

C. S. O.

0041/B

SHIVES/8 # 5

(Formerly)

SUBJECT:

POLICY REGARDING EMPLOYMENT OF LABOUR.

Crew of m.v. "John Biscoe"

CONNECTED FILES.

NUMBER AND YEAR.

0041	Policy regarding employment of labour,
0041 /A	" " " " " R.N. Drivers, wages of
0041/C	" " " " " C.D.W.F. Staff from U.K.
0041/D	" " " " " Individual cases.
0583	P.W.D. Labour position.
0695	Union of Carpenters, Shipwrights and Joiners.
0768	Labour - Demand for higher wages.

0041/B

C O P Y .

at 62.
(Original filed in 8252 - F.I.D.S. Vessel complement of)

P U B L I C N O T I C E .

F. I. D. S. V E S S E L .

Applications are invited for the following:-

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|-----|---------------|---|-----------|-----|-----|-------|
| (a) | Bosun | - | £300 p.a. | and | all | found |
| (b) | Carpenter | - | £240 p.a. | " | " | " |
| (c) | 5 Able Seamen | - | £200 p.a. | " | " | " |
| (d) | Cook | - | £240 p.a. | " | " | " |
| (e) | Steward | - | £180 p.a. | " | " | " |
| (f) | Pantry Boy | - | £120 p.a. | " | " | " |

Overtime will not be paid.

2. Three year contract with Provident Fund benefits.

Medical and dental facilities as for other Government servants. Leave 2½ days for each months' completed service.

3. Applications should be addressed to:-

The Chairman,

Appointments Board,

Secretariat.

and should reach him by October 25th, 1947.

Colonial Secretary's Office,

Stanley.

October 16th, 1947.

Copy to:- Broadcasting Station
Weekly News Office
P.M.D. Notice Board
Police Station Notice Board.

2 SS

Falkland Islands Labour Federation.

Formed 28th October, 1943.

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MP ABC
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Our Ref. _____
The Hon. Colonial Secretary,
Stanley.

Port Stanley,
Falkland Islands,
South America.

7th November, 1947.

Sir,

I am instructed by the General Committee of the Labour Federation to draw your attention to the fact that the wages offered to applicants for the posts on board the F.I.D. Survey vessel do not conform to the requirements of the National Maritime Board, and to the impression created by the ambiguous wording of the Public Notice concerned.

Owing to the expression "all found" in the Notice, applicants are under the impression that they are to be on the same footing as members of the F.I. D. Survey stationed at the Antarctic bases, while in actual fact their conditions in that respect are the same as those in force aboard ordinary merchant ships.

The Committee take a serious view of this state of affairs, which is one our organization can never approve of, and trust that all applicants will reconsider the matter and withdraw their applications, unless the matter is adjusted. If no such adjustment is made, they will be reluctantly compelled to make the full facts of the case public.

Trusting that a satisfactory adjustment will be made to this matter,

I am,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,
L. Dearing,
Secretary.

See 110

m 0252

Acknowledged
7.11.47

Ruby - 3

November 20th, 1947.

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Sir,

I am directed by the Governor to refer to your letter of November 7th, and to say that Government is not concerned in the case of locally recruited personnel with the wages laid down by the National Maritime Board which are not applicable to engagements contracted outside the United Kingdom; and to invite attention to the benefits such as membership of the Provident Fund, medical and dental facilities, and leave offered in the advertisement.

2. It is the intention of Government that F.I.D.S. personnel locally recruited should be equally eligible for service at the Bases or on the F.I.D.S. vessel. In the former case they must obviously be provided with some special clothing and equipment. In the latter case it is not usual practice for the employer to regard "all found" as implying anything more than accommodation and food.

3. No selections have yet been made from among the ~~conditions~~ who have replied to the advertisement and it is intended that the substance of the preceding paragraph should be brought to their notice before they are engaged. If they do not wish to accept the conditions they may of course withdraw their applications.

I am,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

Colonial Secretary.

at 90

(Original filed in 0252 - F.I.D.S. Vessel - complement of)

The Secretary,
Falkland Islands Labour Federation,
STANLEY.

VP.

Falkland Islands Labour Federation.

Formed 28th October, 1943.

Registered under the Trade Union and Trade Disputes Ordinance, 1942.

Our Ref.
The Hon. Colonial Secretary,
Stanley.

Port Stanley,
Falkland Islands,
South America.
4th March, 1948.

Sir,

I am instructed by the General Committee of the Federation to refer to our letter of the 7th November, 1947, regarding rates of pay on board the F.I.D.S. vessel, and to say that the views of the present Committee on the matter are substantially the same as those expressed in that letter, that is to say, they strongly disapprove of the rates offered as differing so greatly from those paid to other British seamen.

Trusting that more satisfactory arrangements will be made in due course in this matter,

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

L. Deane
Secretary.

in 0252 Complement of F.I.D.S. vessel

I. Ad. (base)

6/3/48

MP
ABC
1.3

Falkland Islands Labour Federation.

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Our Ref. _____
The Hon Colonial Secretary,
Stanley.

Port Stanley,
Falkland Islands,
South America.
20th March, 1948.

Sir,

4 X I am instructed by the General Committee of the Labour Federation to write in furtherance of our letter of the 4th of March, 1948, regarding rates of pay on board the P.I.D.S. vessel, and to say that the Labour Federation would take a very serious view of the signing on of any men at rates less than those laid down by the National Maritime Board.

I am to again express the hope that an amicable solution will be reached in this question.

I am,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

L. Dending.
Secretary.

I. Ad. 26/3/48

W.S.A.

Mr. [unclear]
29/3/48

Handwritten notes and stamps in the bottom right corner, including a circular stamp with the number 10 and some illegible text.

YE

1-5 has been extracted for another file.

2. I have discussed with Major Butler & Captain Leticia. I suggest that I see a depiction of the F.I.L.F. before the draft Article about 'Biscuit' conditions is issued.

3. Major Butler is going to show
YE

ABL
22/3

Meeting held with
F.I.L.F. to-day
ABL
23/3

22/iii

Major Butler.

6 / 1 st. to
forward if you
w. make a brief
note of the
meeting of 22/3/48
with F.I.L.F.

ABL
24.3

further
action



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Falkland Islands Labour Federation.

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Our Ref. _____
The Hon Colonial Secretary,
Stanley,

Port Stanley,
Falkland Islands,
South America,
24th March, 1948.

Sir,

I am instructed by the General Committee of the Federation to inform you of the decision reached at a meeting of the Committee concerning the rates of pay, etc., on board the F.I.D.S. vessel.

Messrs. P. Dixon, R. Wallin, W. J. Montasney and N. McGill were invited to attend the meeting in view of their wide experience of the craft and seafaring matters involved.

Since neither the Committee or their guests could see any reason why National Maritime Board rates should not be paid, the following was unanimously approved:

Nothing less than the rates fixed by the National Maritime Board should be accepted by men signing on the "John Biscoe".

Since qualified A.Bs. are available in the town, they should be taken.

Local ex-F.I.D.S. men should be given the preference, everything else being in order.

I am,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,
D. Deuling
Secretary.

MP
AB
24.3

Miss Segwick

Falkland Islands Labour Federation.

8

Formed 28th October, 1943.

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Our Ref.
The Hon. Colonial Secretary,
Stanley.

Port Stanley,
Falkland Islands,
South America.
27th March.

*Mr. ABC
30.3*

Sir,

I am instructed by the General Committee of the Labour Federation to refer to the deckhands whom it is proposed to sign on the John Biscoe at rates in excess of those set by the National Maritime Board for ordinary seamen, and to point out that provided these deckhands are rated as ordinary seamen and perform only the work of ordinary seamen, the Federation would not object.

But if they were to be put on those duties which are outside the competence of an ordinary seaman, a strong objection would be raised.

This would apply to all other departments in the ship where rates are in excess of N.M.B. for unqualified persons but less than N.M.B. for qualified men.

I am,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

L. Desautels
Secretary.

1. Ad. (Base) 27.3.48

N.B.

Minutes of meeting held in the Colonial Secretary's Office at 2 p.m. on the 31st of March, 1948. 9

Present: The Honourable the Colonial Secretary, Major R.P. Butler, and the Honourable Mr. R. Winter. Messrs. J.S. Barnes, W.P. Hills and L. Dearling (Falkland Islands Labour Federation).

A | Mr. Barnes said that Messrs. Watson, Reive and Anderson, who were all members of the Falkland Islands Labour Federation, had been to see him - and were speaking for McLeod also - and would sign on as ordinary seamen.

Mr. Hills said the men concerned came to his house and asked if it were in order for them to sign on. Mr. Hills said the Federation had no objection to the men signing provided it was in the capacity of ordinary seamen.

7.8 x The Colonial Secretary referred to the letters received from the Federation and repeated that Government was not interested in National Maritime Board rates which it did not propose to pay, and that ex-F.I.D.S. personnel were in fact being given preference. He considered that the Falkland Islands Labour Federation had "got at" the men and that it had been guilty of mischievous interference.

B | Mr. Barnes said the men had been invited to a Committee meeting of the Federation on the 29th of March and had been seen by him on the night of the 30th of March. They had said they would not sign on if the Federation did not support their doing so. He disagreed that he had interfered.

/1947. The Colonial Secretary observed that the Federation had taken a very active interest since November. The rates given were in fact above the general rates.

Mr. Barnes said the men were confused when they signed the agreements.

Major Butler said they had served with him for two years and could have asked him any questions. They would be signed on as supernumerary crew until the ship was re-registered in Stanley.

The Colonial Secretary said Government would engage men on its own terms and would not accept any edict of the Federation which appeared to have taken the grave responsibility of encouraging men to break their agreements. Government considered the agreements binding and had in fact paid Mr. McMasney with whom it considered even an unauthorised verbal understanding to be binding. The men were under Colonial Regulations and would be interchangeable F.I.D.S. staff. It provided was a career for the men.

Mr. Barnes said they were supporting the men and Mr. Winter asked him in fact they were supporting Federation men in breaking legal contracts with the Government. Mr. Barnes said he would have to consult with his Committee. Mr. Winter pointed out that every man had liberty of action in entering into any contract he wished and the Federation could do no more than advise.

The Colonial Secretary said Government had no intention of altering the rates offered.

Owing to the Colonial Secretary having another appointment at 4.30 p.m. there was an informal discussion in Mr. Winter's office when it became apparent that the most of the trouble was the advertisement in November, 1947, when inter alia A.B.'s were

called for and the rates offered were not satisfactory for A.B.'s. Major Butler explained that he did not want A.B.'s but Deckhands as more suitable for F.I.D.S. work and the rates offered in that capacity were in fact higher than National Maritime Board rates.

to/ ones In reply/Mr. Winter, Mr. Hills agreed that the contracts were fair for the men concerned.

A / At a further meeting on the 1st of April in the Colonial Secretary's Office at which all (except Major Butler) who had attended the previous days' meeting were present the Falkland Islands Labour Federation representatives reported that at a general meeting the night before they had strongly represented to the Federation that Government's case was reasonable and that the men should sign on as deckhands.

Their advice was however not taken, and the voting showed:-

4 in favour
34 against
with a number of abstentions.

X The Colonial Secretary asked for an expression of the attitude of the Federation - were the men to be allowed to sign on or not?. If there was any difficulty Government would engage no Falkland Islanders at all, and would engage a crew of Merchant Seamen or R.N. Reservists from the United Kingdom. He wished it to be clearly understood that unless all signed on none at all would be taken.

He asked for an early and definite reply.

The Federation representatives then raised the point that a ship could not safely put to sea with an untrained crew and without three or four A.B.'s.

The Colonial Secretary said this was a new point irrelevant to the main issue under discussion but added that when the latter was decided he was quite prepared to discuss such questions in connection with the 1949 programme in due course.

Falkland Islands Labour Federation.

11 9.

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Our Ref. _____
The Hon Colonial Secretary,
Stanley.

Port Stanley,
Falkland Islands,
South America.
2nd April, 1948.



Sir,

I am instructed by the General Committee of the Federation to inform you that at their meeting of last evening the following was unanimously approved:

See 7 & 8

The Committee cannot depart from the Federation's original contention that N.M.B. rates should apply on the F.I.D.S. vessel, which contention was twice approved by the General Meeting, and that they are still strongly of the opinion that qualified A.B.s. should be carried.

An early reply to this letter would be greatly appreciated.

I am,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

L. Densling
Secretary.

1. A. (base) 2. 4. 48

Reply at 13.

YE

9-10 p.

Yes

2. 11. Captain lecture informs me that 6 A.B.s are in fact correct.

3. Reply that as regards M.A.B. notes Gosh has nothing to do with 3 S.I. (x on 9): as in § 2 supra: ask for v. early note decision on x of 10?

ABH
2.4

Acq. me 3/IV

[Faint handwritten notes]

6th April,

48.

Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 2nd of April, 1948, I am directed by the Governor to inform you that as regards National Maritime Board rates of pay for members of the crew of the "John Biscoe", Government has nothing to add to paragraph 3 of my letter of the 20th of November, 1947, or to my statement as recorded in paragraph 3 of the minutes of the meeting held in this Office on the 31st of March of which a copy was handed to you.

2. In regard to your opinion that qualified A.B.'s. should be carried, I am to inform you that six A.B.'s. are in fact serving in the "John Biscoe".

3. I am to request you to furnish me with an early and definite statement of the attitude of your Federation as to whether the men concerned are to be permitted to sign on the vessel or not.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

STELLA B. MATHEWS

Colonial Secretary.

Secretary,
Falkland Islands Labour Federation,
STANLEY.

Recd. at 14

*all
done
1/5/48*

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Our Ref.
The Hon Colonial Secretary,
Stanley.

Port Stanley,
Falkland Islands,
South America.
7th April, 1948.

Sir,

I am instructed by the General Committee of the Federation to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No.0041/B of the 6th April, 1948, and to reply as follows:

2. The Committee are still firmly of the opinion that National Maritime Board rates offer a better chance of a career at sea than does the Government scheme, that the establishment of those rates in the "John Biscoe" would prevent any further dispute over seamen's wages arising in this port, and that the carrying of a proper number of qualified Able Seamen is essential to the safe and proper conduct of any voyage to the Antarctic.

3. I am to enquire whether the "John Biscoe" will carry such proper number of Able Seamen, apart from officers and boatswain or leading hand, on her next Antarctic voyage.

4. The men concerned are perfectly free to follow their own inclination as to whether they sign on or not. If they wish to go at Government rates, the Federation will not attempt to stop them, but it cannot recommend them to accept the Government scheme. The substance of this paragraph has been made quite clear to them.

I am,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,
L. Darling.
Secretary.

Reply at 15.

See 19.

J. Ad. 7/4/48 (bare)
WH.

x
MP
ARC
8.4

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0041/B

10th April, 48.

Sir,

14

I am directed by the Governor to refer to your letter of the 7th of April, 1948, the contents of which are noted.

2. In regard to your second paragraph this is clearly a matter of opinion and of course any man will be at liberty on completion of his engagement to seek similar employment in the United Kingdom where National Maritime Board rates apply, these being related to the cost of living there. The purpose of the Administration, which your Committee does not appear to have appreciated, is to secure for Falkland Islanders an opening for employment which experience has shewn that they find both congenial and profitable. The "John Biscoe" is part of the permanent F.I.D.S. organisation and the men will be at liberty to serve ashore or afloat just as they wish. The alternative will be to fill the ship with seamen or Royal Naval reservists from the United Kingdom which will merely result in the money going out of the Colony, a circumstance which the Government would deplore.

3. The question which you pose in your third paragraph is a matter for the Master of the vessel albeit all the men concerned will have enjoyed two long overseas passages before they go South again and it is understood that several of them have experience at sea to their credit.

I am,

Sir,
Your obedient servant,

(Sgd.) A. B. MATHEWS

Colonial Secretary.

See 19

*Bo. for ...
20/4/48
ABE
12/4
22/4*

Secretary,
Falkland Islands Labour Federation,
STANLEY.

*Then ...
ABE
20/4*

Falkland Islands Labour Federation.

16

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00418

Our Ref.
The Hon Colonial Secretary,
Stanley.



Port Stanley,
Falkland Islands,
South America.
19th April, 1948.

Sir,

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10.
17/18

I am instructed by the Committee to refer to the minutes of the meetings of the 31st March and 1st April, and to point out that there appears to have been some misunderstanding of one or two points, especially of the proceedings at the general meeting. Accordingly, the attached copy of the minutes has been prepared in order to clear these points, which will be found in paragraphs 5 and 14. Paragraphs 1 and 17 have been added, making the account fuller than the other copy which was handed to me on the 10th April.

I am,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,
I. Darling
Secretary.

*J. Ad. 20/4/48
W.H.*

See 26.

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Mr. R. Winter. Messrs. J.S. Barnes, W.P. Hills, and L. Dearling, (Falkland Islands Labour
Federation).

Major Butler said the Federation were sailing very close to the law in the matter of
the contracts and were guilty of mischievous interference.

Mr. Barnes said that Messrs Watson, Reive and Anderson who were all members of the
Falkland Islands Labour Federation had been to see him and would sign on as ordinary
seamen.

Mr. Hills said the men concerned came to his house and asked if it were in order for
them to sign on and Mr Hills said the Federation had no objection to the men signing
provided it was in the capacity of ordinary seamen.

The Colonial Secretary referred to the letters received from the Federation and
repeated that Government was not interested in National Maritime Board rates which
it did not propose to pay, and that ex-FIDS personnel were in fact being given the
preference. He considered that the Falkland Islands Labour Federation had "got at"
the men and that it had been guilty of mischievous interference.

Mr. Barnes said the men had been invited to a Committee meeting of the Federation
on the 29th of March and on the following day had approached the Secretary who reported
the matter to him. He had seen them that evening and they had said they would not sign
on if the Federation did not approve of their doing so. He denied any interference by
the Federation. He considered the meeting had become a court of enquiry.

The Colonial Secretary said the Federation had taken a very active interest since
November, 1947. The rates given were above the general rates.

Mr Barnes said the men were confused when they signed the agreements.

Major Butler said they had served two years with him and could have asked him any
questions. They would be signed on as supernumerary crew until the ship was re-registe-
red in Stanley.

The Colonial Secretary said Government would engage men on its own terms and would
not accept any edict of the Federation which appeared to have taken the grave respon-
sibility of encouraging men to break their agreements. Government considered the
agreements binding and had in fact paid Mr McAtasney with whom it considered even an
unauthorised verbal understanding to be binding. The men were under Colonial Regulations
and would be interchangeable FIDS staff. It was a career for the men.

Mr Barnes said they were supporting the men and Mr Winter asked him if in fact they
were supporting Federation men in breaking legal contracts with the Government.
Mr Barnes said he would have to consult his Committee. Mr Winter pointed out every man
had liberty of action in entering into any contract and the Federation could do no
more than advise.

The Colonial Secretary said Government had no intention of altering the rates offered.

Owing to the Colonial Secretary having another appointment at 4.30 p.m. there was an
informal discussion in Mr Winter's office when it became apparent that most of the
trouble was the advertisement in November, 1947, when inter-alia A.B's were called for
and the rates offered were not satisfactory for A.B's. Major Butler explained that he
did not want A.B's but Deckhands as more suitable for FIDS work and the rates in that
capacity were in fact higher than National Maritime Board rates.

In reply to Mr Winter Mr Hills said the contracts were fair ones for the men concerned.

A.1 At a further meeting in the Colonial Secretary's Office at which all (except Major Butler) who had attended the previous day's meeting were present the Falkland Islands Labour Federation representatives informed the Colonial Secretary that at a general meeting of the night before they had put both sides of the case before the members and had taken a vote which showed:

4 in favour (of the men signing on)
34 against

B.1 A number abstained saying they could not understand the signing of the contract and then signing on the ship.

The Colonial Secretary asked for an expression of the attitude of the Federation; were the men to be allowed to sign on or not? If there was any difficulty Government would engage no Falkland Islanders at all, but would engage a crew of Merchant Seamen or R.N. Reservists from the United Kingdom. He wished it to be clearly understood that unless all signed on none at all would be taken.

He asked for an early and definite reply.

e The Federation representatives then raised the point that a ship could not safely put to sea with an untrained crew and without three or four A.B's. (Mr Mills recalled several accidents he had seen at sea where there had been experienced men aboard and said he would not like to be leading hand on the "John Biscoe" with her untrained crew. What would happen if they had to secure shifting deck cargo in a gale. He would not like to direct such a crew.

The Colonial Secretary said this was a new point irrelevant to the main issue under discussion but added that when the latter was decided he was quite prepared to discuss such questions in connection with the 1949 programme.

*Differences between
9 and 10 and
17 + 18 indicated in red.*

Falkland Islands Labour Federation.

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Our Ref.
The Non Colonial Secretary,
Stanley.



Port Stanley,
Falkland Islands,
South America.
20th April, 1948.

15 Sir,
I am instructed by the Committee to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No.0041/B of the 10th April, 1948, and to reply as follows:

Memo 14 2. There is little that can be added to the statements in our letter of the 7th April, 1948, except to emphasise once more the dissatisfaction felt at the proposal not to carry A.B's in the "John Miscoe". It is noted that this is now considered a matter for the Master, who will doubtless see that he gets A.B's.

3. I am to point out that a ship with an untrained crew which had to face conditions such as those met by the "Pitaroy" on her late voyage might not come out of it as well as did that vessel.

I am,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,
L. Dewling.
Secretary.

L.A. 20/4/48

v.s.

PP ABC

Reply at 26

L.S. 16

9-10 was agreed when yourself
was speaking? Nevertheless we
had 17-18. The variation in
an makes it red.

2. Lines 9- kindly comes
Baker see if you accept her?

3. 19 § 2 is misleading & shd.
like have Baker's comments, etc.

B.

W.S.
24.4

Yes!

9-10 - except the minutes of the meeting of 9/10
which was later added by you - was agreed with
speaking.

9 A. I made a note that he had been concerned.
Probably the H.L.F. did not think it of great importance.

9 B. In answer to my questions Barnes wanted
seeing the men on both nights. He also used
the words 'support' and 'disagreed'.

10 A. I think Barnes' hands were; he put the
hands close together and the meeting voted against it?

17 A Barnes did say he thought the meeting had
become a case of emergency but he was a
little agitated and the point seemed irrelevant
I did not include it.

18 A. I see 10 A (note) above.

18 B. This has said - and the reason was given.

18 C. This did mention accident through drifting cargo
which would not have happened with a trained
crew but I do not recollect his references

Yes
W.S.

to the 'Bizzoc' or 'directing such a case.'

2. I have spoken to Major Butler ref 19 para 2. There are A.B.'s on board who will be part of in England. The master can promote one of the best men to be taking hand on sign on to see whether he thinks desirable.

K.A.

27/4.

HCS

Reference 17.

I think FILE have got slightly mixed up. If I remember correctly the question of the legal side was mentioned by you. I certainly said it was mischievous intervention on an part of FILE and as we had Winter left the legal side to him.

No - 'impudency'

I think 'impudency' was the term used and it might very well again be applied to 16 and 17

MPB 26-IV

L.S.

C
?
h
27.4

[Faint signature]
(Bizzoc)

L.S.

A

Thank you for having not seen B on 21 (C & 21 crosses your mind).
How do you view remarks?

2. Do you recommend acceptance of 17-18 as frank? Then does not seem to be any material variation except perhaps the italicizing on it 20 B '6A' 'ISA' when the intention may be to make L.F. records look better - from the point of view of the Department - this strikes less inconsistent.

by
2/4

W.C.

B.

21 B Agree your amendment, otherwise no comment.
22 A para 2 No good proposal would be served by dropping this and the variations are really without substance. Obviously a little 'framing'.

W.C.
2/4

C

S.M.

19 § 2 How many A.B's does 'B's cor' carry?

by
1.5

23, H.C.S.

On arrival here "John Biscoe" carried 6 A.B.'s including the Bosun, pl.

No local persons were engaged as A.B.'s on the new Agreement but Messrs C. Carey and L. Daillie were engaged on the old Agreement which as you know expires on return to U.K.

I would like to mention that this file reached this office only today the 19th.

Drp
19.5.48.

X
Office

Please explain delay at 'X' above.

R.H.C.S.
20/5/48.

A.S.

Apparently the Messages delivered the file to the I. I. Co. Shipping Master instead of the Dist. Shipping M. The filing clerk on checking up on ~~missing~~ overdue files discovered that it had been signed for by a I. I. Co. clerk & reported the matter. File was eventually delivered to Sm. 19.5.

Drp
20/5.

A.C.S.

I spoke to you about this. I do feel that the F.I.C. could have advised us of wrong delivery at the time, instead of holding on to the file for some 18 days.

R.H.C.S.
21.5.48

E

S.M.

How many A.B.'s were carried on 'Biscoe' en route U.K.?

21.5.

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A.

H.G.S.

The following A.B's were on the "John Biscoe's" old
Articles pl:

{ Messrs J.O'Hare. F.Andrew. I.Smith. A.McRae.
+ C.Carey & L.Daillie.

(+ signed on locally).

Messrs Carey & Daillie replaced McKay(dismissed) and
Deacon(for shore Base).

Sub
S/N:
21.5.48.

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staff from U.K.

0041/B

26th May,

Sir,

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I am directed by the Governor to refer to your letter of the 20th of April, 1948, and to express regret that a reply has not hitherto been sent to you.

2. I am to remark that the "John Biscoe" carried 6 A.B.'s. on her original United Kingdom articles, two of whom left the ship. Their places were taken by two local recruits.

3. As you are aware, locally-recruited deckhands will have ample opportunity to qualify as A.B.'s.

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4. I am to take this opportunity to say that Government accepts the revised version of the Minutes of the meetings of the 31st of March, 1948, and the 1st of April, 1948, enclosed in your letter of the 19th of April, 1948, and to remark that the ones originally accepted by you were drafted by me without first-hand knowledge of the proceedings of the General Meeting of your Federation.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Sgd.) A. B. MATHEWS

Colonial Secretary.

Secretary,
Falkland Islands Labour Federation,
STANLEY.

Handwritten notes on the right margin, including "K.K.", "F.W.D.G.", and "1948".

Submitted to Council - Policy regarding
Employment of labor - C.D.W.F. Staff
U.K.

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27.6.48

H.C.S.

The Chief Clerk enquired as to the point above raised of the AT & A.C.S and was informed that these men would be paid from the Town Hall whilst on half rate (voyage out) and subsequently from the votes under which the men were engaged.

In the case of men working on the bungalow the vote was XXI B (New Quarters)

E.H.S. 8/6/48

Done
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The

VP.