

C.J.'s NEWSHEET.

Tuesday, 15th. Feb.

Britain's trade gap widened last month to £39 million. The latest figures show that exports are down and that imports have increased. This has led to the pound slipping on the foreign exchange markets though a slight improvement occurred later. The rise in imports may be due to the Rhodesian crisis which has led to an increase in the price of copper. The Board of Trade points out that the deficit is well down on the average over the last three years.

The British cabinet at its third meeting in two days has taken the final decisions on Britain's defence policy for several years ahead. The government's plans will be published on Tuesday (22nd. Feb.) Our political correspondent says that it is generally understood that the government has finally decided to buy American F 111 strike aircraft rather than go ahead with the Royal Navy's carrier programme and the Prime Minister is now faced with the possibility of resignations by senior naval staff, and the minister of defence. Our correspondent says that all that is known for certain at this stage is that no resignations have been accepted.

The queen has been visiting a sugar plantation in Barbados. She will end her two day visit to the island with a dinner party on the royal yacht. Tomorrow the Queen and the Duke begin a two day visit to St. Lucia.

The Indonesian foreign minister has said that the Indonesian communist party has been disbanded. With 3 million members it was the largest in the non-communist world.

A United States patrol boat sank after hitting a mine off the coast of S. Vietnam. Rescue vessels were fired on from a near by beach. Other patrol boats retaliated with machine gun and mortar fire.

In the U.S. Mr McNamara has told a senate committee that the U.S. does not intend to use nuclear weapons in operations against N. Vietnam.

The U.S. Vice president has been holding talks in Karrachi with the Pakistani president as part of his S.E. Asia tour. A communique issued at the end of his stay in Thailand promised all necessary U.S. aid to help S.E. Asian countries fight communism.

Gen. de Gaulle says that France is ready to help settle the Vietnam problem as soon as it appears possible. The president called for an end to all foreign intervention in Vietnam, including political intervention.

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Halley Bay Special Edition - Copyright (or something) - I apologise now for the spelling which at times is intentional - but is sometimes due to this old typewriter - if the Base Leader would give me the NEW one which was ordered instead of hogging it himself we MIGHT be more efficient. (MIGHT).

I dislike to have to do this but I feel I ought to apologise to those readers who took offence to Sundays comments about Peter and Pauls digestive system - I would point out that anyone who had to live in the office block bunk rooms would rapidly loose all squeamishness about this problem. Corks are now provided in the radio room for those visitors we think deserve them.

(.....) - I've just decided not to put what I was thinking of putting there)

The Kista Dan is still tied up at Stanley and looks like being until all the old fids have had a knock at my bird. There is a big party to be held aboard the Kista tonight. All base Z fids are invited, but no transport has been arranged.

The proprietor sends his warmest regards to all the personnel aboard Sledge BOB - Bob, Ron and Colin. We (I) wish them every xxxx success and realise that the main aim of the expedition is to get rid of the doctor as quickly as possible - very understandable under the circumstances - I had a nasty experience with him only yesterday - I FELL off aladder while he was talking to me. Now, I ASK you, do I lok the sort of fellow who would fall off aladder without unnatural influence - other than alcholic, of course?

So I'm definitely with you - he must GO - Be brave Ron, We'll certainly miss you - just leave Katy's address and away you go. Well that seems to have exhausted that topic. I don't know what you think, (if anything) but I always though toad-in-the-hole should be made with corned beef. Lets have it right next time please.

Fancy taking beer as sledging rations. B.L. please note for future reference.

Last reminder - all airletters should be in by now.

Well it looks like bed time - Sam's just come in. Letters to the editor would be very welcome. Please enclose stamped addressed envelope and kingsize candy bar - thank you.

Power failures. Richard you'll really have to do something about it - almost as bad as the National Grid - not the national grid MAP system Sam - the central electricity generating board.

Skip. Theres a frozen fire-bucket in the IGY hut. Might I suggest a small fire to thaw it out in case theres a fire?

Apologies to anyone who's not been mentioned - you're very unlucky - it just means I haven't seen much of you - due to pressure of overwork of course.

Any articles for publication, exchange and mart, ect. should be submitted to the editorial office in the complex and extreemly efficient communications department. The editor accepts no responsibility for anything.

BEWARE.....

One baby out of every eight
born in Great Britain forced
a man into sudden marriage!

So much for the figures, with luck FID will not find himself the father of that one baby. The woman that FID has, so unabashed, seduced may try "The great deception" and swear to FID that he is responsible for her impending motherhood, and will ~~hope~~ ^{hope}, nay, expect FID to marry her; in such cases it is FID's duty to do so, and there is nothing that FID can do to get out of it!

There is another approach the woman may try, she will tell FID of her great love for him; it appears that love whitewashes sins away, and if nothing else comes of it, it will clear her conscience. She will undoubtedly repeat her miss-deed, and FID will be lulled into a sense of security, knowing that there is always a young lady waiting for him, and with whom he can share mutual pleasures.

As time passes, if all goes well, FID will notice that his young lady is getting restless and her mood will pass onto FID. This mood will play on FID's mind at this time his young lady will swear that each time that they repeat their miss-deed it will be the last time that it will ever happen outside marriage. FID will never know whether he is coming or going, and will want to know for his own piece of mind; and the only way to be sure, is of course to marry the girl!

Yet another approach a woman may try she will be remorseful, so ashamed of her transgression that she will say that she can't face life anymore. She will scream, wail and cry to heaven. She will play her tragic role up to the hilt, relying on FID's humane instincts to propose and make an honest woman of her!



Needless to say, she will try many other methods to bring FID to the altar, but there is still one sure way out.....

APPLY TO FIDS AGAIN.