most Falkland Islanders are a pretty tolerant lot and I believe that the few Argentines who have elected to stay this side of the water do not have too bad a time, Mrs Chiswell would have been well advised to keep a lower profile and will probably catch a fair amount of unpleasantness now. It serves her right but she should remember that to most of us the very word 'Argentine' still touches a raw nerve. She should go back to Argentina and take with her the clear message that we want nothing to do with her country or her countrymen and women ever again. She and her fellow Brits elected with their feet to live in such an environment. Don't try to ram it down our throats.

Yours faithfully

W.R. Luxton

PS. How about Penguin News taking nominations for the most loathsome Anglo Argies? I would like to nominate the sanctimonious creep G. Machin who spews out his poison courtesy of Calling the Falklands quite frequently. He probably does more than any single person to keep us united and BRITISH.

BIG EXERCISE FOR BRITISH FORCES

British Forces in the Falklands were recently involved in a large scale military exercise.

The exercise ran from Wednesday 18 December to mid-day Friday 20 December. During this period there was increased air and ground activity including low flying and simulated attacks by ground forces. The aim of the exercise was to test the quick reactions of the different arms of the three services, and the deployment and defence of British Forces as well as the protection of the approaches to the Islands. The FIDF was not involved. The whole exercise formed part of the normal planning process and training schedules of BFFI and the Ministry of Defence.

The Commander, Air Vice Marshal Kemball, was most grateful for the co-operation and understanding of local residents and hopes that this exercise caused the very minimum of interference to their daily routine.

D.B. Neilson
Command Secretary
HQ British Forces
Falkland Islands
BFPO 666

31 December 1985

The Editor
Penguin News
Stanley

Dear Sir

ISSUE NO 84 - FALKLAND FAMILIES ASSOCIATION VISIT

I have read with some interest the anonymous article in Penguin News about the projected visit next year by the Falkland Families Association. In particular, the comments about the staff of the Command Secretariat, and their role in the field of defence expenditure, have caught my attention.

It would appear that the writer of the article is unaware of the wider implications, the costs involved, the concessions already made or the fact that the Services, like MOD Civil Servants, are required to comply with Government policy. Cash and other resources required by the Services are obtained through UK taxation and, quite properly, they have to account to Parliament for expenditure and the use of these resources. The implied suggestion that my Service colleagues would be prepared to depart from Government policy and fail to account properly for the use of resources is one which I am sure they would wish to refute.

We are all anxious to do what we can to make the visit as easy as possible for those concerned and my staff have played their part in the preliminary planning work already done by HQ BFFI. However, rules for visits to War Graves by close relatives apply world wide and the visits by the Falkland Families Association must be seen against the much wider background of visits to graves throughout the world. The Command Secretary has no authority to change these rules, nor any others laid down by the Treasury or MOD, and I hope the writer is not suggesting that I should depart from policy and fail to account for the use of resources.

From the detailed information available to me, I can assure you that everything possible is being done, within the regulations, to keep costs to a minimum. In addition, during my recent visit to UK I took up the cost of helicopter travel advised to the Association and was able to obtain agreement to a further reduction to produce the lowest possible price within the regulations.

Could I suggest that, in future, the writer of the article takes the trouble to check out the facts with those who know.

Yours faithfully

D.B. NEILSON

From the Financial Times of December 28th 1985:

No 9 in the 10 Top Holiday Favourites: Best new destination, The Falklands. At the right time of year the Islands offer a remarkable array of wildlife, from penguins to elephant seals, from wrens to killer whales, much of which is totally unbothered by human approaches. Tourism, which is being developed, might change all that so see it now while things are still as nature intended.

The Falklands Office (via the Foreign and Commonwealth Office) will arrange a ticket for £1,250. Accommodation there will cost around £30 a day and you should allow £200-£300 for internal travel.

OBITUARY

Cecil William Wickham Bertrand

Cecil arrived in the Falklands in 1928 from Punta Arenas. He worked first at Roy Cove which was founded in 1869 by his Grandfather William Wickham Bertrand. Cecil then worked at Carcass Island until joining the sealing vessel "Afterglow" in 1930. He married Muriel Newing in 1931, by whom he had two daughters, Natalia and Yolanda. He worked for a few months at West Point Is., until he joined the great whaling fleets which went South every Summer. Returning to the Falklands at the end of each whaling season he would again join the Afterglow for the Winter's sealing. Also during the latter part of the 30's Cecil worked on the SS Lafonia which traded mainly on the South American East Coast. In June or July 1935, while engaged in the Winter's sealing Cecil saved Nevin McGill from drowning when Nevin slipped and fell off the "Bellville" which was anchored in Albermarle. He was offered a life-saving medal which he refused. In 1938 after working for a short time at West Point, Cecil left the Falklands to take up a fruit farm in middle Chile. This enterprise was unsuccessful as it was completely destroyed in the very severe earthquake which Chile experienced in early 1939. Cecil managed to get to Punta Arenas with his family and there he worked for a while as shepherd on a large Chilean farm. He tried to join up on the outbreak of World War 2 but was told he would have to pay his own passage which he was unable to do at that time. In 1940 he got back to the Falklands and joined the FIC steamship "Fitzroy" until 1943. During that time he was Stoker, Ordinary Seaman, Steward, and Able Seaman! In 1945 Cecil took command of the well known schooner "Fervonir" in which he had bought a share in 1944. He had the distinction of commanding the last trading schooner in the Falklands. Cecil married Kitty Napier in 1948 and he later exchanged his share in Fervonir for the lease of Arch Islands. In 1950 they went to live on East Island until they bought Carcass Island in 1953. In 1958 Cecil bought the Aux. ketch "Foam" which he had had built in Denmark. For many years the "Foam" was a familiar sight around the Islands as Cecil and Kitty cruised to and from Carcass to Stanley and elsewhere. In 1974 they sold Carcass to Rob McGill but were fortunate to be able to go on living there until 1980 when they decided they would move to Stanley before they got too old to ship their own goods and chattels in "Foam". In addition they managed to visit many friends at various farms en route.

Cecil proved it was possible to be a good farmer and a conservationist. Any work he undertook was always properly done from repairing the pintles and gudgeons on his ketch to carving a wooden chain.

Left to mourn his passing are Kitty, two brothers, a sister, two daughters, six grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

From one of many letters which Kitty has received, a single phrase stands out which so very adequately sums up Cecil's whole character.

'He was a rock on which one thought all the waves of life would break without harming him.
He was indestructable.'

SIR JACK HAYWARD:

Bahamas based millionaire and good friend of the Falklands, Jack Hayward, was awarded a Knighthood in the New Years Honours List. Sir Jack's association with the Falklands began at the time of the salvage of the SS Great Britain in 1970 when he donated £150,000 towards what became her highly successful refloating operation and subsequent refitting in Bristol. He donated a further one million pounds to the Hospital Fund after the tragic fire at the KEMH in 1984 - this money will be used to create the sheltered accommodation for senior citizens as part of the Hospital complex. During his visit to the Falklands in 1985 to attend the opening of MFA he moved that the interest on the million pounds for the Hospital should be used for the establishment of a Museum and Library for the Islands.

The Governor and Councillors have sent a message of warmest congratulations to Sir Jack, with the wishes for a very happy 1986 from all in the Falklands.

SCOUTING NEWS:

Although we have been quiet over Christmas and New Year as far as meetings and adventure activities are concerned, the fund raising scheme achieved their aim of paying off all outstanding debts for our Task Force North scheme. Since the first donation in October 1984, a total of over £20,000 has been raised by the Cubs, Scouts, Venture Scouts, Leaders, parents, helpers and our many friends. All concerned who backed the scheme from the beginning can be justifiably proud that we achieved our aim of sending a party to England, completely funded from within the Islands, as our part of the International Year of Youth.

JACQUES COUSTEAU VISITS FALKLANDS:

The distinguished French oceanographic scientist, writer, film maker, and pioneer of underwater exploration Jacques Yves Cousteau, has recently been in the Falklands with his latest ship the 'ALCYONE'. Captain Cousteau has since returned to Europe by air but the ship will remain in Falkland waters for about three weeks during which time, visits are to be made to many parts of the Islands including The Jasons, Bauchene Island, and Sea Lion Islands. The purpose of the visit is to film the Falklands unique maritime and wildlife as part of a series of films giving emphasis on the relationship between the water systems of the world and people who are directly affected by either good or bad by those systems. Captain Cousteau is very concerned by the threat to the marine environment.

The 31m 'ALCYONE' is revolutionary in both hull design and propulsion. The hull when viewed from the side is very much like that of a conventional yacht. In plan form it is rather like an arrowhead. The navigation and automation systems are advanced to such a degree that they are revolutionary. The propulsion units are very difficult to explain without an illustration. Basically they consist of two tall 33ft high cylinders like factory chimneys which are in effect sophisticated sails.

They do not generate power; they generate thrust and are some six times more efficient than the normal conventional sail. The vessel has also two diesel engines of 156 hp each. Given favourable winds for maximum use of the turbo sail units plus the operation of the two engines the ship can achieve speeds of 25 to 30 knots. A constant cruising speed of 9-11 knots is normally maintained.

THE GREAT WHEELBARROW PUSH:

The epic sponsored push by Rag McKaskill and Hamish Wylie in aid of the Falkland Families Association took place as planned on Boxing Day when the two 21 year olds set out at 2.45am to push the wheelbarrows each containing one case of beer, over the 50Km (approx 32 miles) from Mount Pleasant Airport to Stanley Race Course without opening or drinking any of the beer on the way. It was cold at first but with the dawn came the sun - first light was just after 3.30am - by mid morning the temperature was well up in the 60's, maybe even higher.

Along the way funds were raised from lorry drivers who threw their donations into the barrows as they passed by. Stanley Race Course was reached at 11.20 where more donations amounting to £156 were thrown into the barrows as the two made their way to the 300yd mark from where they made their final dash to the finish. They arrived 8hrs and 25 minutes after setting out. More donations from around the course increased the figure to £500, this along with the money from the sponsors will amount to over £2,000. A fantastic effort to help the members of the families of servicemen who gave their lives during the 9182 Conflict, make a visit to the Falklands in April this year.

Hamish and Rag would like to thank all of those who donated, sponsored and assisted during the great push.

Time is getting short, if you would like to help in any way to assist in the visit either by fund raising or accommodation - please get in touch with either Norman Clarke or Nick Hadden.

A4E SKYHAWK DISCOVERY:

On 6 December 86, the discovery by the Army Air Corps of a water-filled crater surrounded by aircraft wreckage in the area of Mount Sullivan in West Falkland was reported to the RAF EOD. On closer inspection, the wreckage was identified as an A4E Argentinian Skyhawk, and a quantity of 20mm ammunition but no bodies were discovered.

Further investigation of the crater is being hampered by aircraft fuel-contaminated water some five metres in depth, and by the water-logged peat edge surrounding the hole.

The MOD in London has been requested to advise on the future course of action to be taken.

PARLIAMENTARIANS VISIT:

A delegation of Parliamentarians visited the F.I.'s during December.

The visit was arranged by the MOD so that Press and Members of Parliament could get an up to date view of the situation in the Falklands. The delegation were also briefed by the Foreign Office who also supported the visit.

The delegation consisted of Lord Pender Con.: Lord Boston of Faversham GC.: Labour: Lord Tordoff: Liberal: James Couchman MP Con.: Robert Key MP Con.: Roger Simms MP Con.: John Stokes MP Con.: Gordon Bagier MP Lab.: Frank Cook MP Lab.

VISIT OF KNITTING AND LINKING TRAINER:

FIDC are currently considering sponsoring a visit by an experienced knitting and linking trainer, probably around Easter 1986.

It is proposed that the trainer would hold training seminars at various locations in the Islands. Anyone interested in attending one of these seminars should contact FIDC, indicating the most convenient location for them to attend, so that a programme can be arranged. It should be noted, however, that the trainer will be unable to visit every settlement in the Islands due to shortage of time.

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FOR SALE

During January 1986 we will have for sale the following items which are now surplus to our requirements:

One Greenhouse, Glass with Aluminium frame. One Central Heating unit consisting of a Parkray 99G solid fuel Water/Room heater, Warmstyle Convector Radiator 20"x19". Myson Classic Fan Convector Radiator. Manifold 8x10mm. Combination Indirect Cylinder and a quantity of Radiator Valves. 100 plus Tree and Shrub plants, a very nice assortment. Several rolls of Insulation and a quantity of specially covered plywood, and a few other sundry items.

The items will be sold at cost price to clear. Definite prices of goods on arrival.

The decision to sell off our investment has been forced upon us by a letter we have received. Copy below:

TOWN PLANNING

"I am to advise you that your application to site a Mobile Home with an extension and for the erection of a Peat Shed, Hen House and Greenhouse at No 1 Fitzroy Road East, was considered by Executive Council on 31st October 1985.

I regret that your application was not approved."

Is there really a shortage of housing in Stanley?
Are we being encouraged to invest and develop?

HIGH WIND CAUSES DAMAGE

Very high winds in the F.I.'s during early December caused 18 of the new Brewster Houses to lose their chimney tops, Des Peck to lose the chimney from his house on Brandon Road, and a large domestic oil fuel tank to be blown 20yds across open ground in Callaghan Rd.

The rapidity of the wind increase surprised many new arrivals in Stanley. At 11 o'clock in the evening of Tuesday Dec 3rd the wind speed was about 12 knots, then within half an hour it was gusting towards 50 knots and reached its peak of 80 knots at about 2 o'clock on Wednesday morning.

D. Evans
10 Drury St.

2.1.86

Editor
Penguin News

Dear Sir

I feel that the issue that I have written to the Planning Committee about is so important that I would like you to publish a copy of the letter. Education is far from being the satisfactory state Government and Councillors would like you to believe, and in this instance, if the proposal goes through, it could have repercussions on the whole education system.

Yours faithfully

Derek Evans

Secretary, Planning Committee, Secretariat

Dear Sir

I would like to object to the proposed plan to site a dry-cleaning-shoe repair-film processing business in the grounds of Stanley House. I have no objections to the type of business envisaged - I'm sure it will be of benefit to the community - but I do object strongly to the proposal to site it in Stanley House grounds.

I write as an ex-headmaster of the Junior Infant School and also as having acted as Superintendent of Education for a while during which period I was heavily involved with the running of the Hostel. In short, I do know what I am talking about.

One of the reasons why I would not take on the job of Hostel Supervisor was because it was imperative that the children be provided with adequate recreational facilities. I was verbally promised this but it had not been done and there is still no sign of it being done. It is right that the Hostel children should be in Stanley for education but the great advantage of Darwin Boarding School was that the children had plenty of room to let off steam. Stanley House is far too cramped and it leads to a lot of problems, especially in the middle of term when nights are long. They need all the space they can get. It is incredible to think that a serious proposal is being put up to deprive them of what little space they have!

There are over fifty children in that Hostel and eventually it is envisaged that the numbers will rise to eighty - certainly there is sleeping accommodation for that many, yet you are contemplating taking space away from them!

If you start taking away pieces of Stanley House grounds, where does it end? Camp children especially, need space. It really will become a prison for children and supervisory staff alike.

This is yet another example of the Administration being completely out of touch with reality.

If this proposal goes through it will demonstrate yet again that Government give Education no priority what-so-ever.

Public Information Office
HQ BFFI
Stanley
BFPO 666

31 December 1985

J Smith Esq
Penguin News
Stanley

Dear John

Having read the editorial and letters concerning this year's Battle Day, as published in Issue 85 of the Penguin News, I would like to offer the following comments on the background to the arrangements.

The original plan was for the Royal Marines to exercise the Freedom of Stanley in March last year. Unfortunately the operation to rescue Lieutenant Commander Waghorn meant that those arrangements had to be cancelled. We then agreed with the Falkland Islands Government that the next appropriate opportunity for the Marines to exercise their Freedom would be on Battle Day 1985. We had planned to invite the new First Sea Lord, Admiral Sturdee's grandson, for Battle Day 1985 as Guest of Honour, and his presence also made attendance of a Royal Marine Band possible.

The combination of these two events meant that the previous separate arrangements could not be followed exactly and the Military were asked to undertake the planning and administration. Responsibility for the arrangements for this unique event was given to the Senior Naval Officer Falkland Islands who arranged the participation of sizeable contingents of RN and RM personnel. Again, unusually, the reception was hosted by the Royal Navy and Marines, with the Falkland Islands Government allocating sufficient money to cover 25% of the cost of food and drink at the reception. Those invited represented a cross-section of the civil and military communities in the Islands.

I hope this helps to explain the misapprehension evident in the letters.

Yours sincerely

Penny Russell-Smith

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The 'West Store' has recently opened a new shop called 'Flectwing Shop' which is situated opposite Victory Green on Ross Road, and offers Late Night and Weekend shopping facilities.

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5pm to 8pm. Friday 6pm to 8pm

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If you are looking for a gift you may find something suitable or perhaps you have run out of film for your camera or just want a paper-back for the weekend. The Deep Freeze Cabinet can offer you a good variety too.

Call in and have a look - its really worth a visit

P.S.A.
Regional Works Office
Stanley

6th January 1986

Editor
Penguin News

Dear Editor

BATTLE DAY

In your December issue John Adams complains about "numerous PSA and other dignitaries" present at the Reception in the Town Hall at the expense of others more worthy. I was there as a guest of the Military, a young clerk from my office was there as a guest of FIDE. That makes it two PSA people present. You'll have to take my word for it that neither of us regards ourself as a "dignitary".

Unfortunately this and similar emotive and gratuitously defamatory nonsense in the other letters has tended to obscure what might have been some valid points about the purpose of Battle Day, its importance to the Islanders, and its true "dignitaries" the Royal Marines.

May I also say that those of your correspondents who have tried, miserably to defame a certain Army Colonel without naming him but leaving no doubt as to his identity, by seizing on what seems to me to be the utmost trivia at the expense of a most notable contribution to the continuing defence of these Islands post conflict, should be thoroughly ashamed of themselves.

John Tresham
ISA Stanley

Mr & Mrs N Clark
PO Box 241
Port Stanley

Editor
Penguin News

Dear John,

Regarding the recent interview between Patrick Watts and John Teggart on the 3rd January 1986, regarding the planning application for the erection of a Dry Cleaners etc. in Stanley.

The conduct of the interview leaves much to be desired. I have analysed the transcript of this interview - I use the word interview - with some scepticism. As the content was nothing more than 'SCARE - MONGRING', which lacked any firm factual evidence.

What is even more worrying is its' wider implications on those members of the community who have no personal knowledge of Dry Cleaning expertise in more commercial parts of the world.

With a view to further development of these Islands the issues are likely to become more complex and wide ranging, and 'INTERVIEWS' such as these can only be detrimental to those developments. I am a great believer in open discussions on all facets of development be they commercial, social or even domestic issues.

Patrick Watts has a responsibility to this community just as any other presenter of current affairs in a Democratic Society, to present those affairs in a balanced and unbiased fashion. If his job description does not encompass such guide lines then it's high time they did.

Yours sincerely

N & BJ CLARK

p.s. Since writing the above letter and my subsequent live interview, one point I was not able to make during the programme was that there will be a flat above the shop in which my family will live.

In my opinion I feel that I am a responsible parent, and there is no way that I would risk the lives of my wife or my two sons aged 8 & 10.

FROM A RECENT ISSUE OF NAVY NEWS:

HERALD MAY GIVE HER NAME TO ROCK

Survey ship HMS Herald is well on her way to making her mark permanently on the Falkland Islands. Subject to Admiralty assent, a 100-yard ridge in Byron Sound will be named Herald Rock.

The ridge, which is exposed at low tide, is unmarked on charts made more than a century ago, but it did not escape the notice of the Herald.

The ship has discovered many rocks during her three-month deployment, but the ridge in Byron Sound was the biggest surprise. Now the Herald's commanding officer (Cdr. Bill Frisken) has asked MOD Navy to allow the ridge to be named after the ship. Permission will not be granted until further research has been carried out, but hopes are high that the request will be considered favourably.

HMS Herald was due to return to Plymouth in December ending her 1985 surveying season with work in West Falkland. That task involved the landing of a 20-strong camp party who worked in conjunction with two surveying boats and the chartered vessel MV Forrest.

During a last visit to Port Stanley before her return, the Herald fielded her rugby XV against a team from the Army 266 Signal Squadron, winning 24-0.

On the way home, the Herald traversed the Patagonian Canals, where it was warm enough and calm enough to play a deck hockey knockout tournament on the flight deck. Among the South American ports visited on the return voyage was Valparaiso in Chile.

CHRISTMAS DUTY SHIPS ARRIVE

Among the recent arrivals in the Falkland Islands are the frigates HMS Scylla and HMS Achilles and the fleet tanker RFA Blue Rover. They reached the patrol zone in mid-November and their deployment will span Christmas.

Before they left, the Scylla and Achilles took part in Exercise Autumn Train, the Scylla became the first winner of the new Fleet Communications Trophy and celebrated her first year at sea since her major, mid-life refit.

In that 12 months she steamed 25,000 miles, crossed the Arctic Circle, fired a Seawolf missile in the Mediterranean and used her mid-ship RAS points for the first time.

On her way to the Falklands the frigate stopped off at Gibraltar for rest and sport - and the presentation of the Communications Trophy by the Flag Officer Second Flotilla, Rear Admiral William Thomas.

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FALKLAND MUSEUM AIRCRAFT

Since the decision was taken by the Executive Council for the renovation work to start on the Government's captured Argentine aircraft in late October 1985, a flurry of activity has taken place. With so much interest shown in the project I thought your readers might like a brief update.

Late October and all of November saw the preparation, strip down and move of all three Pucara aircraft involved. A-529 and A-514 have both been dismantled completely whilst A-509 has been stripped of all useful items and now awaits cutting up for scrap. The fuselage of '529' has been reworked receiving the first coat of protective paint last week. '514's main plane centre section is now being reworked and should be mated with '529' fuselage by the end of January.

The end of February should see the renovated Pucara in one piece with much detailed work continuing throughout the month culminating with the final paint work, markings and protective finishes being carried out in mid to late March. Whilst many problems have been experienced daily, none have proved incurmountable. The biggest of our problems now seems to be one of storage. The sooner reassembly starts the better.

On average there are ten to fifteen visitors a day coming to see the aircraft. I am delighted that so much interest is being shown. Might I ask you all however, to refrain from touching any aircraft or components as some damage has already occurred and unfortunately on one occasion some components were stolen. Look, take your photographs, but please DO NOT TOUCH.

The one part of the project that is giving rise to concern is that of the actual location of the Museum. No decision has been taken and as they say 'Time marches on' and speaking of March - that's when the aircraft will be ready!

I look forward to seeing anyone with an interest in the aircraft up at the Airfield soon.

Regards

MARK HARRISON

CHRISTMAS SPORTS REVIEW

The 1985 Christmas Sports meeting broke several records ... a total of £16,000 was taken at the Tote, and the temperature reached 25^o centigrade (77 F) on Boxing Day. More than £14,000 was paid back to punters and the most lucrative bet of the two days racing appears to have been that placed by one of the Falkland pilots Michael Goodwin, who received £150 in return for his £10 stake on Sandie in the Chief Executive Plate. The races were memorable also for the number of spectators who turned up on the first day ... an estimated 1,000 which included a high percentage of contractors from Mt. Pleasant and many Servicemen. Falklands Police Chief, Ken Greenland later paid tribute to the excellent behaviour of the visitors and only one arrest was made.

The unpoluted sunshine caught many of the visitors unaware, and there were many reports of medical attention being sought to administer soothing lotions to red raw bodies.

CONTD.

SPORTS REVIEW CONTD:

As to the racing, well it proved to be better than most had anticipated following a fairly dismal showing last year. No less than 14 new horses were brought to Stanley from the farms, and not one race had to be abandoned this time, owing to lack of entries. Two horses stole the limelight... Gus Perry's lovely little mare Gina, which was bred in the Falklands, lost only once in 6 starts. A solitary defeat to Bellena in the Government Cup was no disgrace, as the imported mare took the major trophy for the third time. Gina could not be beaten by the home bred horses, and her jockey Keith Whitney ended up as Champion Jockey with 28 points. His other victory coming on Smentka in the Bransfield Plate. 74 year old William Morrison who first raced on the Stanley course 53 years ago, failed in his bid to win the Governors Cup for the fourth successive time. Riding Torcaz from Rincon Grande, he was beaten into third place by Arthur Turner riding the other Rincon mare, Bellena. Arthur's victory was well received by the spectators, who admire his easy manner and sporting approach to the job. Two days later Arthur achieved a remarkable double, proving himself to be the best rider of a bucking steer, staying on board for the maximum of 10 secs, and landing correctly on both feet when the whistle sounded. He also won the popular competition last year.

A feature of this years race-meeting was the appearance of so many young jockies on the course. Lisa and Paul Watson from Long Island shared their father Neil's mounts, as he sustained a neck injury prior to the meeting and had to bow out. The cheer which greeted Lisa's win on 'Sally' in the Speedwell Store Prize, could be heard all over Stanley. While Paul minus his stirrups, which he lost half way down the track, managed to hang onto his saddle with one hand and the reins with the other as he steered Sandie to victory in the Chief Executive Plate. Paul also had success on Reinbeau in the Rincon Grande Plate. Andrea Turner, younger sister of the more famous Arthur had her moments also, and must have been delighted to have brought Torcaz home in the Salvador Prize, Champion Race, beating her brother on Bellena by a neck. This was incidentally Bellena's only defeat in 6 races. In fact rather surprisingly this year no horse remained defeated over the 2 days.

Eric Goss, returning following his horrific injury last February at the Fitzroy sports meeting made the 160 miles overland round trip, from North Arm but did not have the success to which he is accustomed, owing, he maintained, to being 'overweight and his horses untrained'. However he did bring Lucinda home in the Falkland (Woolsale) Plate and won the Trotting Race by 'a mile' on Ascot.

Owen Summers took the Maiden Plate on Don 2, and Ron Binnie kept us his own excellent record by winning the Troop Race on Mill-Reef. This was Ron's 7th victory in 8 years in this particular race.

On the track Derek Bower, a contractor at Mt Pleasant, won the Invitation Mile in a credible 4 mins and 50 secs. One of the fastest ever recorded times. John Trezise, also from MPA finished second. John Teggart scored a notable double winning the 440 yards and the Long Jump on the same day ... shades of Carl Lewis!

Twelve members of the Armed Services including the Commander British Forces, Air Vice Marshall 'Kip' Kemball were loaned horses by local jockies for the Armed Forces Challenge Cup. Mjr. Portman won, riding the veteran Denver. Unfortunately Sgt. Ferguson of the Army Air Corps failed to get his mount to the start, amid much jovial comment from his fellow servicemen.

Despite the outbreak of vandalism, prior to the meeting, which caused hundreds of pounds worth of damage, the Stanley Sports Association, under the Chairmanship of Ernie Luxton once again excelled in organising the 73rd annual meeting. The members confidence must have been lifted by the interest shown this year by the local jockies and of course the fantastic attendance on Boxing Day.

News from the Inshore Fishing Project

The COASTAL PIONEER arrived in Stanley on 25th November 1984 after her voyage from Grimsby, Eastern England. Since then she has completed 225 days at sea (to 25.11.85) surveying the inshore waters of the Falkland Islands.

The terms of reference of the Company's contract were to carry out research into the stocks of fish in the fishing area and to make recommendations for the commercial exploitation of those stocks.

The TOR also directed us to look closely at high commercial value and low bulk produce. The emphasis, therefore, has been on catching shellfish and most of our effort in the first year has been towards crustacea. Over 1200 fishing stations have been recorded and though little has been seen of the Centolla (King Crab), that is common in S. Chile, we have found large stocks of a closely related crab, Paralomis granulosa which, although smaller than Centolla, contains good quality white meat in its claws and legs. Samples have been sent to the Company's processing associates, J. Van Smirren Ltd. of Boston, Lincolnshire, and the initial reports are encouraging. However, the size of this crab remains critical and further work is necessary to determine the minimum that can be used commercially and without damaging the juvenile stock.

In the meantime we are now concentrating on trawling for white fish, for which there is a potential domestic market. An attractive freight may mean that some of this fish can be exported which is a possibility not considered before the project started. Although our efforts on trawling have, so far, been limited we have found evidence of good quantities of Ray, the largest individual fish weighed 30kgs. These fish are popular in the U.K. and several British fish merchants have expressed an interest in frozen Ray wings. Large catches of Munida gregaria, (Lobster Krill), have also been recorded and trials are in progress to see whether this fish is suitable for fish meal or for feedstuff for farmed salmon. Several other species of good quality white fish have also been taken.

A quantity of processing equipment will shortly be arriving in the Islands and this will be installed in Stanley. The potential domestic market and the proximity to the sea and airports make this an obvious place to site a commercial operation. Fox Bay, however, is to remain as the site for the research station and the survey ship will continue to operate from there.

In an attempt to accelerate the programme and to intensify the survey, we recommended that a second vessel should be introduced. However, after a great deal of discussion, it was felt that a more cautious approach was appropriate and the arrival of the second ship was delayed. The original proposal provided for the next vessel in mid-1986 and it is hoped that this can be achieved.

The limited accommodation and the pattern of our work have prevented us from pursuing as vigorous a training programme as we planned. One young Falkland Islander is undergoing training and this will increase with the introduction of the processing plant and a second ship. The Company's staff is as follows:

John Williams	Project Manager
Ray Harries	Skipper
Jeremy Young	Mate
Rod Booth	Engineer
Andrew Miller	Trainee fisherman
Chris Garrod	Marine biologist
Mrs B. Harvey	Housekeeper/Cook

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Many lessons have been learned since the Project started. The difficulties of operating small vessels without the 'back-up' facilities which are available in Europe have been seen and now that supply lines have been established, most of our problems have been overcome. The ship has performed well and the number of sea days in the first year compares favourably with a vessel of similar size operating commercially in the U.K.

All of our staff have adjusted to living in a different environment and this has been helped by the support and hospitality shown by the people in Camp and in Stanley. We all look forward to 1986 with great enthusiasm.

POEM COMPOSED BY: DES PECK : 26TH DEC 1985

THE BARROW BOYS

We set out with two wheelbarrows

In each was a case of beer
From Mount Pleasant to Port Stanley
And none to be drunk I hear

Lead us not into temptation
This is what we mostly fear
As its twenty degrees or more today
It will be hard to resist one beer

But push these barrows is a must
As we aim to raise more funds
To assist in bringing the families back
To visit the graves of their husbands and sons

We finally made the race-course,
Where the annual sports were on
Taking eight and a half hours in all
Yet still feeling fit and strong

To show our fitness on arrival
With our barrows, we ran a race
The hundred yards was the distance
We could still keep up the pace

One thousand pounds were gathered
Thanks to the barrow boys that be
We also share the Families sorrow
Because they died for our LIBERTY

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THE BOYS WERE: ROBERT MCKILSKILL & HAMISH WYLIE

WELL DONE LADS

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DES PECK

EDITORIAL:

As from the beginning of February Graham Bound returns to the Editorship of the Penguin News. John Smith will publish his own newspaper to be called the Falkland Islands Times.

The Falkland Islands Times will be supplied to all who have a subscription with the present Penguin News. Persons not wishing to subscribe to the FI Times please advise and the necessary arrangements will be made.

This change has come about because under the agreement by which John Smith took over the Editorship of the Penguin News he paid the owner, Graham Bound, a fee per issue for the use of the Title and the printing machine. The printing machine has since broken down but Graham Bound still requires his fee for use of the name only. So by establishing a new newspaper, John Smith should save about £240 per year. Not a vast sum but most useful for a small time consuming newspaper with a limited circulation.

Another Christmas is behind us. The festive events in Stanley all went with the traditional enthusiasm and good humour. The church services were well attended as were the School's Carol services and Nativity plays. The Sports Days were an outstanding success as is reported in this edition by Patrick Watts. The Pances were as is usual very popular and well attended. Many thanks to all concerned in the organising of the Christmas entertainments who gave up their time to provide enjoyment for so many others.

The highlight of our Christmas was without doubt the personal broadcast to the Falklands by the Prime Minister Mrs Margaret Thatcher on Christmas Eve in which she reiterated Britain's commitment to protecting our right to determine our own future. With this reassurance behind us we can look forward with confidence to 1986.

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and

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Congratulations to all.

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IS IT GOODBYE TO THE BREW- ERY AND THE SCOUTING MOVEMENT?

It seems very likely that Everards Penguin Ale Brewery will close soon, unless the firm decides to continue their Falklands enterprise with minimal profit and stiff competition.

Everards have indicated they wish to sell the flagging business, but a buyer may be hard to find, and the U.K. parent company may simply wind up their Falklands enterprise. But it is now almost certain that Philip Middleton, the Everards Manager, will soon be packing his bags, and after

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FALKLANDS FISHING PROTEST FOR MRS THATCHER

A petition requesting urgent action by the British Government to halt uncontrolled fishing in the seas around the Falklands is being organised by Stanley Councillors Norma Edwards and Charles Keenleyside.

The letter, which the organisers hope will be signed by hundreds of Islanders as well as visiting contractors and servicemen, will be handed to Lady Young of the Foreign Office when she visits the Islands from the 23rd to 28th of February. But it is addressed to the British Government collectively, and the Councillors expect it to be read by the Prime Minister.

Councillor Keenleyside told the PENGUIN earlier this week that the petition would bring to the attention of Mrs. Thatcher and her government the strong feelings of people here about the need

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THE MONTH IN REVIEW

In each issue we look back at the preceding month or so and see what has been happening on and around the Falklands.

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1st Jan. 1986 World-famous oceanographer and film maker Jaques Cousteau arrived in Stanley today aboard his revolutionary wind and diesel powered ship, "Alcyon". He remained in the Falklands for some three weeks, researching the marine environment and obtaining dramatic footage for the series of films currently in production.

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Sporting events in Stanley on this public holiday included a raft race and an open golf tournament.

In an article in the tourism section of the Financial Times, the Falklands were listed as the "best new dest-

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SAY GOODBYE TO THE BREWERY AND THE SCOUTS (continued from page 1)

some eight years in the Islands will soon return to the UK.

With the departure in the autumn of Philip Middleton, the Scouting movement is also threatened. Mr. Middleton established a scout troop from scratch a few years ago, and last year escorted a group of older members on the "Task Force North" expedition to the United Kingdom.

The failure of the brewery in the potentially profitable local beer market is the direct reason behind Philip Middleton's decision to pack his bags. "I'm not getting anywhere in the brewery", he told the Penguin News reporter recently. "We haven't got over the threshold of the local market. People aren't backing it enough to make me feel proud and want to continue. We have tried with NAAFI and failed to get their backing; we've tried with the contractors and that's failed, and we have tried to build a new pub, and that's failed." The local pubs do buy the brew, but military and building site camps have proved to be unassailable fortresses dominated by John Courage and the other big-time UK brewers.

Nevertheless, Mr. Middleton believes that with its present modest turn-over the brewery could be owned and run profitably by one person. The reason he does not want to take on the enterprise himself is tied up with his youth work in Stanley, and the disappointment he feels at the lack of official and public encouragement for his efforts.

Philip Middleton was a qualified youth leader before arriving in the Falklands, and immediately filled a niche that had long been vacant. Apart from re-forming the Scouts after a break of some thirty years, he became chairman of the Youth Club, and seemed tireless in efforts to raise funds and organise activities for young people. But now he is dispirited. "Personally I can't get any further. I have reached a plateau with youth work. After three years of scouting we have only moved from the Defence Force Hall to the Gymnasium. We have minimal storage facilities, and although we can bumble along, we cannot make the jump to a place for the kids to call their own - a place on which they can stamp their personality. I've tried every piece of land I can think of in Stanley, but no-one is willing to lease, lend or sell land. We have huts at Clamshell Point; we have been offered more material and there have been offers from the military and contractors to help us build huts. But from the Government we get no help whatsoever. They don't acknowledge our presence or that there is any youth movement here, and certainly offer no help."

From the people whose children enjoy the youth club and scouting, there was only a little more help. "There has been a continuous stream of volunteer help from the military and contractors for the Scouts, but regular help from only two local women, Gwen Watson and Jill Harris", said Mr. Middleton. "For the Youth Club we rely on the Education Department staff and their friends to help us run discos".

Without doubt Philip Middleton is sorry to be leaving, and hopes that someone will take on his work. "If there is anyone interested in the movement, then this is the time to come forward", he says. "I can pass my experience on". But in his present mood it is difficult for him not to sound gloomy about the prospects. "I have been here for eight years, and if we go on like this there will be no change for the next eighteen years. Sorry, but I'm not hanging around for the next eighteen years."

Gloomy though he may be, he reflects with satisfaction on what has been achieved. Quite apart from the impressive material achievement of raising £20,000 to take children to the United Kingdom on Task Force North, he has, in his own words, "proved that the kids here are like kids anywhere else in the world, and can do their own thing". But, as he would be the first to admit, they need help.

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FISHING PROTEST (continued from page 1)

for a controlled fisheries zone. And it is stressed that the multi-lateral solution proposed by the Foreign Office cannot be organised quickly enough. The solution, say the Councillors and people who will sign the petition, is to invoke a controlled zone with or without the agreement of neighbouring South American countries and others with fleets in the area.

"The more noise we make at the moment, the better deal we will end up with", said Councillor Keenleyside. "We haven't got much time due to the extent of the overfishing".

Copies of the petition will be sent to all camp settlements and placed in prominent locations around Stanley.

THE MONTH IN REVIEW cont'd from page

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6th January

A group of nine marine archaeologists from Maine, U.S.A. arrived today. They resumed work on the remains of the clipper "Snowsquall", which lies in an advanced state of decay beneath the FI Company jetty. After cleaning and treatment with chemical preservatives, large sections of the ship will be taken back to the USA. "Snowsquall" is believed to be the only surviving example of an American clipper ship.

9th January

A camp fire in the Rookery Valley area near Berkeley Sound threatened acres of farm land and several penguin colonies. Farmers from Green Patch and members of the Stanley Fire Brigade were taken by helicopter to the site, where they fought the blaze with pumps, hoses and spades for around forty-eight hours. The men enjoyed only a few hours sleep in a cramped tent that night, and eventually brought the fire under control on the 10th.

The cause of the potentially disastrous fire is not known, but careless picnickers may have been to blame.

11th January

The hulk of an Argentine gun boat which was abandoned in Choisel Sound after an encounter with Harriers during the war, was towed out to sea today and sunk by the Royal Navy.

Although concern had been expressed that the ship was a possibly valuable relic of the Falklands war, and as such should be beached elsewhere rather than sunk, the vessel's destruction was authorised & executed.

12th January

The annual general meeting of the FI Defence Force Rifle Club was held today in the FIDF Canteen.

The Club has been lacking an essential 1,000 yard range since 1982, when military experts advised against the rehabilitation of the Sapper Hill site. The issue was discussed at length at the meeting, and a number of new sites were suggested. It was agreed that a new site should be located quickly, and construction of butts and other facilities completed as soon as possible.

One of the first tasks to be faced by the new committee will be the selection of two marksmen to represent the Falklands at the Commonwealth Games later this year. Eight nominations were received.

Members elected to the new committee:

Brian Summers (Chairman),
Gerald Cheek (Secretary),
Robert King (Treasurer),
Peter King
Stan Smith
Susan Whitney
Pat Peck
Peter Henderson
Graham Bound

13th January

Councillors Keenleyside and Edwards hosted a constituency meeting in the Town Hall. Some seventy people attended.

THE MONTH IN REVIEW (continued from page 2)

13th January

Councillor Tim Miller, who represents the Camp constituency, announced his resignation from Legislative Council today. The reason for this move, just five months into the life of the new Council, is not known.

15th January

Executive Council met today, and remained in session until approximately 6.00 pm. (article later in this issue).

17th January

Two earth tremors were felt across the Falklands around 7.00 this evening. During the latter tremor, which is believed to have been the more violent, buildings shook for around six seconds. There were no injuries, and no reports of damage to buildings have been received.

Governor Jewkes and his wife depart for a visit to South Georgia aboard the RFA ship "Sir Bedivere". They are expected to return on the 28th January.

20th January

Messrs Stan Smith and Brian Summers are selected as the marksmen to represent the Falklands in the Commonwealth Games later this year.

The General Employee's Union win a restoration of 100% cost of living bonus and a 3% pay increase at negotiations with representatives of the major employees, The Falkland Islands Company and the Government. Strike action had been threatened.

21st January

Supply ship "AES" arrives in Stanley with much needed foodstuffs.

NEWS NEWS

THE PENGUIN POST BOX

Penguin News provides this column for you to express your feelings about anything relevant to the Falklands. It is probably the best means of communicating your ideas to others in the Falklands. Anonymous letters are accepted, but we ask that correspondents be concise to avoid the need for editing. Opinions expressed in this column are not necessarily shared by the Editor.

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THANKS FROM A FRIEND IN THE SHETLAND ISLANDS

Dear Sir,

9.1.86

I wish to express my thanks to all those kind and helpful people who made my 3½ week visit to the Falkland Islands so memorably successful.

When I left the Shetland Islands in early December I had no real idea of whether or not my objective in seeing as much as possible of the wildlife might be fulfilled. However with great assistance from Pat Hands, Ian and Maria Strange, Roddy and Lilly Napier and Rob and Lorraine McGill, my hopes were realised.

Thanks must also go to the management of FIGAS and Heliops, and to the crews for safe transportation around the Islands, and to people who spent time in talking to me as I wandered around. They helped to close the distance from home for the lone traveller. A happy 1986 to you all.

CHRISTINE GUY, The Old Manse, Burraoave, Yell, Shetland Islands.

THE PENGUIN POST BOX (continued)

IMPROVE THOSE PEAT BOG TRACKS

Dear Editor,

19.1.86

Things we would like to know? There is talk of Malvina Paddock being put back to its original state after the builders have completed their contract. What is going to happen to the many tons of metal which will be removed on completion? Will it go to the rubbish dump, or will it be put to better use? As one who has done a considerable amount of haulage both in camp and Stanley, I think the right place for such material would be the peat bog tracks which need constant repair. The same should apply to the massive heaps of crushed metal which lays along the side of the road from MPA to Stanley.

The days are gone when anything other than four wheel drive lorries or tractors can bring peat off the common except in very dry weather. So it is a must to have good tracks to the peat bogs or some people will get no peat at all. There is an old saying; a stitch in time saves nine.

A.F. ALAZIA, 6 John Street, Stanley.

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NEWS NEWS

THE PENGUIN MEETS GOVERNOR JEWKES.

SAME OLD JOB, BUT A DIFFERENT APPROACH

Gordon Jewkes replaced Sir Rex Hunt in the Falklands' top job just over three months ago, on the 15th October 1985. Straight-talking, popular, charismatic and at times pugnacious, Rex Hunt must have been a hard act to follow. We found ourselves wondering about Mr. Jewkes' stage presence, and just how he was attacking the most demanding job in the South Atlantic. So last week the PN reporter went along to Government House to meet the man himself.

One thing seems obvious; that Governor Jewkes wishes to keep a lower profile than Sir Rex Hunt. And it almost seems as though he wants the job to be less powerful. Sir Rex Hunt had been willing to handle virtually everything but the frequent party invitations himself, but Mr. Jewkes is already making it clear that there are dozens of other civil servants who are capable of answering questions and making decisions. No longer can Joe Citizen knock at the door of GH and tell the Governor why, for example, he deserves a priority place on the housing list. Why the change, we asked.

"I am keen to use the talent of the people in FI Government", said Mr. Jewkes. "I think that if too many cases come to the Governor's desk, that is anathema to good administration. Perhaps I stay a little in the background but I don't want to take responsibility out of the Secretariat and away from the heads of departments".

What about the question of split loyalties? While Falkland Islanders are intensely loyal British subjects, they can (and have in the past) come into conflict with the British Government. After 1982 Sir Rex Hunt made it quite clear that if it ever came to a showdown between Islanders with their conservative attitudes and the British Government wishing to solve the sovereignty problem one way or another, he would come down very firmly on the side of Islanders, even if it meant thumbing his nose at his employers, the Foreign Office. We asked Governor Jewkes how he would act if he found his loyalties pulled in two directions. It was, as Mr. Jewkes pointed out, a hypothetical question, and that is sufficient excuse for most officials and all politicians to refuse to answer. But to his credit he did provide an

answer - albeit a rather non-committal one.

"My job is to act as a very important link between the Falklands and their people, and Her Majesty's Government", he said. "My job is to bring the closest degree of understanding between the two sides, and to use my influence to bring policies into line. All I want to get for the Falkland Islands is a fair share of any cake, recognising that the Falklands do not exist in a vacuum. I would be extremely disappointed if a gap ever opened up between the Falkland Islands Government and Her Majesty's Government, as I would take it as a failure on my part. But how I would deal with that hypothetical question would depend on what the break was about and the circumstances of it."

A Governor really comes into his own in Executive Council, the cabinet which meets approximately every month and where the important decisions of government are made. Ostensibly, Exco is an advisory body for the Governor, but in reality Governors find it hard not to observe the wishes of the majority of the elected Councillors. Nevertheless, a Governor sitting at the head of the table can dominate the proceedings, and some have said that Sir Rex Hunt did this. Gordon Jewkes, according to one anonymous Executive Councillor, does not. Perhaps it is because he is so new to the job, but he is a good listener. The Councillor we spoke to described him as "forthright, but he'll let things go along in debate and come into it when he feels he can be constructive. To me", continued the Councillor, "that is about the right attitude".

Even to those who care little about the relative approaches of Governors to the business of government, there is one tangible sign of a change of leadership that cannot be missed: Government House itself. War and post war confusion had left the old, rambling building in a mess. The need for painting and repair work was obvious, but nobody minded, least of all Sir Rex Hunt, because there were much more important things to do with limited money and man-power. But now there is a metamorphosis in progress at GH. P.W.D. carpenters and painters are crawling over the building, holes in the drive are being filled in, and even the rusty old Land Rover and Ford Escort have been replaced with around £18,000 worth of new Fords (one for each of the clerks) and a Land Rover. "I did feel that GH had become run down to an extent that it was not a good advertisement for the Falkland Islands people, given that it is a symbol of the Islands, and a much photographed building", said Mr. Jewkes.

Even if it is rather a shame that the Argentine bullet holes are being filled in, this new look GH is an interesting symbol of change and pleasing to the eye. All that is missing is a sign saying "under new management".

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UNION WINS WAGES NEGOTIATION

After some two and a half months of sporadic proposals, counter proposals & consultations, it looked as though it was going to end in tears. For a while the General Employee's Union threatened industrial action to force the hand of employers in the negotiations over hourly paid wages, but on Monday the 20th January the deadlock broke, and an agreement was signed awarding Stanley hourly paid workers full cost of living bonus and a 3% pay rise effective from the first of January. But in a small concession, the Union accepted that there would be no wages negotiations next year, and instead a 2% pay rise will be guaranteed as from the 1st January 1987.

The awards need apply only to hourly paid workers who are members of the General Employees Union, but it seems unlikely that the few who are not part of the organisation will be denied the improved conditions. It is also important to realise that the wages agreement has been signed only for Stanley workers, and campers must wait in suspense for a few more months to know how much more or less money they are going to have in their pockets this year.

Of lesser importance but also representative of a union coup, are the increased bonuses that Stanley workers can now enjoy. Dirt money, for example, has been increased from 22p to 26p per hour; inconvenience pay (if a worker has to carry a snack lunch is a case for this bonus) from 25p to 50p, and the bonus for extra skill or responsibility has risen from 3p to 5p per hour.

For the man at the lowest end of the scale, the navy or labourer, the return of 100% cost of living and the 3% rise means that his hourly rate increases from £1.81½ to £1.89. At the other end of the scale, a tradesman earned £2.06½ per hour. He will now be taking home £2.14½. Add the increased bonuses to these figures and it is clear that the Stanley workers have done fairly well. They can at least now be sure that their wages will keep pace with inflation.

It is interesting to look back on the fortunes of the hourly paid Stanley worker over the last few years. In January 1981 employers announced that they could not afford to pay the full cost of living bonus which ensured that at least standards of living would not decline. The Union went on strike, but failed to hurt the employers and were soon back at work, less 50% of the cost of living bonus. In early 1983 the workers managed to regain 70% of the cost of living bonus and there was an 8% pay rise. Last year, the GEU negotiated a considerable 13.49% pay rise, but the COL bonus remained at 70%. Now the members see the lost ground regained, with full cost of living and a modest rise in wages.

Terry Betts, the union Chairman, who returned recently from a training course with the Trades Union Congress in the UK, said last Wednesday that the latest achievement was simply "great". And Mr. Betts went on: "My tutor in Oxford will be more than pleased, because what I have achieved for the union is more than he would have expected." He was "pleased that industrial action did not take place, but had I been forced into it I would have used all my skills to ensure it was successful". Terry Betts was at pains to stress that he was not by any means a militant who relished the thought of striking. "It will always be my aim to reach agreement, because if you go into industrial action, then everyone has lost. If we agree, then everyone has won".

Representatives of the FI Company and Government, employers who sat opposite Terry Betts during the talks, were less eager to comment on the results. But, insisting that he was giving his individual opinion, Government Secretary Derick Fernyhough said that "employers were very happy that agreement had been reached and that it covers two years."

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CAMP CHILDREN'S SUMMER SCHOOL - "IT WAS FANTASTIC"

An experiment to introduce children from more isolated settlement to Stanleys attractions and the school hostel system has been declared a success.

Earlier this month twelve youngsters who have rarely visited the town, and thus missed out on the treats and visits that are an important part of the Stanley child's school year, were flown to Stanley, accommodated in the School Hostel and given seven days of fun and mind-broadening experience.

Fortunately for the children, there was not a single class, and the days were filled with trips and visits. There were guided tours of Government House (where the children took turns at trying the Governor's leather office chair for size), the Cable and Wireless Satellite station, the tanker "Lumiere", RAF Stanley, the Everards Brewery and Mount Pleasant. There were instructive walks and boat trips in the Stanley area, an opportunity to meet the scouts, and a barbecue. Apart from a brief period each evening when the children were encouraged to reflect a little on the days activities, it bore little resemblance to formal education. In fact the "Summer School" tag

seemed a misnomer. But of course it was educational, and successfully so. "It was fantastic" said Phyllis Rendall, who supervises camp education from Stanley. "The kids were very interested and had lots of questions. We certainly plan to do it again.

Mrs. Rendall did not mind admitting that there was a motive other than informal education and fun. She hopes that some of the children, who range in age from nine to fourteen, will have had a pleasant introduction to life in the Hostel, and will now be keen to attend regular school in Stanley.

She had lots of people to thank for the success of the enterprise. The teachers who looked after the children, of course, but there were also the crews of ships and boats, guides, the military (in particular the Civilian Liaison Officer, Major Bob Drake, who co-ordinated the army and RAF tours) and many more.

There is not much doubt that the Summer School will be a regular feature of the education calendar from now on.

EDITORIAL

It's good to be back at the typewriter editing the little newspaper which is now in its seventh year of life. Publication has not been terribly consistent, of course; at various times we have been monthly, weekly, fortnightly, and at one stage it ceased completely for a few months. But there has been one constant - loyal readers who not only bought our copies but also contributed to our lively correspondence column. Thankyou for your support.

Most recently John Smith has been caretaker editor, and I felt glad that he was able to put in the time and effort needed. But, as indicated in the editorial column of his last issue, he was not happy with full control of the PN and decided to move on to new things. I was happy to cancel the agreement which we had both willingly signed, but unhappy about the unpleasant aspersions cast in my direction in that last editorial.

We had agreed that a token payment of £10 per issue would be reasonable rent for the uncontrolled use of a small publication which came complete with a reputation for fair reporting, plenty of good will and a healthy subscription list which was handed over with a cheque for some £1,100 - the subscribers' credit balances. John has retained these subscriptions. To help him, I sold the paper in our shop with no request for a commission. To suggest that the proceeds of the sale of exactly 25 copies of a paper which, according to John has a circulation of 800 is scandalous and greedy exploitation, is absurd and childish. Of course I take exception to such a personal attack.

It demanded a reply.

NEWS NEWS

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL:

Executive Council met in a lengthy session on the 16th January, and as usual faced an agenda of astounding variety. Governor Jewkes told the Penguin of the principal matters discussed.

Government and computers The Council studied a paper suggesting a strategy for the introduction of small computers to government departments. There are obvious applications in departments such as the Public Works and Medical, and most other departments have been considering their introduction. It was decided that Apricot brand hardware should be used in all cases.

Government priorities for '86 Councillors agreed that the issue justifying most time and effort is the housing shortage. Future fuel supplies, the implications of the military move from Stanley to Mount Pleasant (disposal

of surplus buildings, making good, etc) and the needs of the civil service are also topics to receive priority attention. Other issues demanding urgent attention: Fox Bay Village (a need to delegate a degree of autonomy to the village council) and internal as well as external shipping.

Assistance to immigrants Exco thought about possibilities that might "sugar the pill" for immigrants, said the Governor. The Government is looking at the possibility of assistance to the value of around £6,000 to people who wish to live here and work on local terms. There would be help with the sale of homes in the UK, passages and freight, and reasonable mortgages would be provided to assist with local housing.

School children and the camp sports Exco plan to permit a re-arrangement of the school terms so that all children can have a week's holiday to coincide with the traditional East and West sports.

The Jersey donation The people of Jersey have expressed interest in the way their £5 million gift has been spent. In fact this generous sum was given to the British Government to administer, and it is absorbed in the £31 million development grant from Her Majesty's Government. Exco plan to name the anticipated housing site at the German Camp the Jersey Estate, and roads will be named after places in Jersey. The projected new water filtration plant will also be officially linked with the Island.

Planning permission The most prominent of these was the application for a site on which to build a dry cleaning business. The planned Stanley House location was turned down in response to public pressure, but officials were instructed to help with the identification of other sites.

Compulsory purchase Government has the right of compulsory purchase of property if such sites are to be used for a public purpose. The possibility of applying this legal weapon for development projects was discussed.

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JAQUES COUSTEAU SIDES WITH ISLANDERS ON FISHERIES ISSUE

The famous oceanographer and film maker Jaques Cousteau spent some weeks in the Falklands earlier this month, and while working from his ship "Alcyon" became aware of the extensive and uncontrolled fishing around the Falklands. Before leaving he addressed a large military and civilian audience, and left them in no doubt how seriously he viewed the dangers which the current level of fishing places upon the marine environment.

"What is happening in these territorial waters is a shame", said Dr Cousteau. "It is something the British Government should stop one way or another".

He referred to the possibly decimated stocks of squid, and the long term effect this could have on the vast population of penguins and albatross which inhabit the more remote Islands. The squid are the birds' natural food, and he predicts a sharp decline in penguin and albatross numbers if the fishing continues unabated. "They are sentencing these birds to death sooner or later", he said.

Dr Cousteau commented on the apparent disregard that the foreign fishermen show for the environment. They are, said Dr Cousteau, "scavengers destroying the fauna massively, as they would not dare do in their own country".

Jaques Cousteau intends to do more than just talk about the problem. "I intend to do my little effort", he said, adding that it is his intention to meet both Mrs. Thatcher and Sr. Alfonsin in an effort to persuade them to act quickly to stop the destruction of the fish population. Conservation, said Dr Cousteau, is the duty of our society.

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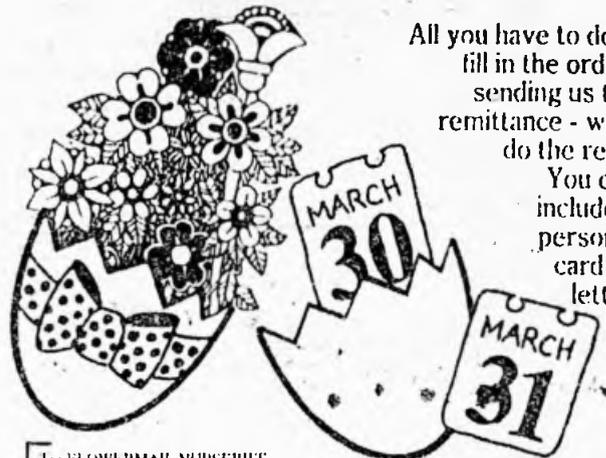
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Just when you thought it was safe to start reading again ...

Yes, the Penguin is back again after a break of just over eleven months. Of course we don't make any rash promises these days about continuous publication, but we hope that the recent hiatus will be the last for a long time.

It has only been possible to produce the PN again because of the contribution of Belinda Caminada, who will be gradually assuming the role of editor. Belinda, a Londoner who grew a little tired of the hustle and bustle of the big smoke, certainly personifies the spirit of adventure. Two years ago she participated in Operation Raleigh and spent two months crossing the Pacific on a square rigger. Working for a small duplicated newspaper in the Falklands must be safer than sailing a brigantine, but it is still an adventure.

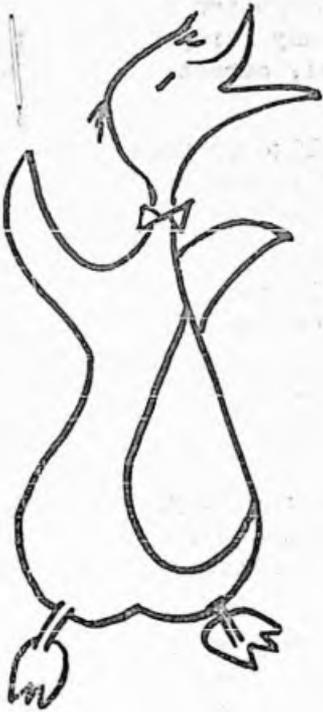
We are grateful to her for lending her expertise to the Falklands and contributing to an important community service.

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Please send us your letters for printing in our correspondence column. If you would like to be a regular writer, perhaps you can produce a column on your particular field of interest. Amateur and 2-metre radio; photography; wildlife; four wheel drive vehicles; agriculture ... all these are topics which have great interest here. Could you produce a regular or occasional piece? Why not give it a try, and help the PN to help the community.

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OPERATION FLOGGER: ENGINEERS CLEAR UP AS MILITARY MOVE TO M.P.A.

Stanley is being spruced up in an effort to clear the town and its environs of the military paraphernalia which since 1982 has been a familiar aspect of its character.

Code-named in best military style "Operation Flogger", the massive spring clean involves five hundred men of the 25th Engineer Regiment in the removal of temporary buildings, heavy engineering material and scrap. A considerable quantity of now superfluous items will be returned to the UK, in particular the special aluminium matting which was used to reinforce the battered runway at Stanley Airport immediately after the war. The many thousands of plates will be re-conditioned and made available for possible re-use.

Colonel Noel Muddiman, who has been instrumental in setting up Operation Flogger, has guaranteed that any civilian who is able to return any stray sections of the matting will be given an equal, if not additional, amount of pressed steel planking in exchange.

"The M2 matting is very specialised and expensive, and we would like to hold it in reserve should we ever need another emergency airstrip", said the Colonel. "For civilian uses, the planking we offer will be more than adequate".

Among the other tasks looming large in the engineers' programme is the dismantling of the Stanley Petroleum Depot. Although still in use for the supply of fuel to military and civilian consumers, the plant will soon be closed and the service transferred to the old YPF Argentine depot. This plant, which was built by the Argentines in the seventies, is being partially refurbished to provide an interim service.

The remnants of the ammunition dump on Stanley Common will be cleared away, as will the destroyed Argentine aircraft lying near the racecourse. Spare fuel tanks, light cables, trackway and the huge fabric and steel hangars at Stanley Airport will also be removed.

Some of the military surplus is to be sold in scrap sales at the Mary Hill Quarry each day except Sundays between 9.00 a.m. and 4.00 p.m. The first shipment of re-usable equipment is to leave for the UK by sea next week. It is expected that a further four or five ship loads will be dispatched before all of the useful material has been returned to UK depots.

By the close of Operation Flogger in March next year there should be few visible reminders of the Forces long period of residence in and around Stanley.

LOCAL SHIP TO BE RESTORED

The future for one of the Falklands' best known boats, the "Weddell", is looking brighter following the news that she is to receive extensive and essential repair work. The old Schooner, which has lain at its moorings in Stanley Harbour for the past few years, may soon be restored to good working order.

The vessel, a typical sheep-moving boat of a type that was once common around the Islands, was built in Chile in the 1940s and was bought by the Hamilton Company for use around the Weddell Island group. She ferried sheep and wool around that area until 1981 when she was judged structurally unsound for further work. In 1982 the Argentines took the "Weddell" to Navy Point, where she rolled over and suffered further damage.

The man behind the Weddell's planned restoration is Lieutenant-Commander "Bushy" Shrubbs, who sees his task as both a hobby and a worthwhile attempt to preserve a small part of the Falklands maritime heritage. He intends to restore the schooner in keeping with her former character by following the original plans and gleaning further details of structure and appearance from previous owners.

Bushy Shrubbs admits that he has never undertaken a project such as this before, but he believes that with practical assistance from local shipwrights, the advice of maritime societies and local support, the task could be completed in nine months. One of the hardest aspects of his task will be locating various parts of the vessel which have become scattered around the Islands.

When asked of his plans for the restored "Weddell", Lt.Cdr. Shrubbs said: "Ideally I would like her to remain in the Falkland Islands because she is so much a part of their character and heritage. But if there is a risk that she won't be looked after, then perhaps she would be better off elsewhere; perhaps in a museum. We shall have to wait and see".

THE PENGUIN POST BOX

This is your column to use when you want to make your opinions known. We do not insist that all submissions for this page be signed, but do wish to point out that letters must not take the form of attacks on individuals. The PN reserves the right to edit letters, and of course opinions expressed in them do not necessarily represent the views of the editorial staff.

For next week's issue, why not let us know how you feel about the introduction of Television. Should the Government fund a relay station so that transmissions of Coronation Street and Match of the Day from Mount Pleasant can be received in Stanley? Do we want TV?

What about the apparent change in President Alfonsín's tune? Does his support for what amounts to an amnesty for the killers of the "dirty War" in Argentina signify a gradual return to influence by the military? And is that bad news for the Falklands?

Let us know how you feel about this and any other topic. You can even expound on those old chestnuts, the holes in the roads and the lack of public toilets if you wish. It's your column, so please send your letters to Penguin News, P O Box 178, Stanley.

NEW H.Q. FOR SCOUTS

A new hall for Stanley's Scouts could soon be sitting on Pound Paddock to the South of Stanley, following recent talks between Scoutmaster Phillip Middleton and Executive Council.

Until now the Scouts have been using a number of venues,

most recently the Gymnasium, for their meetings. But, as Phillip Middleton explained, it was never a satisfactory arrangement.

"Because of the number of other people using the Gym for their own particular purposes, we never had the opportunity for preparation or extra activities."

SCOUT HALL (continued)

Now it is hoped that planning permission will be granted for the Scouts to alter or replace the existing small building in Pound Paddock. If the proposal does receive the green light from ExCo, Phillip Middleton believes that other groups within the community could benefit.

"As well as our activities, I would like to use the hall - if we get it - as a base for Outward Bound work and the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme. Perhaps the Girls Brigade would like to use it as well, as they also lack their own building. "Ideally I would like to see it used every night of the week", says Mr Middleton.

HYDROPONIC MARKET GARDEN - AGAIN ON SCHEDULE

Stanley's hydroponic market garden, the high-tech, soil free greenhouse complex which promises to revolutionise the Islands' dietary habits and supply fresh vegetables to hungry fishing fleets, is, for the time being, back on schedule.

The Development Corporation sponsored project, which is expected to cost £500,000 of British aid, has suffered delay after delay since work started on the site east of Stanley last July. Suppliers in the UK have caused most of the problems, according to the project manager, Peter Henderson. "The people involved in the contracts wanted to make a quick quid and get out, but that's not possible here", Mr Henderson said. Parts for the buildings and sophisticated equipment were short-shipped, and expert advisers who had travelled to the Falklands from the UK were forced to remain idle when components were discovered to be missing. One such error cost the UK contractor approximately £6,000.

Now, however, it really does seem that most of the difficulties have been surmounted. Ten out of eleven greenhouse bays are complete, and when the peat-fired heating system has been installed there will remain just one phase: the mains power supply. It will be early February before the Public Works Department make the electricity available.

The end is, therefore, in sight, but Peter Henderson is not yet counting his chickens (or tomatoes). He insists that those familiar gremlins may raise their heads again and cause more delays. Asked when salad crops may actually be produced in the nutrient-rich troughs of his space-age garden, he smiles and avoids a direct answer. "I don't even want to hazard a guess at the moment. I want to remain non-committal".

But whether or not the good progress being enjoyed at the moment continues, Peter Henderson is anxious that people should understand the work that he and his small team are involved in. He is sure that many people are not aware of the scale of the project, and for this reason would welcome more visitors to the complex of greenhouses and associated buildings. "I'll do my best to accommodate them", he says. "Even if I'm busy, they can come along and look around for themselves."

HULLO, HULLO ... THE FALKLANDS FIRST DETECTIVE

The Falklands small police force can now boast its first detective constable following the recent return of John Adams from his CID training course in the UK.

The newly trained sleuth joined the local force in 1983, having previously served in the Falklands as a Royal Marine. He applied for the job of detective constable after UK recruited officer failed to

arrive. He flew to England in July to commence an intensive 16-week training course in all aspects of criminal investigation, including forensic work and scene of crime techniques. The course was, said the policeman, challenging and enjoyable, but verbatim learning of complex legal definitions was a challenge.

To complement his training, the Falklands police have acquired some important new equipment, including the hardware necessary to establish a finger print bureau.

John Adams told the PN that he felt honoured to be the Falklands' first detective constable, and he believes that his training coupled with the newly acquired equipment will enhance the force's ability to detect and solve crime.

SPORTS REPORT - by Patrick Watts

F O O T B A L L

The local soccer league championship has been revived this season after several years of inactivity, and is already proving to be very popular with the new crop of youngsters who are emerging as promising players. Since 1982 the soccer club has experienced considerable turmoil, but stalwarts such as former Chairman Shay Mahony, never lost faith in the local skill and taste for the sport. They maintained a regular schedule of friendly weekend fixtures against military units and visiting ships. More recently the Football Club has been greatly indebted to the workers of Wimpey-Taylor-Woodrow and Grand Met at Mount Pleasant. On many weekends they have spent their own time renovating and re-wiring the Club's changing rooms. Members of the Celtic Supporters Club to a man, they have quite deservedly had one of the local league teams named after them.

The decision to reform the league came after much deliberation, but the new young players have responded with enthusiasm and obviously enjoy the weekly struggle for points. Dynamos have emerged as the early leaders, with James Peck and Dale McCormick leading the way. Celtic, captained by Aiden Kerr, have the experience of Terry Betts and Mike Luxton to call upon, while Darren Livermore leads Redsox, who have suffered two very close defeats. The Hobman brothers, now very much a part of the football scene, have inspired their team in both matches, but as yet have not been rewarded for their efforts.

An innovation this season will be a play-off series between the two top teams. This should ensure that interest will be maintained until the final whistle.

Among the youngsters who have emerged from junior football to contribute to the adult scene and show promise, are Trevor Morris, Alan Steen, Andrew Newman, Mike Reeves, Jonathan Butler and Kevin Hewitt.

On the representative front, Stanley have had mixed fortunes. A win and a defeat against 2 Field Workshops, a 4-1 defeat against HMS "Arrow" and a fine 3-2 win over RFA "Dilligence". The lack of a consistent goal scorer for Stanley has proved to be a major difficulty. John Teggart has emerged as a provider but lacks a striking partner.

A rough and tough encounter with the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders resulted in a 3-0 defeat and two men needing medical treatment. Clark, a member of the visiting Scots team, was dismissed for excessive foul play, but despite this, the Highlanders were worthy of their victory.

An FA Cup style knock-out tournament is being organised for the New Year; military units with 200 men or less will be eligible to participate.

G O L F

The nine-hole Stanley golf course is the scene of competition play every Sunday, and there are now around forty enthusiastic players in the club. Some travel from as far away as Mount Pleasant to participate in the popular competitions.

Dennis Lampard, the Government vet, seems to be taking most of the prizes, but Major Willy Brewin is just one of many who are fighting fiercely for the top spot.

Following the playing of the Standard Chartered Bank Trophy recently, the military and civilian golfers enjoyed an excellent dinner night at the Colony Club.

VISITING ARTIST IN THE FALKLANDS

Landscape artist Algernon Asprey arrived in the Falklands last week to commence a two-month long project. Mr Asprey, who is well known in the UK for his large water colours, describes himself as a "post-war artist", and although he has been commissioned by his old Regiment, the Scots Guards, to portray the Tumbledown Mountain battlefield, he insists that his pictures will not have an overwhelming martial element.

"I want to take in the names that became famous in 1982", Mr Asprey told the PN, "but they will not be pictures of memorials; rather of the beautiful surroundings. I'm trying to make my own humble tribute to what happened and to use such talents as I have to help the Falklands."

Mr Asprey hopes to set up his easel around many of the scenic and evocatively named settlements and features of the Falklands, and to return to England late in January with a portfolio of some twenty unfinished paintings. With the aid of the vivid memories of his time here, and the occasional photograph, the pictures will then be completed and exhibited in London. He is keeping an open mind about the possibility of exhibiting the paintings in the Falklands before his return to the UK. "If I feel that the accumulated paintings would be of interest", said Mr Asprey, "then yes, there could be an exhibition here".

Algernon Asprey's Falklands venture is a major departure from his usual work, but he feels that the South Atlantic's natural beauty is not dissimilar to that of northern Norfolk, an area for which his work has become particularly popular. The clear, dramatic skies are especially similar, and he feels that the Falklands are a logical extension of this work.

The artist's travels are expected to take him, among other places, to Goose Green, San Carlos, Bluff Cove, Fitzroy and Pebble Island.

The poster on p.7 was designed by BFFI and drawn by local wildlife artist Sonia Felton. It is the latest phase of a campaign to make Servicemen aware of the impact their presence can have on the Falklands plentiful bird and animal populations.



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NORWEGIAN YACHT GETS A TOW

A tug went to the assistance of a Norwegian yacht last week when it arrived in Stanley Harbour in gale force winds, but yachtsman Egil Lindberg brushed aside any suggestion that the rough weather had caused his boat, the "Framanjo", any difficulty.

The "Framanjo" had been forced by bad weather to tack up and down Berkeley Sound to wait for the wind to drop before trying to negotiate the narrow entrance to Stanley Harbour but after a 24-hour delay and the weather set to worsen, Mr Lindberg decided to wait no longer. Although his yacht's small engine was powerless against the wind, the experienced yachtsman said that she entered the harbour without a hitch.

"It was a routine sail through the Narrows", he told the PN "and I was about to find a mooring when this tug arrived and threw me a line. I presumed it wanted to take me to a more suitable mooring which is why I accepted the tow. The Framanjo was not in any difficulty."

The tug delivered the boat alongside FIPASS where it is to remain moored for the time being. Mr Lindberg is undertaking his second circumnavigation of the world and has arrived in Stanley from Buenos Aires to take on provisions for the next leg of his voyage which will take him round Cape Horn.

"I like the look of Port Stanley", Mr Lindberg said, "and I have found the people very friendly and helpful. I'm not sure how long I will stay but perhaps I will spend Christmas here."

ST HELENA TO GET AN AIRLINK ?

According to a recent edition of The Sunday Times, the isolation of fellow South Atlantic colony, St. Helena, could soon be ended if current plans for a seaplane service to the island reach fruition.

Previous proposals for an airlink from Britain had been rejected by the British government who felt that the cost of building an airstrip would be too high. The only regular service supporting the island has been a cargo passenger vessel which sails from England every twelve weeks.

The St Helena Aviation Development Group, a collection of independent aviation experts and pilots, set about investigating the feasibility of running a privately owned seaplane service, to avoid the expense of building an airfield. Delicate negotiations are under way with the Japanese navy in an attempt to secure a Shin Meiwa flying boat which was set to be scrapped. A ban on Japanese sales of defence equipment put the talks in jeopardy until the British Naval Attache in Tokyo stepped in to help, and the group is now awaiting the decision of the Japanese government.

FIDC ASSISTANCE FOR LOCAL SHOPKEEPERS

The Development Corporation announced earlier this week that it is to introduce a new assistance programme for local shopkeepers. As from 1st January 1987, financial aid will be available for any retailer wishing to improve the layout and fittings of a shop.

In a press release the FIDC said that the loan scheme will be available for 70% of the cost of improvements, and that interest rates will be at a fully commercial rate and will be for a fixed four year term. There will be a one-year deferment of both capital and interest repayments.

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

We know everyone is doing it, but being essentially quite English this writer cannot help but comment on the weather. One friend summed up the recent spate of wind, rain and assorted filth as "the best winter since the last one."

While the southerly dominated frigid air streams, seemingly non-stop rain, and winds that threaten to tear the lids of Portakabins, are just depressing to most of us, sheep farmers must be finding it all much more inconvenient. With shearing now attempting to get into full swing, every farmer must be frustrated at the spectacle of wet sheep holding up shearing gangs and newly shorn animals being threatened with death by exposure in the cruel world outside the sheds.

With less than two weeks until mid-summer, it does seem exceedingly harsh. Even the blue buzzers, those monstrous Falklands flies which grow so large on discarded mutton, have not emerged from hibernation. Perhaps they are smarter than we thought.

Then there is also the matter of the visiting Fleet Street travel writers to be considered. By this time they are surely as fed up with people sheepishly uttering forlorn explanations, such as, "this is awfully unseasonal, you know", and "of course by this time we are usually having picnics on the beach", as they are with the weather itself. No doubt the hacks are graciously dismissing the weather as irrelevant, but the hostile elements are certain to influence their writing. With luck this unfortunate assault by mother nature will not affect the now growing tourist interest too much.

Oh, I almost forgot: new potatoes! There's not much chance of them for Christmas lunch. One of Stanley's better known gardeners told me recently that the vegetable crops are at least three weeks behind schedule. That, come to think of it, is almost as serious as sodden journalists and delayed shearing.

Ah, well, I'm sure summer is just around the corner.

T.V. FOR THE CIVILIAN COMMUNITY ?

History was made on the 4th of December when the ether became filled with images. The Falklands first TV station took to the air from the studios of the Services Sound and Vision Corporation at Mount Pleasant on that day, and servicemen were introduced to another important service which should make their southern sojourn more enjoyable.

But will the people of Stanley, Fitzroy and other nearby settlements be able to enjoy East Enders, Coronation Street, Match of the Day and Panorama? Certainly not for the time being. The transmitter at MPA is only effective within a small radius of the airport, and that means that unless you want to camp on the tarmac with a battery powered portable box, you, Joe Civilian, will have to be content with rented videos and radio.

However, that may not be the case for ever. The experts have said that it should be possible for relay stations to be built on mountain tops to boost the MPA TV signal and re-transmit it to civilians in Stanley and elsewhere. And that need not be very expensive at all: the small boxes of tricks could each cost a matter of hundreds rather than thousands of pounds.

This, though, is probably a matter requiring the consideration of Councillors. It could be done if they approve the expenditure. This writer thinks that TV should be available to civilians. Not just any TV, mind, but the sort of fare being offered at MPA is harmless and often rather more edifying than some of the videos circulating in Stanley. What do you think ?

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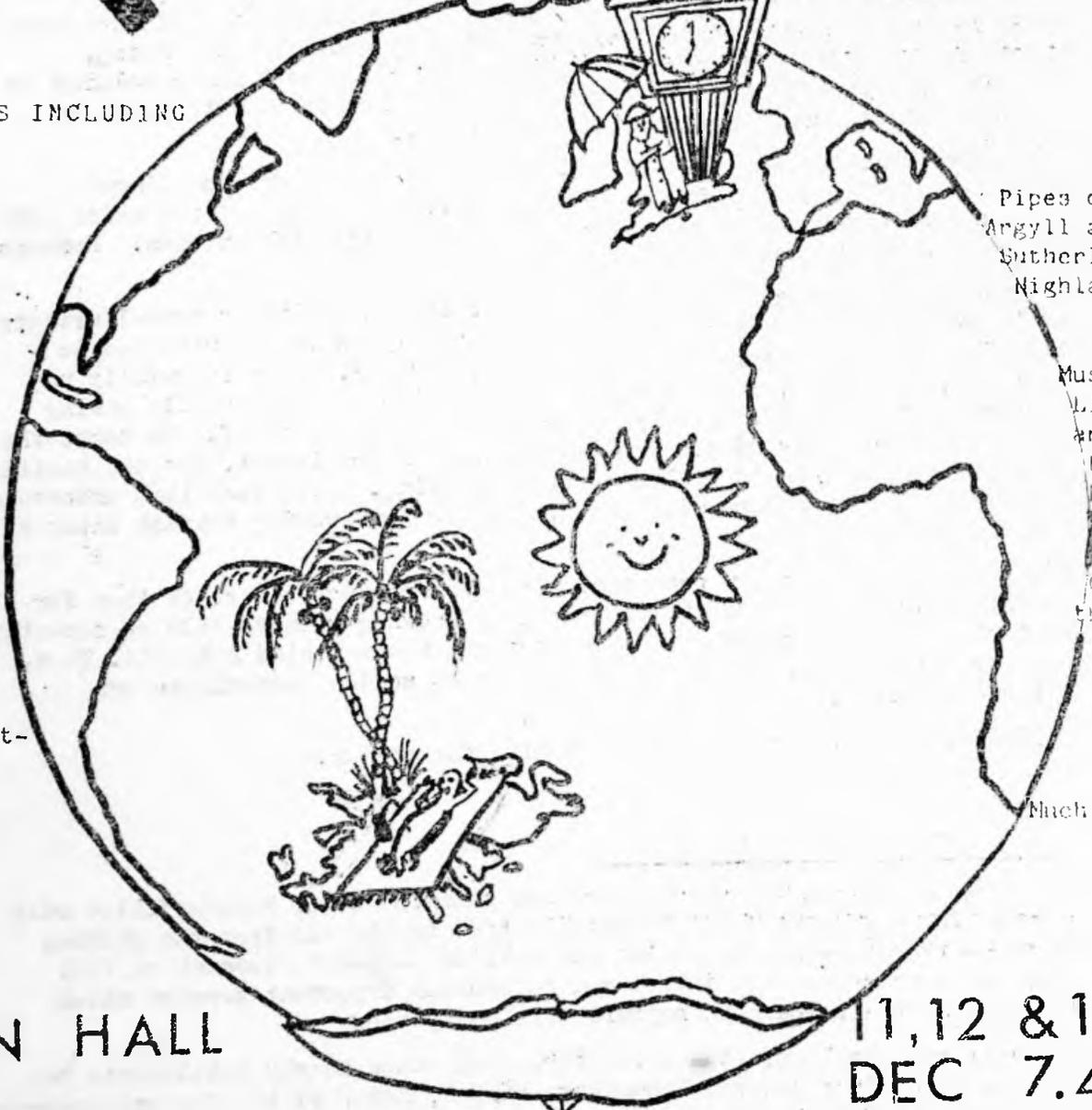
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FISHING - LICENCES ALLOCATED FOR FEBRUARY TO JUNE '87 SQUID SEASON

It was announced in Stanley on Wednesday that the long and tedious task of processing applications for fishing licences for the 1987 squid fishing season was complete. 150 of the valuable permits were provisionally allocated and 300 applications refused.

The permits are as yet only provisional, and must receive the endorsement of the British Foreign Office. But it is felt that this approval is no more than a formality. Fleets from a number of countries which have been active in past years around the Falklands are known to have sought permits, but it is not yet known which were successful.

A Government House spokesman (cont'd p.2)

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EDITORIAL

FISHERIES FINALISED

The virtual completion of arrangements to administer the Falklands 150 mile fisheries zone and the issuing of licences to lucky applicants means that our maritime control plan really is coming into being.

Just a few short months ago it seemed that our protests were wasted; that the council motions and public petitions were in vain. But now it would appear that we are on the threshold of a new and valuable enterprise. What a Christmas present!

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The arrangements have been completed by UK and local government officials with admirable speed. Establishing the legal and practical framework for the administration of the zone could have been a long, drawn out process, but civil servants seem to have appreciated the great need for haste and have acted accordingly. The people concerned are to be congratulated.

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FISHING - LICENCES ALLOCATED (continued from page 1)

said on Thursday that in deciding upon the allocation of licences, the Chief Executive, Attorney General and their advisors had to carefully balance favour between countries which had traditionally fished in the area and fellow members of the European Economic Community. Although it had not been easy to accommodate the demands of both groups, an attempt was at least made to arrive at a fair distribution of the vital documents.

It seems likely that few, if any, licences have been granted to Eastern Block fleets. The Russians and Bulgarians did not apply, and little is known about the involvement of the Poles.

Each ship operating in the Falklands controlled zone must have a separate licence, and so this week's allocations mean that 150 ships of various nationalities will search for the valuable squid during the coming season. It is thought that this represents a drop of over half compared to last season.

Experts in the UK have moved quickly to prepare the ships, aircraft and personnel which will be essential for the policing and control of the new zone. Two ships have been chartered for the purpose, and have been re-named to suit their new role. "Falkland Desire", the first of the vessels to be fitted out for South Atlantic duty, was scheduled to sail from the UK two days ago, according to "Calling the Falklands." The vessel, painted in the traditional South Atlantic and Antarctic red and white colour scheme, will travel south via other South Atlantic colonies, and arrive in Stanley around the 25th of January. The second ship, "Falkland Right", is nearing full readiness, and is expected to sail soon. "Falkland Right" has been chartered for a shorter period, and is less extensively equipped. She will leave for the Falklands in the New Year.

DAIRY MAKES A COMEBACK

Parts of Stanley are once more enjoying the benefits of fresh milk following Stanley Dairy's first steps towards a return to full production with the service to be gradually extended to the whole of the town early in the New Year.

The re-emergence of even a limited milk supply marks a significant achievement for Malcolm and Glynis Ashworth of Stanley Dairy who have spent the past three years planning and rebuilding the thriving dairy business they enjoyed before the effects of the Conflict - mined land, lost cattle and damaged machinery - forced them to abandon production.

With assistance from the FIDC, the Ashworths have rebuilt their home and cattlesheds, imported machinery and, in October, Malcolm brought 30 Ayrshire cows, all of them in calf, over to the Falklands. With three of them having calved and now being milked, the Dairy has been able to offer Stanley homes, east of Philomel Hill, a fresh supply. The other cows are expected to calf around February and the catchment area for milk supplies will gradually spread through Stanley as more cows become available for milking after that period.

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REPORT URGES RADICAL CHANGES FOR GOVERNMENT'S FALKLANDS POLICY

A major and potentially controversial change in the British Government's Falklands policy is being strongly recommended by an independent study published in London last week.

Entitled "Liability or asset: a Policy for the Falkland Islands", the report dismisses the current Conservative Government approach as one of "vacillation" and "equivocation", and argues that Britain can only achieve international recognition for its claim through radical economic innovations. Author Robert Miller, an economic consultant, believes that the time has come for the government to enforce its support for the Islands with far more expansive development projects than the current ones, which he decries as "piecemeal prescriptions."

The Shackleton Reports, on which existing development efforts are based, are said by the study to have "made assumptions about economic development which were manifestly ill-founded. It was assumed without argument that the only method of encouraging economic growth was the large-scale injection of grants and advice." Mr Miller claims that this form of subsidised development inhibits the Islanders' sense of enterprise, and makes them more dependent on the UK. This policy, says the report, "creates the impression that the Islands are incapable of coping with the benefits and advantages of private enterprise."

The report claims that it is time for Britain to examine the full potential of the resources indigenous not only to the Falkland Islands but also to South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands, and to fully recognise the strategic value of the Falklands, in relation to the Antarctic, with its possible mineral potential, and to the South Atlantic, which in event of war and the closure of the Panama Canal could resume its importance to shipping and communications.

The report, which is published by the Institute for European Defence and Strategic Studies, claims that it is because the value of the Falklands is generally perceived to be so low in popular opinion in the UK that credibility is given to criticism of the cost of Britain's involvement in the South Atlantic.

Robert Miller recommends that the British Government takes the following steps:

"Abolish the FIDC and make no more concessionary grants and loans".

"Turn the Islands into a zero tax regime with a free port, and establish a legal framework to enable them to become a tax haven".

"Institute a 200 mile exclusive economic zone and a full 200 mile fisheries protection zone around the Falklands and their dependencies."

"Auction certain Crown lands in South Georgia and donate other land to the British Antarctic Survey."

"Declare the intention of auctioning oil exploration licences off the Falklands and their dependencies."

In short, the British Government is urged to make a concerted effort to turn its Falklands commitment to advantage, and to vindicate its loyalty to the Islands.

"If the Falkland Islands are worth fighting for", says the author, "they are worth keeping - and worth developing."

Copies of the report can be purchased for £5.00 from the Institute for Defence & Strategic Studies, 13/14 Golden Square, London W1R 3AG.

THE PENGUIN GOES TO THE THEATRE ...

A. DOUBLE TREAT OF CHRISTMAS ENTERTAINMENT

FALKLANDS FANTASIA

Anyone who failed to see the Stanley Dramatics Society's Christmas offering, Falklands Fantasia, missed out on a romping evening of humour, music, old fashioned romance and dastardly skulduggery.

Dick Allen gave a particularly commendable performance as the insidious and devilish Falklands Factor (booed and hissed with relish on every appearance) arriving in the Islands to do his dirtiest damndest to beset the lives of the "right bunch of goody goodies" living there. His easy victim is the wholesome boy-nextdoor Joe (played with estimable perplexed innocence by Noddy Halsall), a young soldier missing his girl in the UK.

Notwithstanding the wearying effects of two Tristar flights in rapid succession, the dastardly Falklands Factor (hiss, boo) seduces Joe's girlfriend in the UK with the assistance of a crate of Madeira, and in the first post poor Joe gets his Dear John letter. His subsequent attempts at a party to find a new girlfriend fail miserably, and under the influence of the odious Falklands Factor (boo, hiss) - now back again in the Falklands - Joe topples from grace by stabbing a more successful womaniser at the party.

Our hero (albeit with tarnished halo) flees to the camp to seek refuge in the arms of loving Annie (Jill Doyle) in The Home on the Hill. Perhaps, though, Joe is not so squeaky clean as was suggested; Annie becomes pregnant ("gosh, Annie!") but the happy tableau forming on the hill is dashed by the Falklands constabulary who have been hunting Joe for his GBH.

The final scene in the court room augurs a weepily finale, with Joe about to be sent down with a hefty sentence and Annie left to carry her baby and peat alone. He is saved by the timely intervention of a deus ex machina in the form of a bat on the head for the Falklands Factor (hurrah, hurrah) and a plastic fairy on a stick for the judge, who is consequently encouraged to honour the best of theatrical traditions by allowing Joe and Annie to live happily ever after.

Throughout the production a spirited and versatile chorus made frequent appearances to jolly proceedings along with both familiar and innovative numbers. With this accompaniment, even the tedious and dusty journey from MPA to Stanley became an occasion for a witty sing-song. The chorus' clear diction allowed the audience to savour fully the clever and humorous lyrics of "Jolly Green Starbus" and the Policeman's song, to name but just two. Dick Sawle's performance as a singing policeman was brilliant.

A testament to the evening's success was the warm atmosphere generated in the theatre. Normally if asked to participate in the proceedings, audiences prefer to adopt "actually we're waiting for a bus" poses, but these theatre goers were keen to join in with songs as diverse as "Mud Glorious Mud" and "Amazing Grace" (the latter sung to the accompaniment of the pipes of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders). The Falklands home-grown talent was well represented musically by Liz Goss and Rene Rowlands, the Elliot brothers and youngsters from the Junior School.

There were hiccups in the production, of course, but the robust, humorous atmosphere made it simple for the cast to weather these. In fact the few problems invariably added to the fun rather than detracted from it. In this regard special congratulations should go to Steve Hughes and Michael McIlvenna for their spontaneous reaction to the collapse of their kamikaze sketch: "velly solly, I've forgotten my rines".

Flaws in the production were remarkably few - it is fair to say that a few of the songs in the second act were superfluous and should have been cut, but, bearing in mind the apparently impossible task of blending humour which would appeal to all ages and diverse tastes and

the limited opportunities the cast had to rehearse, the production must be deemed to have been a resounding success. Producer-director Bushy Shrubbs did an excellent job, and with the support of a committed cast, musicians, back-stage workers, absurd parodies of usherettes and suave bar staff, Falklands Fantasia offered a memorable evening of full entertainment on and off the stage.

ANTSHILLVANIA - JUNIOR SCHOOL CHILDREN TREAD THE BOARDS

On the 10th December some 250 people filled the Town Hall to see the children of the infant-junior school perform their well-rehearsed show, "Antshillvania."

The choir, all dressed as ants, trooped in and seated themselves in front of the stage facing the audience, and the curtain opened to reveal five young ladies dressed as flowers. They were joined by more ants, and all of the children sang the show's theme song.

The narrator, Keo Smallwood, informed us that all the ants enjoyed working except ANTony, the commandANT's son. Antony, played by Christopher Eynon, sang a song declaring that he wanted more from life than work. He wanted to be rich and famous, and read off the names of some of the great ants of history who had achieved fame and fortune. There were AlexANTer the Great and NapoleANT, to name but a few. And so Antony went off to seek his destiny while Adam Williams, the commandant, sang his song.

Antony is followed on his journey by two ants, SamANTha and ANThea, played by Deccy Edwards and Elaine Berntsen. They meet a Millipede, Corinna Goss, who sings a song telling us that we will reap the seeds that we sow. The chorus, in the form of Donna Summers, Sarah Gilding, Zoe Luxton, Ruth Colbert and Sian Hemmingway, help her along.

Antony then meets agent extraordinaire Dragonfly ("you can call me DF"), played by Owen Betts. He takes Antony to an evil looking cave covered in spiders webs and inhabited by spiders Ian Betts, Kevin McLaren, Phillip Foggerty and Amelia Betts. Of course our hero becomes entangled in the webs, but he is eventually freed by Anthea and Samantha. Wisely he decides to sneak back home - just for the night, but the other ants notice his approach and listen as he sings his sad song. Eventually the ants emerge to welcome Antony home with a song. A repentANT, you see, is always welcome back, and so they all live happily ever after.

All in all it was a very enjoyable evening. Congratulations must be given to all those who assisted with the production, making costumes and scenery, but most of all to the children themselves for their superb performances. Some, it should be remembered, had long and difficult parts to remember.

It seems wrong to single out any one child, but I must admit that the beautiful voice of Christopher Eynon gave me a sudden attack of hay fever during his final song. I just hope that the other ants aren't working him too hard now that he is back in Antshillvania.

Wandy Ross.

THANKS !

We at the PN would like to say a big thank you to the staff of the General Office of the Secretariat, who gave us wonderful help last week. They enabled us to overcome major printing problems and produce issue number 88 on schedule. Thanks in particular to Carol Anne Jackson and Candy Blackley.

THE PENGUIN POST BOX

PO Box 178, Port Stanley, Falkland Is.

This is your column to use as you wish. If you don't like something about the PN or wish to correct a mistake (Heaven forbid!), let us know about it here. Perhaps you would like to voice your thoughts on some matter that concerns us all. Well, be our guest. Please write. We do not insist that letters be signed, so your anonymity is safe.

The PN reserves the right to edit letters, and would point out that opinions expressed in this column are not necessarily shared by the editorial staff.

FROM THE MAYOR OF WHITBYSTANLEY'S TWIN TOWN

28.11.86

Dear Sir,

In 1981 Sir Rex Hunt, then Governor of the Falkland Islands, and I signed a twinning agreement between the Town of Whitby and Port Stanley. The reason behind the twinning being the association with the late Captain James Cook RN, explorer and navigator, who sailed in Whitby built ships on his great voyages, and took over South Georgia on behalf of the Crown.

At the ceremony I presented Sir Rex Hunt, for onward transmission to the people of Port Stanley, a plaque depicting the Whitby Coat of Arms. I understand that this shield was carried on board the "Endurance" during the conflict. To the best of my knowledge we have had no intimation from the Falkland Islands as to whether the plaque was received, our last communication with the Islands being a radio telegram we sent during the occupation.

I wondered if you might forward any information you may be able to obtain regarding this plaque to me, as we in Whitby are very keen to keep up communications between our two towns.

I myself served with the 727 Company Royal Engineers in Port Stanley from 1942 to 43, during which time we were billeted with islanders. I stayed first with Mr and Mrs Sam Bonner of Davis Street, then with Captain Joe of the "Afterglow", Mrs Lanning of The Green, and finally with Father Drum at the Catholic Church. All our company spent a happy stay in Port Stanley, putting on concerts in the old Town Hall, teaching the locals the popular dances of the day, and enjoying the walks to Surf Bay.

We are twinned with a number of towns in countries associated with Captain Cook, and their glags hang in our Council Chamber. I was wondering if the Falkland Islands still have their own flag.

Well, Sir, I will close now by wishing the people of the Falklands a Happy Christmas and happiness and freedom for the future.

Yours sincerely, Richard Wastell, Town Mayor, The Town Mayor's Office, Eskholme, Uppgang Lane, Whitby YO21 3DR.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Can any of our readers help Mr Wastell? If so, why not write to him and let us know about the plaque also. It would be a shame to let our relationship with Whitby slip away. Perhaps it's time we strengthened the link a little.

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CUT PRICE CHRISTMAS TELEPHONE CALLS

Residents and Service Staff in the Falkland Islands will be able to make cut price Telephone calls to the U. K. this Christmas. The cut price deal will run from Tuesday 23rd December to Saturday 3rd January 1987 inclusive, and will be sponsored jointly by B. T. I. and Cable and Wireless PLC.

The offer will apply to direct dialled and station to station calls from the Falkland Islands. During the period of the offer the price of a telephone call will be reduced to £1.00 per minute instead of the normal £1.50 per minute.

HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND A FUN NEW YEAR!

Best wishes to all British Falkland Islands, from

Dewi and Angela Hopkins

Bangor, North Wales

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Last week we asked if you could supply us with a regular or semi-regular column on a subject which would be of interest to other readers. We suggested amateur radio, photography, wildlife and a number of other topics.

We're pleased to say that one reader has already stepped forward to help. "Andy Ince" will contribute a regular column on handy tips for common jobs. His first article follows. Don't forget though, we need more contributions yet.

SIMPLE SOLUTIONS By Andy Ince

As a collector of hints and tips for many years, I've found the best are usually the most simple. All of us have our favourites, of course, which work well for us. Over the next few weeks I will be passing on some of those hints and tips that I have found to be helpful.

Let's take as a starting point the simple screw. Simple? There are countersunk, round headed, cheese head, pzidrive, Phillips, chipboard and self tapping, to name but a few, each requiring a suitable screw-driver. Have you ever got to that point just a bare 3 or 4 mm or so from having the wood screw right home when it refuses to go any further? To overcome this problem (after having pre-drilled a pilot hole correctly, of course)*try wiping a little grease on the thread prior to inserting it. It makes all the difference, particularly in hard woods and when using larger screws. The thin film of grease will also enable the screw to be withdrawn easily and prevent rusting.

Another means for putting in a number of steel woodscrews, particularly the larger ones, easily, or for removing stubborn screws, is to use a ratchet brace with a turnscrew bit. You could use an old screwdriver cut and ground to suit if the correct tool is not available.

How about the screw that has been taken out and put back so often that it has become loose? A thicker gauge screw is the quick answer, of course, but if this is not possible, for instance with a door hinge, try winding a length of soft copper wire (strip out an old piece of electrical flex, or fuse wire will do) around the thread and re-insert it. It will then usually grip quite firmly. Another solution is to plug the hole with soft wood, preferably with a little wood glue, and then pre-drill to the correct size.

Final tip of the week: Think carefully when reading instructions, unlike the chap who dug a hole 20 feet deep to plant his seed potatoes two feet apart. More next week!

*No. 10 gauge, pre-drill 4mm; No. 8 gauge, 3mm; No.6 gauge, 2mm; No. 4 gauge, 1mm.

TONGUE IN BEAK - A LOOK AT THE ALTERNATIVE NEWS

WELCOME HOME! It's hardly necessary to list the benefits of having a large international-standard airport and a Jumbo jet service to the outside world. We all know about the increased frequency of mail (although air parcels are yet to be re-introduced), and how easy it now is for us to go on holiday. But towards the top of my list must come the service which MPA and the RIF TriStars offer our exiled compatriots; the hundreds of Falkland Islanders who left for a new life elsewhere years ago. All of a sudden it's easy to come back home and see old friends and old haunts.

This Christmas it seems as if a record number of exiled islanders have flown home to roost for a while. Already in the Islands or expected soon are Jean and Terry Binnie, Terence and Sheila McPhee, Les May (who has been away for around 27 years), John and Joyce Allan and Hazel Bonner. Not islanders, but as good as, are Sally and Jim McAdam. They spent some years here in the 70s and have returned to visit friends.

Please let us know of other Christmas visitors. We welcome them all.

SPORTS REPORT by Patrick Watts

S O C C E R

The Stanley team, depleted by injuries, did very well to force a 4-4 draw with 16 Field Sqdn, Royal Engineers, after being 2-0 and then 4-1 down. The visitors opened brightly and scored almost immediately through Warren Betts, and Ken Probert had added a second before the Stanley defence had time to sort themselves out. A continued reluctance to accept the referee's decisions did not assist the local side's application to the task and it was not until Andy Clark cleverly lobbed the ball over the goal-keeper's head to reduce the margin, did Stanley settle down and get on with the game.

In the second half, 16 Squadron hit Stanley quickly with two more goals. Betts scored an excellent solo effort and Hopkins added a fourth, the ball being deflected off Paul Williams' boot past a helpless Peter Coombes. The introduction of John Teggard as a substitute initiated a Stanley fight back, with Paul Williams scoring with a well directed free-kick and Andy Clark forcing an own goal from a mesmerised Engineers defence. With the minutes ticking away, Stanley won a corner. James Peck flighted a lovely ball to the far post and Paul Williams bulleted into the net with his head to square matters at 4-4. All in all, a thoroughly enjoyable game in which youngster Alan Steen of Stanley showed his continued progress and Darren Livermore had an outstanding game in the back 4.

The local League continued during the week when Celtic beat a weakened Redsox by 2-0. Alan Steen and Mike Luxton scored the goals; one in each half. Redsox, missing their Captain, Livermore plus Hobman and Coutts, did well to contain Celtic and avoid an avalanche of goals.

--- KNOCKOUT CUP ---

Entries for the Football Club Knockout Cup are rolling in. All military units with 150 men or less can enter, and contractors teams also welcome. The Competition will be played on F.A. Cup rules, with 90 minutes play and extra time if necessary. All entries should be made to Patrick Watts on Mil. 2160, with a contact name and number, by December 31st. Games will be played on Sunday mornings and afternoons from 11th January onwards.

LEAGUE RESULTS TO DATE:

REDSOX 1 (Rozee)	CELTIC 2 (Luxton) (Kerr - pen)	REDSOX 2 (Livermore - pen) (Morris)	DYNAMOS 3 (Peck, (McCormick, (Teggart)
CELTIC 1 (Reeves)	DYNAMOS 5 (Williams (McCormick, Petterson, (Peck, Clifton)	REDSOX 0	CELTIC 2 (Steen) (Luxton)

LEAGUE TABLE

	Plyd	Wn	Dr	Lst	Pts
DYNAMOS	2	2	0	0	6
CELTIC	3	2	0	1	6
REDSOX	3	0	0	3	0

G O L F: The Don McLean Cup and 18 hole stroke play competition was played over the 9 hole Stanley Golf Course on 14 December and the Fairclough Miller man Don Campbell won the Cup with a nett of 58. He had a substantial 5-stroke lead over Rod Tuckwood of Balfour Kilpatrick, who netted 63. Pat McGuire of LMA took third place with his 65 while Dennis Lampard of Stanley also scored 65. Weather conditions were much better than for the previous week's competition, which went ahead despite heavy rain and strong winds. Graham Maitchell won the December Medal with a nett of 62, with Bob Lumley of LMA in second place with 65.

PENGUIN PROFILE: THE NEW MONSIGNOR

A welcome new face to the Falkland Islands is that of Monsignor Tony Agreiter who arrived last Tuesday as successor to the popular Monsignor Daniel Spraggon who died last year.

The new Monsignor has come from London where he has been (with two interruptions) for nineteen years and he anticipates that his new post and environment will be an exciting challenge.

"Of course I feel a little apprehensive. I wonder how it will go, will I be accepted by the people, but those are the normal feelings one has in accepting this sort of office. I'm encouraged by my first impression. When I was walking around the town on my first day here I thought it was a beautiful little town and all the people I met were friendly."

Tony Agreiter spoke fondly of his predecessors, both of whom he recognises as having been greatly admired by the Falklands' community and he recalled the first time he 'volunteered' for a posting here:

"I got to know my two predecessors, Mons. Danny Spraggon and Mons. Ireland during their periods of leave in England, and they would often talk to me about the Falklands. In fact, Danny once mentioned the shortage of personnel here and I said I would be willing to be his curate! He must have spoken to someone in authority because after he had died, they said to me 'We understand you once expressed a willingness to go to the Falklands...' My reply was simple: 'If I can be of some help and service to the Falkland Islands, then I'll go willingly'."

The new Monsignor originally comes from the Tyrol region on the Austrian/Italian border and he belongs to a small 'tribe' of Ladinians who live in the Dolomites, speaking an unusual romance language. His first language is German but he also speaks English, Italian and some Luganda. The Monsignor's father farmed a smallholding: "Nothing compared to what farmers have here", he said lightly, "we had only eight or nine cattle and 30 to 40 sheep but at least I can say I have been a shepherd in my time!" Most of his life has been spent in England apart from periods of study in Rome and Germany and eight years teaching in Uganda.

"My main hope in being here", he told the Penguin News, "is to try and help people to meet Ehrist and Christ to meet them where they are now. People too often have a negative opinion of themselves, thinking that they are no good or not good enough. That's not true. God is interested in where we are, not where we think we should be". As well as seeing to the needs of the local Catholic community, the Monsignor will be an Officiating Chaplain for the military personnel.

Prior to his arrival in the Falklands, Monsignor Agreiter made a brief visit to Rome where he met the Pope: "He showed great interest in the Falkland Islands and before I left he said, "I send my greetings, good wishes and blessings to all the inhabitants of the South Atlantic".

BOAT DONATION TO THE FALKLANDS

A small, blue rowing boat has been presented to the Falklands to assist in keeping an eye on the Islands' numerous historical wrecks.

Presented by the Merseyside County Museums and The Falkland Islands Foundation, the boat arrived in response to John Smith's casual comment that the Falkland Islands Trust had a problem getting out to the wrecks due to the surprising lack of dinghies in what is supposed to be a seaport of Stanley.

It is hoped to be able to find a permanent home for the boat in the Government Boat House but suitable means of transporting it have yet to be found and the Trust would be happy to hear from anyone able to lend a boat trolley.

This generous donation of the dinghy will enable the Trust to make regular checks on the condition of wrecks, many of them in otherwise inaccessible locations.