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OIL IN THE FALKLANDS

In 1978 a seismic survey was carried out in the waters off the Falklands under British Government licence by a major American oil exploration company. The results went by agreement to the British and Argentine Governments. The Falkland Islanders, whose oil it was, were neither consulted nor informed by the Labour Government in power. Subsequently an article appeared in *Off Shore Oil Weekly* of 17th August, 1978, stating that the Labour Government intended to give up sovereignty to Argentina in return for a share of the oil. The editor stood firm on his story without revealing his sources and the Foreign and Commonwealth Office repeatedly refused to deny these facts although pressed to do so.

In 1979 the Conservatives won power in Britain and the Falklands War of 1982 destroyed any possibility of cooperative ventures. The construction of an international airport as part of so called 'fortress Falklands' meant that for the first time the Islands could be secured against Argentine aggression. As a result it has become possible to admit openly that the seas off the Falklands offer one of the richest potential oil fields in the world.

BUREAUCRATIC DELAYS

For more than twenty years oil companies have been applying to the Foreign and Commonwealth Office for licences. These applications have been met not by outright refusal but by a policy of bureaucratic delays so that even the most persistent eventually give up. Within the last two years a number of major oil companies have been defeated in this

manner.

The Falkland Islands Association met the previously responsible Minister at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, Mr Sainsbury, on a number of occasions, as have elected representatives of the Islands and MPs. In view of the political instability in the Middle East and the extreme vulnerability of the West to oil manipulation by unfriendly powers the inaction of the Foreign and Commonwealth Office is extraordinary. The arguments against oil exploration put up by the Foreign and Commonwealth Office have been whittled away until only one remains. Mr Sainsbury has stated that new legislation, now in its fourth draft and into its second year, "will allow exploration, and, if discoveries were made, subsequent exploitation of oil and mineral resources onshore and in the sea bed around the Falklands". This appears reasonable but is in fact an unnecessary delay in starting seismic exploration. Seismic exploration and oil extraction are quite separate commercial activities and one can only be deeply suspicious about any obstacle delaying matters. Information gathering and assessment will take months and the new legislation is expected to be in place by the end of the year, long before the auctioning of drilling licences. The Islands' Councillors are faced with having to pass exceedingly complicated legislation on which they are going to require advice of high quality. The draft legislation must be placed before them without delay in order that they can ensure that, when it is in place, it will do the job properly.

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CLEANING THE HUGE ELECTRIC LAMPS ON A JAPANESE SQUID JIGGER
(article on Falklands Fishing page 12)
(photo: R. N. Spafford)

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BENEFITS WILL BE CONSIDERABLE

What has changed since the 1978 survey that makes legislation for seismic work essential now? Why are the Islanders being prevented from developing their oil field? The Islanders are a proud and independently minded people who want to have an assured future and pay their way in the world. The benefits to Britain as well as the Islands will be considerable with the Islanders able to exploit British North Sea expertise which leads the world in offshore oil extraction.

It is to be hoped that the new Minister in charge of the Falklands, Mr Garel-Jones, will move swiftly, so that companies wanting to start survey work in November, spring in the Southern Hemisphere, will be able to do so. All those involved in the Falklands War, from the Prime Minister downwards and indeed the whole nation, can take satisfaction that from those tragic days great benefits will surely flow.

R.F.W.E.

NEW FALKLAND ISLANDS GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVE

Lewis Hands over to Sukey

The appointment of Sukey Cameron as the new Falkland Islands Government Representative in London was officially announced at the Lincoln's Inn Reception by the retiring Government Representative, Lewis Clifton.

Mr Clifton, stressing the difficult, but vital, role of the Falkland Islands Government Representative in London, said,

"The Representative's primary role is to ensure that the Islanders' right to self-determination is not forgotten and that the views and policies of the Falkland Islands Government are understood in the United Kingdom.

"Distance coupled with a rapidly changing economy means that outdated perceptions of the Islands can easily linger on. The Representative needs to ensure that the reality is as widely known and appreciated as possible.

"Sukey Cameron has eight years experience of helping put the Falklands message across in London. She is well placed to be an effective and influential Islands ambassador. I wish her well."

Miss Sukey Cameron was born in the Falkland Islands in 1956 and was educated in the Islands and in Britain. She is the grand-daughter of Sir Herbert Henniker-Heaton, Governor of the Falkland Islands (1935-41) and her mother, Mrs Ann Cameron, was an early member of the UK Falkland Islands Committee set up in 1968 to express the wishes of the Islanders. Sukey was Executive Secretary of the Falkland Islands Association from 1979-82, moving in 1983 to pioneer the establishment of the Falkland Islands Government Office with her late brother Alastair, who was Falkland Islands Government Representative 1984-87. Sukey has worked in the Falkland Islands Government Office in an administrative and management role since its establishment.

Lewis Clifton, a career civil servant and former Falkland



MISS SUKEY CAMERON, THE NEW FALKLAND ISLANDS GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVE

(photo: Profile Corporate Communications Ltd.)

Islands Legislative Councillor has been the Falkland Islands Government Representative in London since 1987. There can be no doubt that through an enormous amount of hard work and with his charm and tact he has been outstandingly successful in the role.

Lewis will be studying at London University for the next year or so and we are delighted that he will be joining the Joint Executive Committee of the United Kingdom Falkland Islands Committee and the Falkland Islands Association.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING: AGENDA

The Agenda for the Annual General Meeting of the Falkland Islands Association to be held in London on Saturday 8th December, 1990, at 12 midday is as follows:

- 1. Apologies for absence
- 2. Annual Report
- 3. Financial Report
- 4. Election of Auditors
- 5. Election of Officers
- 6. Election of Executive Committee

THE LINCOLN'S INN RECEPTION



THE MAGNIFICENT MUSICIANSHIP OF THE CENTRAL BAND OF THE ROYAL AIR FORCE WAS ENJOYED BY 330 GUESTS AT THE FALKLAND ISLANDS RECEPTION

(photo: M. Meadmore)

The highlight of this year's Falkland Islands Reception at Lincoln's Inn was the exceptional performance of the Central Band of the Royal Air Force. Everyone said so, and it was the first time that we have been honoured with a full band.

The Reception was, as usual, very well attended by former Governors, Peers, Members of Parliament, the Media, Falkland Islands Association members and a good number of Falkland Islanders on holiday in Britain.



FALKLANDS BRANCH SECRETARY, MRS VELMA MALCOLM, CHATS TO MAJOR EWEN SOUTHBY-TAILYOUR

(photo: R. N. Spafford)

In response to our loyal greeting Her Majesty The Queen replied:

Sir Rex Hunt CMG,

I send my warm thanks to you and all the Falkland Islanders and your guests for your kind and loyal message of greetings, sent on the occasion of your annual Falkland Islands Reception at Lincoln's Inn.

I much appreciated this message and send my best wishes to all concerned for an enjoyable and successful evening.
Elizabeth R.



THE RT. HON. SIR ROBERT MEGARRY PC (left) RECEIVES THE FRAMED TALLIS MAP FROM CHAIRMAN MAJOR R. N. SPAFFORD

(photo: M. Meadmore)

Sir Robert is a retired Vice Chancellor of the Supreme Court, a Bencher and a one time Treasurer of Lincoln's Inn. This support has not only included permitting us to have the wonderful setting of Lincoln's Inn for our annual Reception, but also the use of a room free of charge for monthly Joint Executive Committee meetings.

The Reception was a really lovely occasion enjoyed by all those able to attend.

POINTS FROM THE LEGCO BUDGET SESSION

MAY 1990

The annual Legco Budget Session always affords an excellent insight of what is currently going on in the Falklands. All the leading members of the Falkland Islands Government from the Governor, the Chief Secretary and the Financial Secretary through to the elected Councillors review recent successes and failures, promote their points of special interest for the immediate future and express their current concerns.

The recent week long session, which opened on 19th May was no exception, but unique to the Falklands is the opportunity afforded to the Commander British Forces to address Legislative Council.

IMPROVED INFRASTRUCTURE

Opening the Budget Session, His Excellency the Governor, Mr William Fullerton, said that while revenue had increased by £562,000 over last year, Government expenditure had increased by over £7 million, chiefly spent providing improved social and physical infrastructure: the swimming pool (£1.5M), the new telecommunications system (£1.4M), improved electricity supply (£1.1M), two new Islander aircraft (£1.3M) and £2.2 million had been added to the reserves.

On fishing, Mr Fullerton was relieved to report that the withdrawal of Stanley Fisheries was almost complete and that the final cost is considerably less than anticipated, but he spoke with concern about the overfishing of Illex Squid outside the conservation zone and the only partial success in voluntary restraint agreements.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Turning to agriculture the Governor said that the Lands and Agricultural Department, the Agricultural Research Centre and the agricultural section of the Falkland Islands Development Corporation had been amalgamated into one single department, the Department of Agriculture of which Mr Owen Summers has been appointed the Head.

Port San Carlos is probably the last sub-division of a large farm for the foreseeable future.

Probably of deepest concern to many Islanders, the Governor revealed that wool sales in the international market are almost at a standstill.

Next to speak were two elected members of the Executive Council

Leading the motion of thanks to the Governor on his address to Council, Mrs Norma Edwards thought that, until there is more certainty about their economic future, the Falklands should consider putting more into reserves and not have such an ambitious capital expenditure programme.

WOOL UNSALEABLE AT ANY PRICE

As one of the small farm owners, Mrs Edwards said, with some feeling, that the new farm subdivisions will be particularly hard hit by the depression in the wool market and they may well need all the help they can get.

Mr Bill Luxton reiterated Mrs Edwards' concern for the new farmers with large mortgages and committed to large expenditure. He said that wool is "unsaleable at the moment, at any price."



THE HON. W. R. (BILL) LUXTON
(photo: R. N. Spafford)

Among other issues Mr Luxton said that he believes that it is important to get away from the track concept with its association of fourwheel drive vehicles, de-bogging gear and winches, and that rural development depends on roads in the Falklands, as it does all over the world.

Councillor Terry Peck expressed his concern over the number of problems inherited from the previous Councillors mentioning the cost of the subsidy to the *Indiana 1* and the wind up of Stanley Fisheries.



THE HON. K. S. (KEVIN) KILMARTIN
(photo: R. N. Spafford)

200 MILE FISHING ZONE

Councillor Ron Binnie insisted that a 200 mile Fishing Zone, policed strongly and effectively, must be forthcoming. He revealed that the worldwide decline in the wool market has

LEGCO BUDGET SESSION (continued)



THE HON. H. T. (HAROLD) ROWLANDS CBE
(photo: R. N. Spafford)

irrevocably turned the fortunes of the Falkland Islands and the lifestyle of many who live in the Islands, referring to the Madrid II talks, he said "I do believe that the Islands should waste no opportunity to take part in international discussions to explain their attitude and to influence world opinion and this



THE ST. HELENIAN ACCOMMODATION INSIDE FIPASS
(photo: R. N. Spafford)

been caused by the inability of Russia and China to pay for their wool imports.

Councillor Kevin Kilmartin saw the need for the increased support of friends overseas by continuing the public relations programme. He was also concerned that "the St. Helenian contract workers are housed in thoroughly third world conditions", and that what was previously "done for six million pounds is now done with difficulty for nearly 25 million pounds."

Councillor Gerard Robson expressed concern that the Falkland Islanders must not let themselves be quietly nudged into any reliance on Argentina, as happened in the '70s. "Our links", he said, "with South America can just as easily rest with Chile and Uruguay, who certainly have no political aspirations in this area." He also felt that the Falkland Islands must try to become self sufficient in terms of manpower expertise at all levels and therefore commitment to education and training must be a priority.

Councillor Harold Rowlands said that quite strong representations had been made for the continuation of the Falkland Islands Development Corporation, but it must be streamlined in terms of staff and its amount of cash should be limited.

ST HELENIANS' ACCOMMODATION

Councillor Gavin Short supported Kevin Kilmartin's remarks about the St Helenians' accommodation and has been saying for ages that it is totally unacceptable.

The Chief Executive, Mr Ronald Sampson, in his speech, revealed that ten of the sixteen Government Departments are already headed by Falkland Islanders and that training in the Falklands and abroad has never had a higher priority and that should continue. He also said that "it is vital that this geographically isolated country looks outward."

The speech by the Commander British Forces, Major General Paul Stevenson, was interesting in that it almost echoed our Editorial in the last issue of Falkland Islands Newsletter. After saying that the events of 1982 have

may mean confronting Argentines directly at such meetings."

THE BUDGET

In compiling his budget proposals the Financial Secretary, The Honourable John Buckland-James, said that this year it could be approached without the dark spectre of the withdrawal of Stanley Fisheries, but that the depressed wool prices were a strain even on the established farmer. Also there is a disturbing trend in the Illex stock which is now the Colony's main earner allied to a depressed international market price for squid.

However, among the proposals passed all pensions were raised (old aged pensions in line with inflation) as were child and single parent allowances from 1st. January, 1991.

Excise Duty was raised by 7% across the board and some examples of the increase are 1p. per litre on beer, 2p. per bottle of wine, and 3p. on a packet of 20 cigarettes.

Vehicle licences will be increased by 33 1/3% from 1st January, which will set the tax at £20 per annum for light vehicles, £32 per year for heavy vehicles and £8 per year for motorcycles.

Government housing rents will rise by 10%.

Councillors allowances have been amended to include payment for visits overseas to attend conferences at £50 per day.

CLOSING ADDRESSES

Councillors described it as a "good" and a "finely balanced" budget, and in their final speeches almost every Councillor pressed the need to extend the Fishing Zone to 200 miles

Insistence by the Councillors over the desire to extend the Fishing Zone clearly won the day for in his closing address The Governor said, "Finally, Honourable Members, I will represent your concern over the issue of the 200 mile zone as requested."

THE PEACE WHICH PASSETH ALL UNDERSTANDING

by Simon Arthur

"We will put an end to violence by consensus instead of confrontation. We will get round a table to negotiate a political, not a military solution, with the consent of all interested parties. The British Army will be withdrawn, on assurances from both the IRA and the Protestant paramilitaries that, since there is no longer any purpose in violence, they will disband their forces". So spoke Neil Kinnock recently describing a future Labour Government's policy for the solution of the Northern Ireland conflict.

What an easy task it must be to solve the world's problems. Everyone will suddenly agree, and live happily ever after. It's surprising really that no one thought of it before.

LABOUR'S SOLUTION

But the world is more complicated than this, and not everywhere is as lucky as Northern Ireland. For Gibraltar and the Falklands, Labour's opposition foreign policy has consistently undermined the Government's efforts to respect the populations' wishes - and so encouraged both Spain and Argentina in their demands. For Gibraltar, where the Callaghan Government promised continued support, Labour's 'solution' is now just to be a sell out. No question of mutual agreement, or any nonsense about the wishes of the people, nor even of saving the costs of a garrison - there isn't one now. Spanish pride is simply more important than the Treaty of Utrecht, or the rights of the Gibraltarians.

ARGENTINE AMBITIONS

Now Labour wants to negotiate the future of the Falklands, where there is no negotiable solution. Argentine ambitions are such that nothing short of complete control of the Islands will do now. So any agreement that falls short of this would just be a stepping stone to more demands. Nor is there a stable democracy or economy in Argentina. Quite the contrary, both hang by a thread. But, most important of all, no one in Argentina expects to have to keep whatever terms might be agreed, as there is no way Britain could enforce these without a garrison in the Islands.

If you talk to people in Argentina, as I have, you will find that a negotiated settlement means a complete hand-over - with

few guarantees for the treatment of the Islanders. But, if you talk to people about such guarantees, you will find that not even Argentines believe they would be kept. Quite appalling lies were told by Argentina during the '82 War. So why not a few more now, if that is what is required to get control of the Falklands? After all 'Paris was worth a Mass'.

ARGENTINE HUMILIATION

Nor is there any good will towards the Falkland Islanders. It was for their sake that Argentina suffered appalling humiliations in 1982 and there has been a campaign of denigration against them ever since. The term *Kelper* is always used contemptuously there. Kelpers are always portrayed as primitive. That is how the Argentines rationalise the idea that they have to have their interests decided for them - by a hostile Argentina. Not surprisingly, while many Argentines see their own interests best served by leaving Argentina, Falkland Islanders' interests always coincide with whatever Argentina wants. This is how Argentine politicians, like Domingo Cavallo just recently, can claim that they would fight for the interests of the Falklanders. This was the formula for negating the Islanders' wishes before 1982 when *Operation Goa*, which included their deportation, was what was actually being planned.

ARGENTINE HONOUR

In fact offers of guarantees are just a device to placate a naive Britain. To the extremists in Argentina, not keeping the terms would be almost a point of honour, but to the man in the street it's not that sophisticated. No political promises are kept in Argentina and guarantees for Falkland Islanders would be just the same as any other promise. Even constitutional guarantees are like this. The guarantee of property was simply ignored in January 1990 to allow what amounted to the seizure of all bank deposit accounts - the *Bonex 89* swindle.

What it all means is that with a garrison in the Falklands there doesn't need to be an agreement with Argentina, but with an agreement the terms won't be kept without a garrison.

Think about it.

CHRISTMAS CARDS: ORDER EARLY FOR CHRISTMAS

The Association is fortunate enough to have a supply of Steve Whitley's greetings cards which make excellent Christmas cards. They are as follows:

Christchurch Cathedral Stanley in winter, Winter scene Pebble Island, Gentoo & King Penguins Volunteer Point, Bull Elephant Seal Sea lion Island, all at 52p. each.

Settlement & Harbour Port Howard, Sunset Stanley Harbour, Jackass & Gentoo Penguins Pebble Island, King

Penguins Volunteer Point, Rockhopper Penguins Pebble Island, Christchurch Cathedral, The *Plym* and *Lady Elizabeth* Starley Harbour, Corriedale sheep, all at 35p. each.

We also have a limited supply of the Camp Education Christmas cards, designed by Camp children to raise money for Camp Education.

These retail in packs of six for £2, postage extra.

THE FALKLAND ISLANDS IN THE 1990s

An Association Seminar at Cambridge Friday 12 - Sunday 14 April, 1991

We are holding a Weekend Seminar from the evening of Friday 12th to midday Sunday 14th April, 1991, at the **Scott Polar Research Institute, Cambridge**, by kind permission of the Director, Dr Peter Wadhams, with accommodation at nearby **Wolfson Court, Clerkson Road**.

EXPERTS ON VITAL SUBJECTS

Harold Briley, the well-known broadcaster on the Falkland Islands, will set the ball rolling at Wolfson Court after dinner on Friday evening. The programme for Saturday and Sunday, in the lecture hall at the Scott Polar Research Institute, will include important subjects vitally affecting the Falkland Islands when experts will talk and lead discussion on

- **Deep-sea Fishing,**
- **Offshore Oil and Natural Gas and**
- **Other topics of great interest.**

The weekend will include an informal **Buffet Lunch** at the Scott Polar Research Centre and a more formal **Dinner** at Wolfson Court on the Saturday when a distinguished guest will speak after the meal.

Up to date colour slides and a Video will also be shown

ACCOMMODATION AND COST

Accommodation at Wolfson Court is in good standard

single student rooms. It is regretted that no double rooms are available and those requiring alternative high quality accommodation are recommended to make a booking with The Garden House Hotel, Granta Place, Mill Lane, Cambridge CB2 1RT (single room £85, double £105 per night, VAT incl.).

The all-in cost of the weekend is £89 per head, including conference fee, two nights dinner, bed and breakfast at Wolfson Court, Buffet Lunch and the Formal Dinner charge. For those wishing to make their own accommodation arrangements a conference fee of £15, which includes the Buffet Lunch on the Saturday, will be required and the cost of the Formal Dinner will be £25.

There will be a casual lecture fee of £12 and students may attend the Seminar on a non-residential basis without the Buffet Lunch for a charge of £5.

BOOK YOUR PLACE EARLY

The last Seminar we held at Cambridge ten years ago had a profound affect on the development of the Falkland Islands and its benefits are still being enjoyed in the Falklands today. We invite you to attend the Seminar for the 1990s and join in these influential discussions.

To avoid disappointment, reserve your place at this exciting Weekend Seminar early.

Send in the enclosed proforma with your conference fee of £15 now.

FALKLANDS FISHING DELEGATION VISIT TOKYO

Following serious concern in the Falklands about the overfishing of *Illex* squid, a Falkland Islands Government delegation went to Tokyo during the first week in August.



Left to right: DIRECTOR OF FISHERIES JOHN BARTON, CHIEF EXECUTIVE RONALD SAMPSON, LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLOR RON BINNIE

(photo: R. N. Spafford)

The mission of the delegation, consisting of the Falkland Islands Chief Executive, Ronnie Sampson, Legislative Councillor Ron. Binnie and the Director of Fisheries, John

Barton, was to urge the case for voluntary restraint by the Japanese, South Korean and Taiwanese Fishing fleets.

SUCCESSFUL

In this they were successful and they were also able to win the support of the Japanese, South Korean and Taiwanese Fishing associations for an extension of the Falklands Conservation Zone to 200 miles, which would help everyone in the long term. Chief Executive Ronald Sampson said, "Our case for, further voluntary restraint was well received in Tokyo, but we still need an extension of the FICZ to 200 miles, to which the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea entitles us, to ensure that squid stocks can be preserved."

GOVERNMENT PRESSURE FOR 200 MILE ZONE

All three members of the delegation agreed that they saw the extension of the Fishing Zone to 200 miles as the most important factor in conserving *Illex* stocks for long term fishing around the Falklands and said that the Falkland Islands Government would bring the maximum pressure that it could on the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, which is responsible for the Islands' foreign affairs and defence, to extend the zone to 200 miles.

Falkland Islands Development Corporation

Development Update

EUROPEAN GRANTS FOR AGRICULTURE

Negotiations have recently been concluded between FIDC, the Overseas Development Administration (ODA) and the European Development Fund (EDF) for funding the agricultural grants scheme in the Falklands.

The EDF is that part of the EEC which is responsible for development grants. The Falklands have been allocated ECU 1,557,000 (equivalent to £1.157 million at the current rate of exchange) towards funding of the existing grant scheme; the money will be available for the purchase of goods from European sources over the next four years. The balance of monies for the grant scheme is to be provided by the ODA from monies already allocated to FIDC. This is the first time that ODA will have contributed to the grant scheme direct.

The grant scheme is an invaluable re-investment vehicle for farms and is proving to be very successful.

FIDC BUDGET 1990/91

The FIDC Budget 90/91 which is now available from the Corporation (£3 per copy) anticipates expenditure in the following year of £1.835 million as follows:

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• Agriculture	650,000 (including 500,000 Ag. Grants)
• Industry	285,000
• Tourism	250,000
• Fisheries	90,000
• Training	150,000
• Professional Services	100,000
• Administration	<u>310,000</u>
	1,835,000

This budget recognises the need to maintain expenditure to assist the development of a healthy private sector in the Falkland Islands, and to seek value for money in all investments. It shows a reduction of 13% in projected expenditure in comparison with the budget for the 1989/90 period and an increase of 14% in projected expenditure over the revised estimated expenditure for 1989/90. The Budget allows limited capacity for investment in large projects, which would normally only be considered in conjunction with substantial outside investment.

The future role and funding of the Corporation through 1992 (when ODA funding ends) and beyond is to be considered by Executive Council in August. This will be the first major watershed for the Corporation and for Government development policy in the Falklands since 1983.

Falkland Islands Development Corporation

Development Update

NEW TOURIST LODGE AT BLUE BEACH

A new tourist lodge is to be established at Blue Beach, San Carlos, the site of the British landing during the 1982 conflict.

The owners William and Lynda Anderson feel that the location of the lodge will attract many potential tourists; apart from the obvious interest of those wishing to visit one of the Islands' major battlefield sites, there are excellent fishing grounds in the area. The development of a separate fishing 'camp' on the San Carlos River is planned.

William Anderson, a 4th generation Falkland Islander, and his Mancunian wife, Lynda, returned to the Islands last year, and on visiting relatives at San Carlos saw the potential of the area for the establishment of the lodge. The building to be used is the double bungalow in the old San Carlos settlement which has been unoccupied since the sub-division in 1984. With financial assistance from FIDC, and the co-operation of Robin and Mandy Goodwin of Greenfield Farm, from whom they have purchased the house and obtained permission to fish the San Carlos River, their idea will be realised.

It is planned that the Blue Beach Lodge will be in operation for the next tourist season, and is a welcome addition to take the pressure off the existing fishing facilities.

ALPHA HOMES LTD

Alpha Homes Limited is a new company jointly owned by Mr and Mrs Bill Davies and FIDC.

The company intends to import timber and other materials to manufacture kit houses which are specially designed for Falklands conditions and requirements. The Company believes that a ready supply of flexible design kit houses on site in the Islands at competitive prices, will attract many potential customers who currently have to wait several months for kits to arrive from other parts of the world.

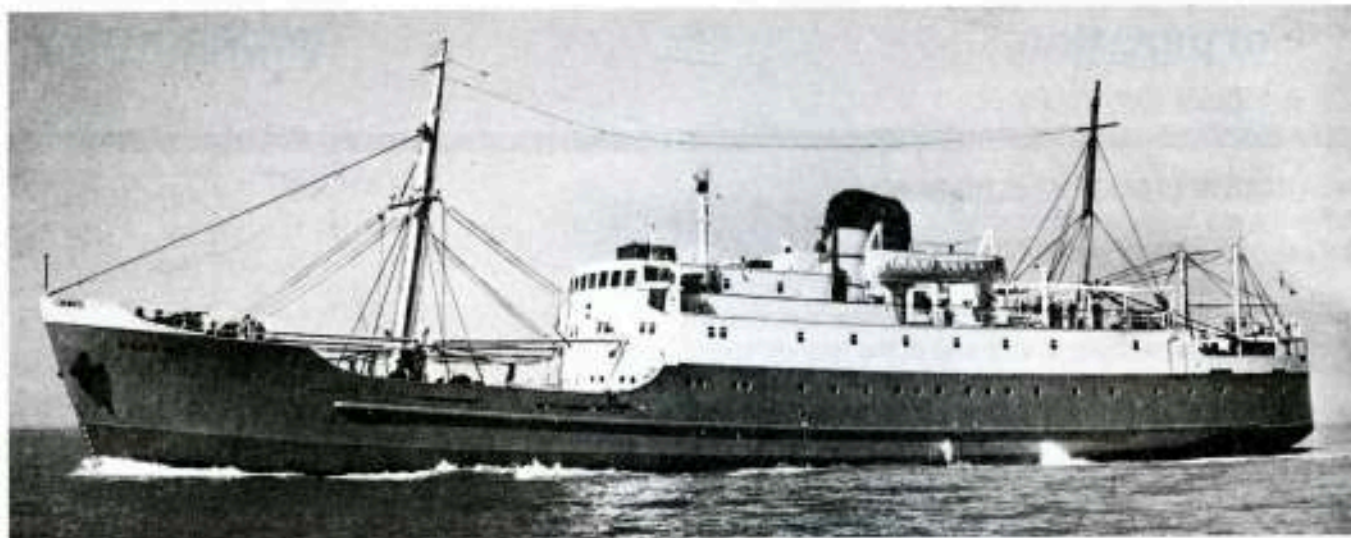
Alpha has already completed full designs of single, two, three and four bedroom houses and hopes to be in production in the near future. The manufacturing system is also suitable for other prefabricated buildings, and panels can be utilized in any single storey construction.

Bill Davies is a qualified craftsman from Liverpool, who first came to the Falklands in 1984. He joined the Public Works Department in 1985 as a senior carpenter and subsequently was joined in the Falklands by his wife, Lin, a professional hairdresser. He was promoted to Clerk of Works in the PWD in 1986 and, on completion of his contract, set up CD Building Services with Martin Cant, who since 1988 have traded successfully as jobbing builders.

Housing shortage in the Falklands has been a curb on development for several years. The availability of good quality houses built to local designs and requirements, together with the Government's initiative to provide serviced plots, should, at last begin to alleviate this problem.

REMEMBER THE DARWIN!

by Charles R. Wood FRGS



THE 1793 GRT R.M.S. DARWIN
(photo: Shipbuilding and Shipping Record)

The voyage began in Montevideo, Uruguay, the only point from which a sea passage to the Falklands was possible, and the sole route to the Falkland Islands, as there was then no air link. Passengers from H.E. The Governor to the newly contracted wool boy were required to run the gauntlet of the voyage, described on the ticket as lasting "from five to seven days"; life was a worry to the uninsured!

DECK CHAIRS AND AFTERNOON TEA

On first acquaintance, the ship was reassuring to the uninitiated. This small, stubby little vessel had a well scrubbed look, enhanced by the brightly coloured paintwork, like an illustration from a child's colouring book: four square and straight lines. This belied her vital role as the only link between the Falklands and the outside world. Everything about the ship was in contrast to the dusty vino Spanish atmosphere of Montevideo: afternoon tea on board consisted of great chunks of bread, butter and jam, there were deck chairs and books, the port holes were covered by chintzy curtains and the crew wore blue Guernsey sweaters and



PASSENGERS CHATTING ON DECK
(photo: The Author)

wellingtons. Polished brass clocks and pipes glinted at you, contrasting with the mahogany panelling. The only indication that we were not about to engage in a voyage round Britain was the excellent South American coffee.

WHITE FACED PASSENGERS

People in tweeds wandered the deck, probing the limits of their temporary home, leaning on the rail to see the city of Montevideo slip astern, as the little vessel ploughed out into the River Plate.

An ever increasing motion led to the first white-faced passengers heading below to use what I had assumed were ash trays with cardboard linings for their correct purpose! As the voyage progressed, this little community spent many hours in

R.M.S. Darwin

The 1793 GRT R.M.S. *Darwin* was purpose built for the Falkland Islands Company by the Goole Ship Building & Repair Company of Goole, Yorkshire. Launched on 18th February, 1957, the *Darwin*, with a service speed of 19 knots and accommodation for 36 passengers, was built with special holds for carrying drummed and bulk oil as well as normal cargo. She was the regular link between the Falklands and Montevideo, Uruguay, making the passage monthly, but she also provided an inter-islands service, collecting the wool clip, delivering stores and transporting Islanders around Camp to visit their friends and relatives.

In the 1970s the *Darwin* was becoming increasingly less economic to run and after the declaration of Buenos Aires on 1st July, 1971, by which Argentina provided a weekly air service between Stanley and Comodoro Rivadavia, the *Darwin* was withdrawn in 1972.

In 1973 she was sold to a Greek company and renamed the *Christos K.* She ended her days in 1983 in Bermuda as the *Dania*, when because of non-payment of dues she was towed out to sea and scuttled.

REMEMBER THE DARWIN (continued)



A CORNER OF THE PASSENGER LOUNGE
(photo: Shipbuilding and Shipping Record)

the snug wood panelled saloon, playing cards, chatting and getting to know each other. Newcomers would learn a lot about the islands or the price of wool; others retired to their bunks for the duration of the journey.

Gradually, as the *Darwin* headed further south, the air chilled noticeably and the sea exchanged its blue coat for one of grey. Anorak clad passengers could be seen on deck and the portholes clammed shut. We were conscious of bigger seas too, as the little vessel butted into the waves, shaking her bow as she lifted, throwing spray the length of the ship. Upon the bridge the mate muttered "Our Father" as the *Darwin* plunged into each successive wave, heading further south towards Antarctic waters. The grey cream-topped waves rolled towards the ship like an army bent on destruction. The whole vessel would shudder on impact, the propeller thrashing wildly, causing mad vibration throughout the ship. The horizon was blurred and misty, a lone albatross flew expertly a few feet above the water, dipping into troughs and skimming the heights. The smell of salt on the damp air pervaded the atmosphere; we felt as if this man built vessel was born out here, on the wastes of the Southern Ocean. Passengers clung to the ship's rails, eyes screwed up against the spray, staring out at this picture of desolation. The ship's cook, fed up with the lack of custom, provided sandwiches and coffee in place of soup and main course. We all had one object in view: to see the Falklands as soon as possible.

PORT STANLEY

Just when the voyage seemed a permanent part of life, homeward bound passengers appeared restive, a sense of expectancy ran through the ship, and later on, "old hands" would be seen pointing to a thin dark line on the horizon, hardly discernible to the unpracticed eye in the vastness of the ocean.

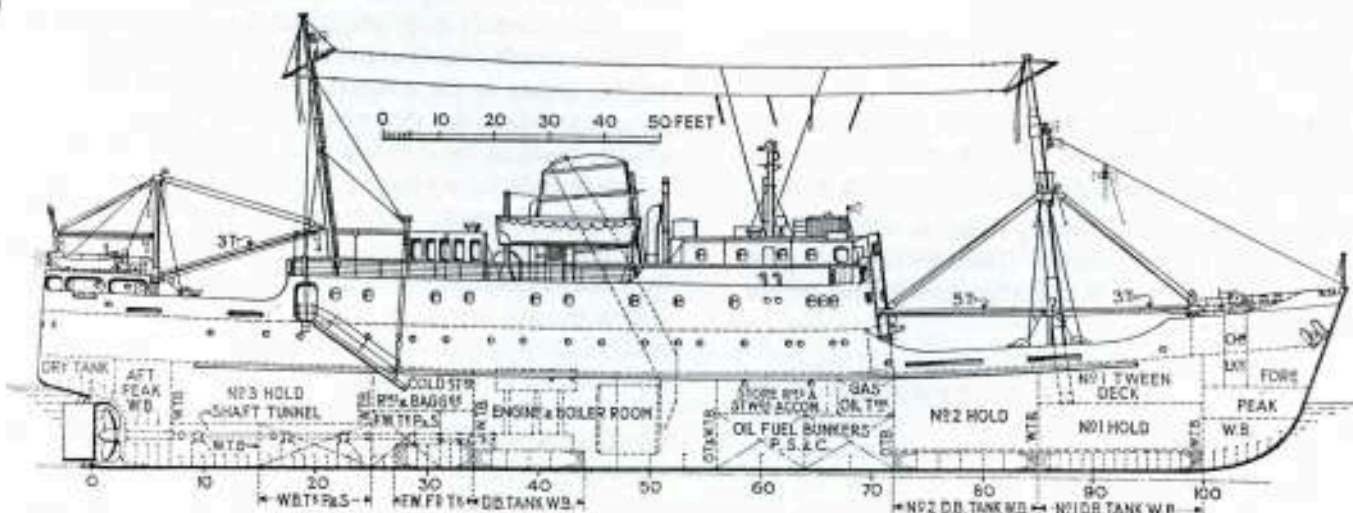


THE AUTHOR ON BOARD, AT PORT STANLEY DEC 1964
(photo: The Author)

Then someone else pointed to little torpedo like objects diving in and out of the sea. "Look, penwigs*!" We were nearly there. Gradually the Islands took shape, and the sight of the green 'heather-clad' hills, washed by the sea, surrounded the ship as she headed into harbour. Suddenly Stanley was laid out ahead of us, white houses with red roofs, the jetty and the cathedral against the backdrop of the Camp. The air was fresh and pure, caressing and polishing our faces, until our skin glowed with the shock. As we got closer to town, the tangy smell of peat smoke would tease the nostrils and perplex the newcomers.

Soon everyone would file through Customs in the ship's lounge, each returning Islander greeted by the Customs Officer. I, the new boy, was asked rather incongruously if I had any weapons; at a negative response I received a broad smile and the greeting: "Welcome to the Falklands".

*Local pronunciation



CONTROLLING THE DOUGHNUT

by Andrew How

On 16th May, Dr Woodcock, Conservative MP for Ellesmere Port & Neston, asked the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, the Honourable Tim Sainsbury, if he would estimate the depletion of the *Illex* stock around the Falklands as a direct result of not applying the 200 mile limit. The reply came that "Recent scientific advice indicates that if the Falkland Islands Interim Conservation & Management Zone (FICZ) was extended to 200 miles, escapement could be expected to increase by less than 5%, and that effective conservation of the stock requires multilateral efforts to control fishing well beyond 200 miles."

The casual observer of Falklands affairs might read from this that 5% is a pretty trifling amount and, therefore, the zone is of little consequence as a conservation tool. Our casual observer might be surprised, therefore, to learn that this 'trifling 5%' represents an increase in escapement* of over 50% from that achieved without the extension. Is that so insignificant?

WHEN WILL THE TIGHTROPE GIVE?

The publication of a report prepared for the Falkland Islands Government, *The Illex Squid Fishery in the Southwest Atlantic* by the Renewable Resources Assessment Group of Imperial College London, summarizes the present state of knowledge up to the beginning of the 1990 season, and quantifies statistically the implications of the various management options facing the Falkland Islands Government and the British Government, which has, as the 'Coastal State', responsibility for matters beyond 12 miles.

Key conclusions of the report are:

In 1988 and 1989, as a result of fishing in the FICZ the escapement was 42% and 34% respectively. However, as a result of uncontrolled fishing in international waters, and by the Soviets in Argentine waters, the escapement was reduced to about 9% in both years. A continuation of this level means that, while successful recruitment can occur, the chances of a failure is high and increases every year that escapement remains low.

One is walking an ever fraying tightrope. It has to give sometime. The question is when?

ALTERNATIVES

The Management alternatives discussed are:

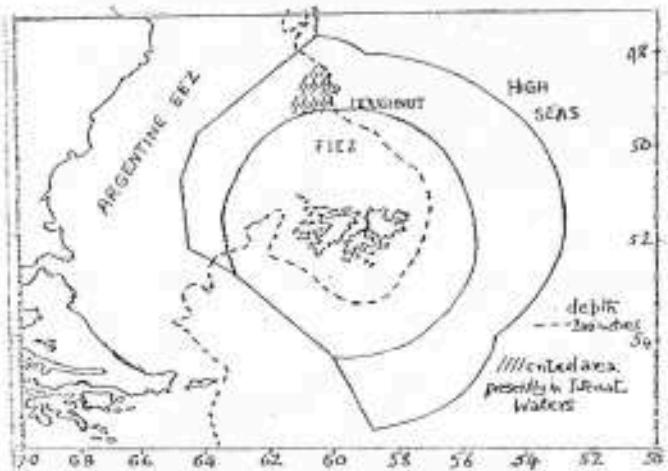
- Reducing the length of the season.
- Reducing the number of vessels licensed to fish the FICZ
- Extending the management zone to 200 miles and controlling the 'doughnut' (the term given for the area between the FICZ and the proposed 200 mile limit)
- Lastly, a policy of Voluntary Restraint where fishing interests, by agreement, limit their fishing in international waters, in exchange for a license to fish the managed waters.

All with the exception of the management of the 'doughnut' are ingredients of the present policy pursued.

The season has now been shortened to a point that some owners have elected not to bother with a licence at all, but take their chance in international waters. This has the unfortunate

consequence of precluding them from restraint agreement. Statistically the report confirms that further shortening would only have an effect on 1 or 2% anyway.

The implications of closing areas are more complex, as any conclusion depends on what one believes the displaced vessel will do. At present the report assumes correctly that vessels displaced from the existing FICZ will be able to make a living fishing outside. Closing the whole zone, creating the 'First National Park for *Illex*', would only guarantee an escapement of 15%. In other words, such altruism apart from ruining the economy of the Islands would not safeguard the *Illex*.



AN ESSENTIAL STEPPING STONE

Much more difficult to judge are the implications commercially on the vessels that would be excluded from Falkland Islands Government control if the zone was extended and the 'doughnut'*** managed.

The Minister's reply is based on the assumption that the displaced vessels would continue to fish in international waters without access to the enlarged area. However, there are grounds to believe that the extension of the 'doughnut' would actually result in the withdrawal of a significant number of vessels from the fishery for all or part of the season. This would have an impact way beyond the 5% indicated in the report.

A knowledge of the economics of the fleets concerned indicates that the catch rates to be experienced on the nearest fishing grounds in international waters, some 50 miles to the north of the proposed new limits, will be uneconomic during the months of March to May. For this period, the vessels so displaced will have a choice of fishing on a different stock further north or will be forced to withdraw from the region altogether. That, of course, is the objective: to make any fishing dependent on international waters uneconomic so that

CONTROLLING THE DOUGHNUT (continued)

commercial success becomes dependent on gaining access to managed waters for part of the season - in this case the waters of either Argentina or the Falklands.

The reality is that, because of the geographical path of the Illex annual migration, the best hope for the proper management and conservation of the species is the elimination of uncontrolled fishing in international waters, and the co-ordination of management policies by the two countries.

The inclusion of the 'doughnut' within the management area of the Falklands is an essential stepping stone that cannot be delayed.

STRENGTHENING THE FALKLANDS POSITION

If the extension of the zone can make commercial fishing in the region dependent on access, the present weakness of the Falkland Islands Government's position in negotiating restraint agreements for fishing in international waters can be largely overcome.

As the Minister said, "effective conservation of the stock requires multilateral efforts to control fishing well beyond 200 miles." The principal criticism of present policy is that restraint agreements based on the FICZ will never give the Falkland Islands Government sufficient negotiating strength, whereas, those based on the 200 mile regime would dramatically shift the balance of power between the parties concerned in favour of the Falkland Islands Government.

It was hoped, according to the Renewable Resources Assessment Group's report, to achieve an escapement of around 23% by way of Restraint Agreements made before the 1990 season. In reality this was optimistic, and one of the reasons for the early closure of the last season on May 15th

instead of May 31st. The problem with the agreements has always been both finding organisations with which to negotiate and enforcement.

The major effort on Illex is by the jigging fleets of Japan, Korea and Taiwan. The majority are made up of vessels owned by small family companies of no more than two to four vessels. Where organisations have developed to represent them, it has originally been to provide services such as bunkers and reefers in far away places, and then increasingly to negotiate access to foreign controlled grounds. Measures, such as the reduction of licenses and shortening the season, in effect reduce the power of the very same organisations with whom the Falkland Islands Government must negotiate restraint agreements. It is a vicious circle that can only be broken by strengthening the hand of the Falkland Islands Government and also the representative organisations, which is where we return to the significance of the 'doughnut'.

THE NEED FOR ACTION

Lastly the behaviour of the squid itself during the 1990 season will, according to initial pronouncements from Falkland Islands Government, indicate that the management of the 'doughnut' would have played a far greater role than previously thought.

If the Minister is asked the same question this autumn, it is likely that, because of the geographic distribution of the Illex this season, his answer will show that the importance of the 'doughnut' to annual escapement is of far greater significance than hitherto believed.

One hopes this scientific data will finally convince the British Government of the need to act.

Notes

* Since the life cycle of the squid is approximately one year, sufficient squid have to be allowed to escape each year to permit adequate reproduction for the following year's fishing. This 'escapement' is a carefully calculated quantity of uncaught squid, vital to the permanent conservation of the stock.

** 'Doughnut' is the term used in Falklands' fishing parlance for the area of sea between the periphery of the 150mile FICZ and the desired 200 mile limit. - Ed.

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NEW MINISTER APPOINTED

Mr Tristan Garel-Jones MP was appointed Minister of State at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office at the end of July and is the new Minister responsible for the Falkland Islands.

The Hon. Timothy Sainsbury, the previous Minister, has been promoted from Under Secretary of State to be Minister of State at the Department of Trade and Industry.

Meeting Councillors

On 21st June, members of the Joint Executive Committee had a most useful meeting with the Hon. Mr W. R. Luxton, who is member of Executive Council and a Legislative Councillor representing Camp, the Hon. Mr Kevin Kilmartin, a Legislative Councillor also representing Camp, and the Hon. Mr Harold Rowlands, a Legislative Councillor representing Stanley.

Such meetings are extremely valuable to keep us in touch with current thought and development in the Falklands

Lord Kaberry Injured at Carlton Club Bombing

Members will be sorry to hear that one of our keen supporters, Lord Kaberry of Adel, was injured in the IRA bombing of the Carlton Club, London in July and has spent some weeks in hospital.

In response to our letter of good wishes for his speedy recovery, Lord Kaberry wrote asking us to thank all members for their good wishes and that he has been assured that he will recover well, and should be as good as new in due course.

DESPROLIJIDAD

by Simon Arthur

Don't bother to look the word up in your Spanish dictionary. It won't be there. It's an uniquely Argentine word for a problem that's particularly severe there. It means a failure to account for something properly. It's an euphemism for corruption. There were two examples while I was in Argentina earlier this year.

PAYMENTS FOR THE VERY POOR

First there was the *Bonos Solidarios* scandal in February. There aren't any unemployment benefits or social security payments in Argentina. So in times of great hardship special payments are made to the very poor. Called *Bonos Solidarios*, they are usually worth about \$10 each and are usually given to town mayors, who are in the best position to know who needs them.

In February, with the sacking of the food shops in Rosario, there was a distribution, but this time, and to everyone's amazement, they didn't just go to town mayors but to the senators and deputies of the Peronist party, the army General Staff and the prison service as well!

This was too much, even some Peronists complained. Eduardo Bauza, the Minister of health and social action was severely criticised. According to him, it was done to get the *Bonos* to the needy quickly, circumventing all the red tape! But this wasn't accepted and a scape-goat had to be found. It turned out that it was all the fault of Rubén Cardozo, Bauza's secretary. He had almost certainly not benefited personally, and may well have been acting under instructions, but he still carried the can bravely.

His resignation saved the Menem administration the need for another resignation too; one that would have followed too soon after that of Defence Minister Italo Luder. He had resigned just a few weeks earlier because he was not invited to dinner when Menem and the late General Caceres, then head of the army general staff, discussed the use of the army to maintain order in the streets! But Rubén Cardozo didn't go quietly; In an emotional resignation letter he commented that at least he had never abused the *viaticos*, or travelling expenses. That must have made some deputies squirm, for doing that is another favourite Argentine fraud. It was topical too - Dante Caputo and his team were being arraigned for this at that time.

No one found out what happened to the *Bonos*, but some were distributed by the unions in Buenos Aires later that month.

All Argentine trade unions are Peronist, so it's just bad luck if you are poor and not a Peronist.

PHANTOM EMPLOYEES

Next there was the collapse of the Banco Hipotecario, which was one of Argentina's oldest banks. In March Carlos Menem announced that it and another state owned bank in difficulties would be allowed to fold. But it was left to the press to reveal why: according to the Argentine newspaper *Clarín* there were some three hundred and fifty *ñoquis* on the payroll - at an average of a million Australs a month each!

Ñoquis are another Argentine tradition: they are phantom employees who just show up to collect their salaries - in exchange for influence. In the past they did this on the 29th of the month. They got their name from the cheap pasta that is traditionally eaten then, sometimes with a coin under the plate for good luck. During the *proceso*, the military government, *ñoquis* were usually officers but, under Alfonsín, some were radicals and sometimes the corrupt young turks behind the Alfonsín throne. Whoever they were their effect was always the same: they drained the lifeblood out of a company.

Banco Hipotecario had another problem, according to *Clarín*. There were no economists on the payroll, but there were a hundred and fifty lawyers. These did various tasks but they didn't sue any of the bank's many solvent debtors. Everyone in Argentina knows why this was: most of these people got their loans just by paying off the bank officials concerned. Argentine friends tell me that the going rate for this during the last year of the Alfonsín administration was 25% of the loan.

There has been some improvement lately though. At least *ENTEL* doesn't disconnect people's telephones any more while they are on holiday. This had been a problem for years in Argentina as it was the only source of new phone lines. This allowed anyone with a thousand dollars to spare for bribes to get a phone connected - there was no other way. This is stopping now, not because *ENTEL* is being privatised, but because there are free lines at last: people who can barely afford food have ignored their phone bills and are being disconnected. No one has a thousand dollars to spare for bribes these days either.

BATTLE DAY

We shall commemorate Battle Day with a wreath laying ceremony at the Cenotaph in Whitehall, London, on the morning of Saturday 8th December, the seventy-sixth anniversary of the Battle of the Falkland Islands, at 11 a.m.

All members of the Association, the Falkland Islands Committee, Falkland Islanders, their friends and supporters

and are invited and encouraged to attend. Those wishing to do so should assemble at the Whitehall end of King Charles Street, London SW1 from 10.30 a.m.

The Association's Annual General Meeting will take place after the wreath laying ceremony, followed by a buffet luncheon, as notified on the back page and the booking form.

VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED

Our office has to be painted by November on orders of the Landlord. Will anyone volunteer, please?

Materials provided.

IMPRESSIONS OF LINCOLN'S INN

by Richard Coombs

The Great Hall at Lincoln's Inn is a marvellous venue: a high beamed, oak panelled cavern of a place, covered in oil paintings of successful members of the Inn and dating back one hundred years. There really is a feeling of history from a room like that - possibly a strange mix of beeswax, cigar smoke and a sense of occasion. Such atmosphere adds to any event.

To get to this event for me meant an early morning start from Rhyl - this time travelling by coach. Having arrived in London, washed and changed, I found a taxi to take me from the hotel to Lincoln's Inn, but as that part of Westminster is honeycombed with back alleys, it took the driver fifteen minutes to find the right entrance. Then at the entrance the queue trailed down the steps and around the corner.

OVERWHELMED

A great surprise was being formally announced by a man in a red coat to the Falkland Islands Government Representative, Lewis Clifton. Being my second time at a Falkland Islands Association event, I felt less of a sore thumb, but the sense of occasion overwhelmed me so that for the first ten minutes I stood, sausage roll and red wine in hand, probably looking bemused. Eventually I met some interesting people: Brian Paul and Annabelle Spencer, who run the Tourist Shop in Wells, a gentleman from Cape Town with a deep love for the Islands and I also re-encountered the Rev. Peter Millam. The greatest shock came when I said "hello" to another guest: I realised that I knew his face, but could not place his name, until I heard someone ask him a question and call him Sir Rex.

SPEECHES, A PRESENTATION THEN THE BAND

During the speeches I was intrigued to hear that Lewis Clifton was retiring from his position to 'become a student': well, study for a career useful to the future development of the Islands and passing on the baton to Sukey Cameron - women's equality rules in the Falklands!



FALKLAND ISLANDER JOHN CHEEK (left) TALKING TO EX-GOVERNOR SIR COSMO HASKARD AT THE LINCOLN'S INN RECEPTION

(photo: R. N. Spafford)

After the speeches Major Ronnie Spafford, Chairman of the Falkland Islands Association, presented the Rt. Hon. Sir Robert Megarry PC, one time Treasurer of Lincoln's Inn, with a beautiful and rare John Tallis map of the Falklands. After all Lincoln's Inn have been good enough over the past years to let us use their magnificent Great Hall and it is fitting that we should show our appreciation.

It was then on to the balcony to listen to the band of the Royal Air Force beat retreat - a most enjoyable experience, though I wish some people had not insisted on talking the whole time, even during the National Anthem.

I really do urge any member who has not yet attended one of the Association's occasions, whether it is on Battle Day in December or the June Reception at Lincoln's Inn, to make the effort.

You will find it well worth while.

SOUTH GEORGIA FISHING

A Start on Conservation

For over two years we have been urging some positive action to stop the Russians harvesting the fish round South Georgia to destruction. Indeed some stocks have been seriously depleted almost to the point of extinction. We have urged that a total ban on all fishing round the island be declared for several years to allow the remaining stocks to recover.

Now at last a start is being made. In June the Foreign and Commonwealth Office reported that at last year's meeting of the Convention for the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources (CCAMLR) Britain, with wide support, but without success, sought the closure of the fishery, so that higher sustainable yields could be achieved in the future.

While Britain is to continue to press the CCAMLR for effective action, the first steps towards conservation have now been taken.

TRANSHIPMENT REGIME

With effect from 11th June the Government of South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands introduced a transshipment regime applying to the 12 mile territorial limit. All transshipment of fish must take place in Cumberland Bay and detailed information on tonnages, by species, are to be declared.

All vessels will be charged £1000 for each transshipment. It is intended, in due course, to employ a civilian Harbour Master to collect dues and inspect catches but, in the meantime, these functions will be carried out by the officer commanding the South Georgia garrison.

£1,000 per transshipment is a nominal sum, but the measure will assist in monitoring compliance with regulations, such as total catch levels agreed by CCAMLR, and the resulting data will be passed to CCAMLR.

TWO LABOUR PARTY SUPPORTERS

Members of the Joint Executive Committee had a very pleasant meeting and valuable discussion with Mr Tom Cox MP and Mr Allen McKay MP in June. Both Labour Party Members of Parliament have visited the Falkland Islands recently (Mr McKay for the second time) and support the Islanders' right to self-determination. Mr Cox, who is Member for Tooting, will be visiting Argentina with the Inter-Parliamentary Union in October. Mr McKay, who is the Member for Barnsley & Pennistone, fell in love with the Falklands on his first visit a few years ago.

NEW COMMANDER BRITISH FORCES FALKLAND ISLANDS

Major General Malcolm Hunt OBE, another Royal Marine, has been named as the new Commander British Forces Falkland Islands and was reported as due to take over from Major General Paul Stevenson on 23rd August.

We hope to be able to report more fully on Major General Hunt, with a photo, in the next issue of Falkland Islands Newsletter.

Sir Gordon Jewkes KCMG. The previous Governor of the Falkland Islands, Gordon Jewkes, was awarded a knighthood in Her Majesty The Queen's Birthday Honours.. He is presently Director General of Trade & Investment and Consul General in New York

ISLANDS CONSTRUCTION LTD

Following our meeting with Mr Stuart Mosey (reported in *Falkland Islands Newsletter* No 43, June 1990) the Falkland Islands Company have formed a new building company, called Island Construction Ltd, with Mr Mosey as Chairman. Other directors are Roger Cummins, formally a director of ARC Construction, Alec Smith and Allan Wilson, who is a finance director and Company Secretary.

Their first project is to build low cost homes for first time buyers in Stanley. These will be five two bedroom Colt houses on Racecourse Paddock

The houses, specially designed by the Falkland Islands Company and McAdam so that they "grow with the family", have a single large bedroom with a door at each end; this can be sub-divided into two when the baby arrives. Each home will stand on an eighth-acre plot, so that there will be plenty of room to expand as more children arrive.

Also planned are eleven houses on Dairy Paddock and three large up-market buildings at Crozier Place. Islands Construction Ltd intends to tender for all worthwhile construction contracts including Camp Roads and fuel depots. They are looking for more land to buy for development. (Acknowledgment to Penguin News)

WORKING HARD FOR THE FALKLANDS

Brian Paul and Annabelle Spencer are working extra hard to promote the Falkland Islands, especially Falklands wool, at a time in Britain when money is noticeably short. Their mail order business is keeping pace as normal, it is the ready cash in people's pockets that is hard to find. However they have a full programme showing off the Islands all over Britain over the next few months and we wish them luck.



BRIAN PAUL AND ANNABELLE SPENCER AT THE SECOND ANNUAL FALKLAND ISLANDS EXHIBITION AT CROYDON 1989

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- Oct 12,13 Jumpers Plus, Tropicana, Weston-Super-Mare.
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This book has come about due an insert headed 'Your Turn!' in Henry & Frances Heyburn's original remarkable work, *Postcards of the Falkland Islands*, published in 1985. Since the publication of the original catalogue many people wrote in with new cards, new illustrations, new information and even a new series of cards has been identified. That is not to decry the original work as inadequate, because such is human nature, perhaps it is innate laziness or one-up-manship,

that often people will not part with their knowledge until they see something missing or incorrect in printed form. Thank goodness they did; thank goodness the Heyburn's accepted the new information with alacrity and did something about it; thank goodness Pictons were prepared to publish the Supplement, for now we have a more complete record.

The price of the book may seem high, but since almost every card illustrated currently fetches about £20, it is not really so expensive.

To those who have not yet purchased the original catalogue, I say, buy it if you still can. To those who have the first book, you must buy this; it is an essential addition.

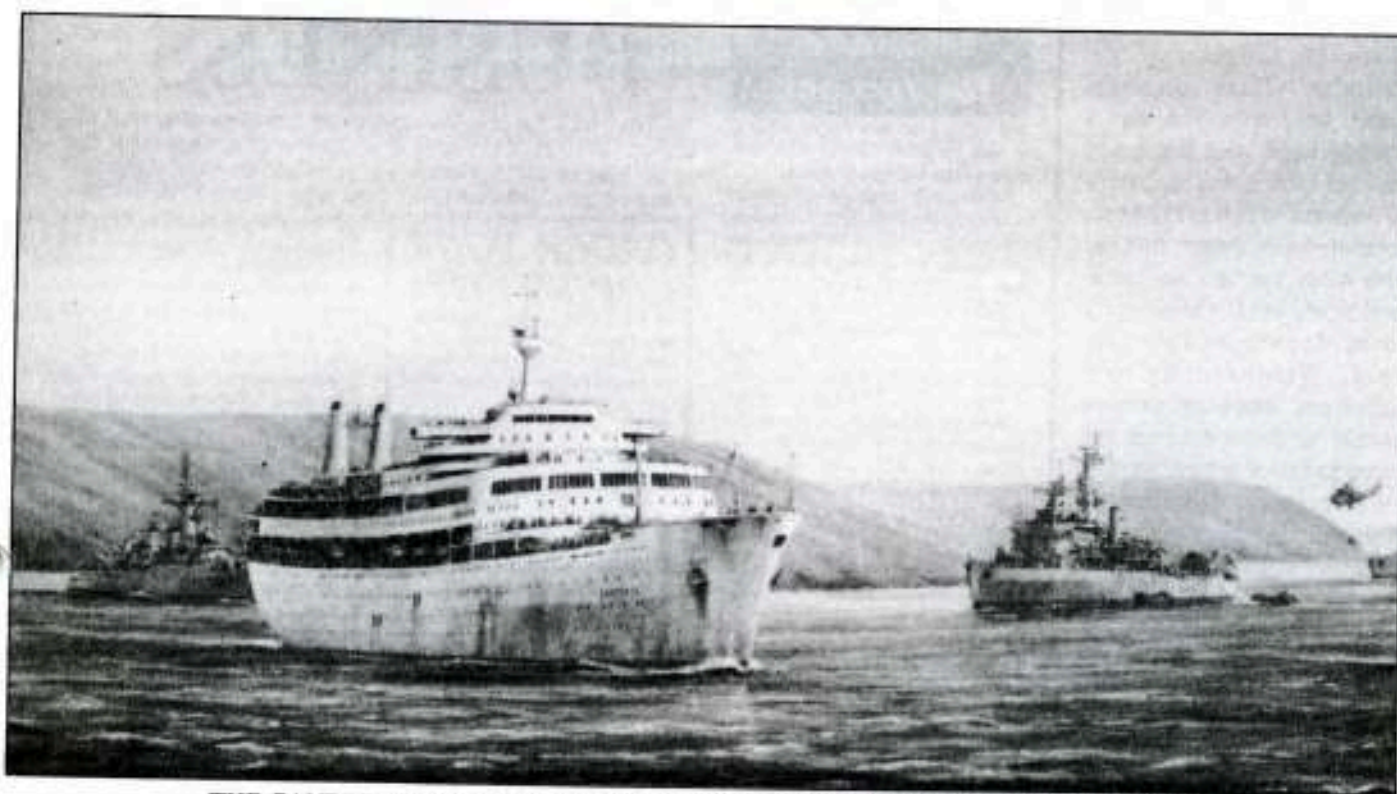
The Heyburn's, who live in Louisville, Kentucky, USA, are strong supporters of the Falklands and longtime members of the Falkland Islands Association.

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OBITUARY

We regret to report the death earlier in the year of Captain R. S. Pennefather RN, who was the Gunnery Officer on HMS *Exeter* at the Battle of the River Plate, and was an early member

of the United Kingdom Falkland Islands Committee. A full obituary will be published in the November issue of *Falkland Islands Newsletter*



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The Southern Star

From Mr Graham Bound

Sir, I read with interest your article Falkland Shipping in issue No. 43 of *Falkland Islands Newsletter*. I hope you will allow me space in your next issue to correct and further clarify your coverage of the *Southern Star's* brief period in the Islands.

The ship was not, as you said, "purchased by Falkland Islands Tourism", but was the property of a Stanley Fisheries joint venture company, Starfish Ltd. That company has responded to the need to provide seaborne access to the more remote and beautiful western isles.

Falkland Islands Tourism was, in effect, the ticketing agency for the vessel, and did all it could to encourage the enterprise. Three successful cruises were organised, and a floating hotel and restaurant business also operated. Both the owners and Falkland Islands Tourism were aware that, as with most tourism ventures, there would need to be a lengthy period of promotional and sales work. Traditionally tour operators require twelve months or more between the introduction of a new product and the actual departure of clients. However this inherently difficult period could not be completed because,

following the Seamount failure, the Government decided to wind up the private and public sector joint ventures, and the sale of the *Southern Star* became inevitable. I am stating this as a matter of fact, and would not challenge the wisdom of this decision.

Given time and more

appropriate ownership this versatile little ship could have provided an excellent passenger service, and been integrated into strategic plans for inter-island communications which become increasingly important as existing vessels approach obsolescence and the ferry

concept becomes more acceptable.

Certainly the ship was not a financial success during its brief time in the Falklands, but your article over simplifies the issue.

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available from the Falkland Islands Association.

With an introduction by Canon Gerry Murphy, the book of almost a hundred recipes is sold in aid of Christ Church Cathedral Restoration Fund. £2.50 + p & p.

The Editor has received an objection to the front page editorial of the June 1990 issue of *Falkland Islands Newsletter*.

The article was intended to be controversial, and sought to put the case for Falkland Islands representation at all forums, especially at those thought to be hostile to the Islanders' viewpoint, in order that Islands' opinion should be heard.

We stand accused, on the basis of the editorial, of suggesting that the Islanders want to cut all links with South America. A careful reading of the last paragraph will reveal that this is not our view, but a simplistic one expressed by the public to us, which needs to be countered.

The Publications Committee accepts responsibility for the article and regrets any ambiguity. We do not regard it as our business to lecture the Islanders and this was not our intention.

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