

newsletter

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CONTRIBUTIONS FROM DEPARTMENTS AT HEAD OFFICE

THE SCHEME inaugurated by the Chairman's Office and Secretarial Departments proved to be a great success in our two previous issues. It was most gratifying to receive many complimentary remarks.

In this present issue the Personnel Department makes its presence felt and we are sure the contributions will be well received. It is a Department that has very close ties with the staff at sea and on shore. We hope the "rogues gallery" will provide an interesting innovation as well as a pen picture of who is at the "other end" and more important still in some instances "what they look like".

Honour for our Chairman

Congratulations to Mr. C. R. Chatterton on being a recipient of the Queen's Silver Jubilee Medal.

Launch of m.v. "WELSH CITY"

THE ABOVE vessel, a sister ship to the m.v. *Orient City*, was launched at Sunderland on Thursday, 2nd June, 1977 by Mrs. Sylvia Williams, wife of Mr. J. C. Williams one of our directors.

This is the fourth vessel of this name to join the fleet and the third in the Panamax range.



PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT



Mr. THOMAS A. ROSSER
Group Travel



Mr. JOHN P. REARDON SMITH
Head of Department



Mr. OLIVER R. JOHN
*(Called away urgently by the Tax Man)
All Crew matters, Ships Accounts and
Accident Claims (P. & I.)*



Captain JEFFERY J. BIRRELL
Officer Training Ship Visits



Mr. JOHN F. THORNE
Assists Mr. Oliver John



Mr. ROBERT J. MAYES
*Assists Mr. Oliver John
and Mr. John Thorne*



Mr. PAUL BEATTIE
*Cadets, and assists
Mr. Graham Hardy and
Captain J. J. Birrell*

Mrs. HILDA DEACON
Ships Mail

Mr. GRAHAM HARDY
*Officer Appointments
and Welfare*



Miss GILLIAN TOOZER
Assistant to Mrs. Deacon

Miss WENDY LOCKE
Shorthand Typist

Looking Back



Mrs. MAUREEN ASHFIELD
Shorthand Typist



Mr. PAUL HUNT
Officers' salaries, expenses and tax



Mr. ANDREW WRIGHT
*Assistant to Mr. P. Hunt
and Mr. T. Rosser*

AS IN June 1977, we celebrate Queen Elizabeth II's Silver Jubilee, we thought to commemorate this we would try and note some momentous events since our Queen took the Throne. Listed below are just a few of the major events (from 1952-1976), which have taken place during Her Reign.

1952

6th February
21st February
5th July
2nd October

Death of King George VI. Our new Queen recalled from Kenya.
Abolition of Identity Cards.
Last trams ran in London.
First British Atomic Weapon exploded.

1953

20th January
5th March
24th March
24th April
29th May
2nd June
27th July

General Eisenhower sworn in as 34th President of the U.S.A.
Death of Joseph Stalin.
Death of Queen Mary.
Winston Churchill was knighted.
Conquest of Mount Everest.
Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II.
Korean Armistice Agreement signed.

1954

6th May
15th May

Roger Bannister was the first to run the mile in under four minutes.
Royal couple returned to London at the end of the Commonwealth Tour.
All food rationing ended in Britain.

4th July

1955

5th April
23rd July
31st October

Sir Winston Churchill resigned as Premier; succeeded by Sir Anthony Eden.
Donald Campbell set up new world water speed record.
Decision of Princess Margaret not to marry Peter Townsend.

1956

19th April
26th July
17th October
23rd October

Prince Rainier married Grace Kelly.
Egypt nationalised Suez Canal.
The Queen opened Calder Hall Nuclear Power Station.
Hungarian uprising.

1957

10th January
14th May
1st June
25th December

Harold Macmillan succeeded as Premier after Anthony Eden's resignation.
Petrol rationing ended.
First draw of Premium Bonds.
Our Queen's Christmas Broadcast televised for first time.

1958

31st January
6th February

2nd March
26th July
4th August
28th October

First U.S. Earth Satellite launched.
Eight Manchester United Football Players killed in Munich air disaster.
Dr. Visian Fuchs completed first crossing of the Antarctic Continent.
Prince Charles created Prince of Wales.
U.S. Submarine "Nautilus" passed under North Pole.
State Opening of Parliament first televised.

1959

21st February/
3rd March
25th July
8th October

Harold Macmillan and Selwyn Lloyd visited Soviet Russia.

First Cross-Channel Hovercraft flight.
General Election—Tory win.

1960

19th February
6th May
17th May
10th October

21st October

Birth of Prince Andrew.
Marriage of Princess Margaret and Anthony Armstrong-Jones.
Queen Mother opened Kariba Dam.
The Queen opened new Queen's Bridge at Perth, Australia, and attended service to mark 400th Anniversary of Scottish Reformation.
The Queen launched first British Nuclear Submarine H.M.S. "Dreadnought."

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Looking Back—continued

1961

- 20th January John F. Kennedy became U.S. President.
12th April Major Yuri Gagarin of U.S.S.R. became first Astronaut to circle Earth.
5th June The Queen entertained President Kennedy.
8th July Angela Mortimer became first English woman holder of the Wimbledon Title since 1937.
13th August East Germany sealed off Berlin border.
3rd November Princess Margaret's son David born.

1962

- 20th February Lt.-Col. John Glenn became first American to orbit the Earth.
11th July First TV transmission by satellite.
5th August Death of Marilyn Monroe.
22nd October Cuba crisis.

1963

- 18th January Death of Hugh Gaitskell.
14th February Harold Wilson elected Labour leader.
24th April Princess Alexandra married the Hon. Angus Ogilvy in Westminster Abbey.
19th June Valentina Tereshkova of U.S.S.R. became first woman to orbit the Earth.
5th August Nuclear test ban treaty signed.
8th August Great Train Robbery.
18th October Harold Macmillan resigned as Premier; succeeded by Earl of Home.
22nd November Assassination of President Kennedy; succeeded by Lyndon Johnson.

1964

- 10th March Birth of Prince Edward.
27th May Death of Pandit Nehru.
4th September The Queen opened new Forth Bridge.
15th October General Election—Labour win.

1965

- 24th January Death of Sir Winston Churchill.
15th July First close-up pictures of Mars.
22nd July Sir Alec Douglas-Home resigned.
27th July Edward Heath elected Tory Leader.
19th September The Queen unveiled Churchill Memorial Stone in Westminster Abbey on 25th Anniversary of Battle of Britain.
11th November Rhodesian UDI declared.

1966

- 15th May/1st July Seamen's Strike.
30th July England won World Cup.
27th August Francis Chichester started single-handed round-the-world voyage.
6th September Assassination of Dr. Verwoerd.
8th September The Queen opened Severn Bridge.
21st October Aberfan disaster.
28th October Abolition of Capital Punishment.

1967

- 19th March The tanker "Torrey Canyon" ran aground.
20th September The Queen launched liner "Queen Elizabeth II" at Clydebank.
8th October Death of Earl Attlee.
3rd December First Human Heart Transplant.

1968

- 4th April Martin Luther King assassinated.
29th May Manchester United won European Cup.
5th June Robert Kennedy assassinated.
17th June Prince Charles made Knight of Garter.
10th July Yachtsman Alec Rose knighted.
27th August Death of Princess Marina.

1969

- 4th February The Queen received American Spaceman Frank Borman.
25th February President Nixon lunched with the Queen.
28th March Death of General Eisenhower.
9th April British Concorde's maiden flight.
1st July Investiture of Prince of Wales.

A circular came round the office
Requesting we all lend a hand
To fill up the monthly newsletter
With articles regal and grand.

Well it's not easy writing a story
Anecdote, poem or rhyme
You've got to choose the right subject
And find the right place and time
Cos you can't write without inspiration
And that doesn't fall from the sky
So we went to a pub called the Old
Arcade
For a think, and a pint and a pie.

It's a lovely place is the Old Arcade
The patrons are all sorts of fun
You can talk about a variety of things
Any subject under the sun.

And that was really the trouble
We saw a few blokes that we knew
And who wants to write an article
When drinking their favourite brew.

It's a beautiful pint that they serve up
Liquid music in a glass
It washes away the cares of the day
Time just seemed to fly past.

So as we returned to the office
Full of the joys of spring
We realised with much horror
That we hadn't written a thing.

The Old Arcadians
ANDREW WRIGHT

There is a little man
Who wanders round the place
And takes away the letters
With a smile upon his face.

He's always in a hurry
He doesn't hang about
And if you sign your mail late
He'll sometimes rave and shout.

But posting trays are empty
At the end of every day
And it's thanks to Mr. Roberts
That the mail is on it's way.

ANON.

QUOTE OF THE YEAR

*If one was to throw a punch at
laughing clairvoyant, would one
be striking a happy medium?*

Looking Back—continued

20th July	First men landed on the Moon.
14th October	The Queen received Apollo 11 crew.
14th November	21st Birthday of Prince Charles.
1970	
18th June	General Election—Conservative win.
28th September	Death of President Nasser.
9th November	Death of General de Gaulle.
1971	
20 January/ 7th March	Post Office strike.
15th February	Decimal coinage introduced.
24th June	The Queen opened second Mersey Tunnel.
5th August	Industrial Relations Act passed.
15th August	21st Birthday of Princess Anne.
1972	
9th January/ 7th February	National Miners' strike.
22nd January	Mr. Heath signed Treaty of Accession for British Entry into E.E.C.
28th May	Death of Duke of Windsor in Paris.
9th August	Amin expelled Asians.
28th August	Prince William killed in air crash.
5th September	Massacre at Munich Olympics.
20th November	Silver Wedding Anniversary of the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh.
1973	
23rd January	Vietnam cease-fire agreement.
13th November	State of Emergency declared, after overtime ban by electricity and coal workers.
14th November	Marriage of Princess Anne to Captain Mark Phillips.
1974	
7th January	Beginning of "Three Day Week."
28th February	General Election.
4th March	Edward Heath resigned; new minority Government formed by Wilson.
2nd April	M. Pompidou died in office.
19th May	M. Giscard d'Estaing elected French President.
10th June	Death of Duke of Gloucester.
13th June	Prince Charles' Maiden Speech in Lords.
8th August	President Nixon resigned after Watergate Scandal; President Ford succeeded.
10th October	General Election—Labour win.
1975	
11th February	Mrs. Thatcher elected Tory Leader.
28th February	Moorgate Train Disaster.
25th March	King Faisal assassinated.
5th June	Suez Canal re-opened. Referendum on E.E.C.
17th July	First U.S.—Soviet Space link-up.
3rd November	The Queen inaugurated Forties Oil Field.
11th November	Mr. Whitlam dismissed by Australian Governor-General.
12th November	Sex Discrimination Bill enacted.
1976	
8th January	Death of Chou En-lai.
19th February	Iceland severed diplomatic relations with Britain.
16th March	Mr. Wilson announced resignation.
19th March	Separation of Princess Margaret and Lord Snowdon.
5th April	James Callaghan became Premier.
27th April	Trial of John Stonehouse began.
28th July	Diplomatic relations with Uganda severed.
9th September	Death of Mao Tse-tung.
2nd November	Mr. Carter elected U.S. President.

Have you heard the one about . . .

A MAN and wife were talking to a friend saying that they had not been on holiday for ten years, when the friend asked why. Tom said, because his mother-in-law would not be separated from her cat, and she would not put her cat into a kennel and hotels do not take cats. Tom's friend then said "I get on well with your mother-in-law, and I like cats, so why don't I look after them both for a week to enable you both to go on holiday?" Tom thanked his friend very much, and soon after he and his wife went on holiday.

The first night they were away, Tom rang up his friend and asked how that cat was, whereupon his friend informed him that the cat had died. Tom was very upset indeed, and told his friend that he had been most undiplomatic in the way he had broken the bad news, saying that he should have said something like "the cat was playing on the lawn today and sprained her leg," and the next night, that he had called the Vet in, the following night that the Vet had taken the cat away, and the night after that he was very sorry but poor pussy had passed away. Tom then said, "by the way, how is my mother-in-law?" and his friend then replied, "your mother-in-law was playing on the lawn this afternoon . . .".

J. P. REARDON SMITH

Sydney Smith, President of the University of Toronto, said:—

"If you choose to work, you will succeed; if you don't you will fail. If you neglect your work, you will dislike it; if you do it well, you will enjoy it. If you join little cliques, you will be self-satisfied; if you make friends widely, you will be interesting. If you gossip you will be slandered, if you mind your own business you will be liked. If you act like a bore, you will be despised, if you act like a human being, you will be respected. If you spurn wisdom, wise people will spurn you; if you adopt a pose of boredom, you will be a bore; if you show vitality, you will be alive. If you spend your free time playing bridge, you will be a good bridge player; if you spend it reading, discussing and thinking of things that matter you will be an educated person."

Seen on a field gate:
**TRESPASSERS ADMITTED
FREE—
BULL WILL CHARGE
LATER.**

SHIPS POSITIONS AS AT 20th MAY, 1977

Cardiff City. On Time Charter account Salen. Arrived Bandar Shahpaur 25th April. Expected to sail 31st May. Next business not yet known.

Devon City. On Time Charter account Motor-tank. Sailed Los Angeles 10th May for Shanghai where arrives 28th May to discharge and expected to sail 10th June. Next business not yet known.

Eastern City. On Time Charter account Showa. Sailed Kawasaki 14th May for Vancouver B.C., arriving Neptune Terminal 26th to load coal and expected to sail 30th for Long Beach arriving 2nd June and sailing 5th for Japan.

Fresno City. On Time Charter account Retla. Arrives Savannah 22nd May to discharge and sail 25th for Charleston 26/27th, Norfolk 28/29th, Camden 30th/31st and Bridgeport (Conn.) arriving 1st June to complete discharge 2nd.

New Westminster City. On Time Charter account Alianza. Arrived Three Rivers 19th May to load, and expected to sail 23rd for Macao to discharge, arriving 8th June, sailing 11th for Recife, arriving 12th to complete discharge and sail 18th June. Next business not yet known.

Orient City. Arrived Port Carter 22nd May to load and expected to sail 1st June for South Korea via the Panama Canal, arriving 5th to transit and sailing same day. Arriving South Korea to discharge 2nd July, expected to complete 10/20th July. Next business not yet known.

Port Alberni City. On Time Charter account Retla. Sailed Port Kelang 17th May with Wood Products and Nickel Ingots for Tilbury first port via the Suez Canal, arriving 26th May, sailing 27th. Arriving Tilbury 6th June, sailing 10th for Antwerp 11/12th, Rotterdam 13/15th and arriving Esbjerg, 16th June to complete discharge and redeliver about 18th June. Next business not yet known.

Prince Rupert City. On Steel Service S.T.44. Sails Antwerp 22nd May after loading steel

products. Arrives Middlesbrough 23rd, to load and sail 2nd June. Calls Flushing for bunkers. Arrives Panama Canal 17th June, to transit and sail same day for Long Beach to discharge 25/27th, Oakland 28/29th, Portland 1st/2nd July and New Westminster arriving 3rd and completing discharge about 6th July.

Tacoma City. On Time Charter Account Nidera. Arrived Kaohsiung 12th May. Commenced discharge of the sorghums 12th. Expected to complete 25th and redeliver from Time Charter 26th. Next business nominated B.S.81, where she loads B.C./U.S.W.C. for Dublin, London and Antwerp. Loading ports not yet finalised. Transits Panama Canal 15th July and sails for Dublin arriving 30th July and sailing 4th August for London 7/14th and Antwerp 15/19th August.

Vancouver City. On Time Charter account Paltona. Sailed Murooran 13th May after loading steel coils for Ensenada arriving 17th June and completing discharge 25th. Next business not yet known.

Victoria City. Steel Service S.T.43. Arrived New Westminster 18th May to complete discharge 20th May. Proceeds on BS.81. Sailed New Westminster 20th May after loading Lumber. Arrives Victoria 21st to load. Sails 22nd to also load at Eureka 24/26th May, Coos Bay 27/30th, Vancouver (Wash.) 31st/3rd June, Crofton 4/6th and Vancouver B.C., arriving 6th to complete loading and sail 9th. Transits Canal 21st and sails same day for London to discharge 5/11th July, Rotterdam 12/15th and Brake arriving 16th to complete discharge and sail 19th July. Then drydocks.

Amparo. Sailed Kobe 18th May after loading Generals. Arrives Ensenada 1st June. Sails 2nd. Arrives and sails Guaymas 3rd/6th June, Manzanillo 8/12th, Acapulco 13/15th, Salina Cruz 16/17th, Punta Arenas 19/20th, Corinto 21st/22nd, Cutuco/Acajutla 23rd/25th, Champerico/San Jose 26/28th, Manzanillo 30th/1st July, Ensenada 4/5th, Los Angeles

6/7th, Tokyo 22nd/23rd, Yokohama 24/25th, Nagoya/Yokkaichi 26/28th, Osaka/Kobe 29th/31st, thence drydocks 1st/8th August, Keelung 11/12th, Hong Kong 13/14th. Continues loading Japan for a return trip to Mexico.

Atlantic. On Time Charter account Yulsan. Arrives Busan 16th May to load a cargo of Cement. Sails 2nd June for Singapore, arriving 9th to load and sail 14th. Arriving Dammam 25th to discharge and sail about 15th July.

Elena. Arrived Nagoya 24th May. Sails 25th. Arrives and sails Osaka/Kobe 26/28th, Kanda 29/30th, Keelung 2nd/3rd June. Vessel then proceeds on voyage 13th. Arrives and sails Hong Kong 4/5th June, Fukuyama 8/9th, Kobe 10/11th, Yokohama 12/14th, Ensenada 29/29th, Manzanillo 2nd/4th July, Acapulco 5/7th July, Punta Arenas 10/11th, Corinto 12/13th, Cutuco/Acajutla 14/16th, Champerico/San Jose 17/19th, Manzanillo 21st/22nd, Guaymas/Mazatlan 24/25th, Ensenada 29/30th thence Yokohama.

Gela. Sailed Tampico 14th May after loading Generals and Quicksilver. Arrives Rotterdam 28th May, drydocks 4th June, sails 10th. Arrives and sails Cork 12/17th, Gothenberg 20th/23rd thence Vera Cruz 8th July.

Maria Elisa. Arrives Baton Rouge 22nd May. Sails 24th. Arrives and sails Panama City 25/27th, Las Palmas 10/11th June, Valencia 15/16th, Naples 18/19th, Leghorn 20th/21st, Genoa 22nd/24th, Marseilles 25/26th, Palamos 27/29th, Barcelona 30/1st July, Le Havre 6/7th thence Vera Cruz 23rd.

Sara Lupe. Arrived Point Au Pic 18th May. Sails 23rd. Arrives and sails Montreal 23rd/25th Vera Cruz 4/7th June, Tampico 8/9th, Coatzacoalcas 10/11th, Progreso 12/13th, Puerto Cortes 15/16th, Baton Rouge 18/20th, New Orleans 21st/22nd, Sto Domingo 26/28th, Tenerife 7/8th July, Las Palmas 8/9th, Valencia 13/14th, Naples 16/18th, Leghorn 19/20th thence Genoa.

A few facts and figures about the Personnel Department

THE DEPARTMENT sends approximately 3,000 telex messages and cables per annum. Over 40,000 letters are received in the department and redespached to the vessels, this does not include Circular Letters, Newsletters, Notices to Mariners or newspapers/parcels sent in by relatives. Over 3,800 newspapers are despatched annually.

There are approximately 490 Officers/Cadets on the Marine payroll. Total salaries for these Officers and Cadets amounts to approximately £3,000,000 per annum. We despatch approximately over

3,900 payslips per year and the department alone writes approximately 9,000 letters, this excludes initial warning letters regarding an Officer's next appointment, joining instructions or the next of kin letters in connection with Officers returning home, numbering approximately 1,500 per annum. The Personnel Department therefore deals with well over 11,000 outgoing letters per year.

On the travel side, working on the assumption of 2.2 Officer changes per annum, over 1,300 Officers travel to and

from ships and approximately 1,400 Indians. This excludes wives, oil rig personnel and marine superintendents. The total travel account amounts to approximately half-a-million pounds annually. Easily arrived at when you consider an air fare for one Officer leaving a vessel in Japan costs £490, excluding the excess baggage at £7.00 per kilo. If one considers that each person travelling carries 2 suitcases and 1 piece of hand luggage, this totals over 7,000 pieces of luggage on the move per year.

STAFF NEWS

IN HOSPITAL

Mr. J. F. Kaltenbach has undergone an operation and is making good progress. We wish him a speedy recovery.

Jim Harrison, Radio Department

Jim has returned to hospital for further tests.

NEW STAFF

We extend a welcome to the following:

Head Office

Mrs. E. M. Bishop, Accounts Shorthand Typist.

Mrs. F. M. Bellenic, Accounts Clerk.
Mrs. M. Rocket, Accounts Clerk.
Miss L. Peters, Accounts Clerk/Typist.

London Office

Mrs. P. M. Barnett, Telephonist.
Mrs. L. M. Bartlett, Canteen Manageress.

Mr. R. Bruce, Telex Operator.
Mr. J. Devaney, Telex Operator.

MARRIAGE

Congratulations and best wishes to Miss V. A. Swonnell on her marriage on the 7th May to Mr. Robertson.

CERTIFICATE SUCCESSSES

Congratulations to the undermentioned:

K. Hart, Passed OND and Grade 3 Certificate.

D. P. Kirley, Passed ONC and Grade 3 Certificate.

M. L. Frazer, Passed ONC and Grade 3 Certificate.

Following Cadets awarded prizes at the annual prize-giving ceremonies held at the following colleges.

Glasgow Nautical College

R. M. Stead, best METC cadet phase III training.

P. Price, 2nd METC cadet phase III training.

South Glamorgan Institute of Further Education

G. McKenzie, best cadet 1st year OND.
M. Preece, best cadet Heat Engines (1st and 2nd year).

T. Savage, best cadet 1st year METC.
M. Henry, best all round cadet METC (1st and 2nd year).

M. Richard, best cadet in Marine Engineering Practice (1st and 2nd year).

A BRAVE ACT OF RESCUE

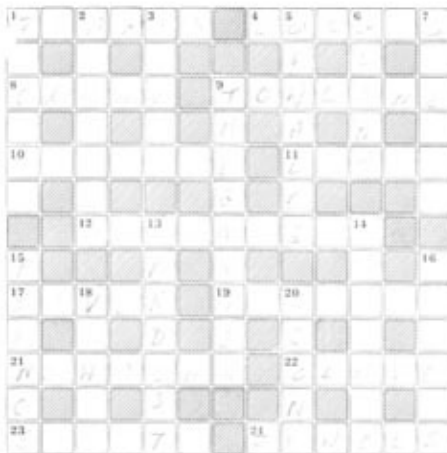
MR. FRANK LEAVERS of the Purchasing Department, Head Office is very reluctant to speak about his life-saving act a few weeks ago. The facts were leaked to us and it was obvious that they should be placed on record.

On Sunday, 15th May, Frank and his family, together with his brother-in-law and family were picnicking near a reservoir at Haverfordwest, in Dyfed. It so happens that the brother-in-law is a strong swimmer and has also become a canoeing enthusiast. Frank Leavers is also a very strong swimmer.

During the morning both men had had turns at canoeing and each time had taken the precaution of wearing the appropriate life jacket. Towards lunch-time the brother-in-law decided to have one more trip in the canoe and set off wearing a heavy wind cheater, but risked it without a life jacket.

Whilst taking a pre-lunch walk along the side of the reservoir Frank noticed some 400 yards out something unusual. At the time it seemed to him someone was in difficulty. He then realised his brother-in-

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ACROSS

- See 17.
- Royal dogs? (6)
- 8,24. Although having close connections with heads of State, are kept under guard in The Tower. (5, 6)
- If you were all adrift, this could be a helpful connection. (3, 4)
- Sports fellow in fine form? (7)
- A means of putting things into good shape. (5)
- Often done, for practice. (9)
- It runs around the Isle of Dogs and fills the Pool. (5, 6)
- Ornaments, in suspension. (7)
- After the old one has gone out, this comes in. (3, 4)
- Its branch was a symbol of peace. (5)
- Your answer will mean more than one mistake. (6)
- See 8.

DOWN

- Type of signal often seen when on course. (3, 3)
- One after often comes before this. (7)
- Name, with a random number. (5)
- See 15.
- Just a gleam or a sparkle. (5)
- It's not good to create them yet we look in wonder at them! (6)
- Common means of support for The Most Noble Order. (3, 6)
- Most difficult of clues? (7)
- May support ships and goes with the wind. (3, 4)
- He has three ostrich feathers, God bless him. (6, 2, 5)
- They should preferably exceed liabilities. (6)
- He promises, solemnly. (5)
- Coronation stone, made of cake? (5)

16th May, 1977

A Brave Act—continued

law had been away for some time. He immediately discarded his clothes and in underwear only dived into the ice cold waters and struck out for the object in difficulty. Before going he told his little nephew to run and tell the others in the party where he had gone.

On arrival at the scene it was now apparent that it was the brother-in-law in dire trouble. His position was now desperate. He had expended most of his energy in attempting to right the canoe, without success.

Each time he tried to swim his anorak type wind cheater billowed out with water. Each attempt to discard the anorak was equally unsuccessful. The icy waters were beginning to have their effect and he had already swallowed a large amount of water. His hands were so cold that all feeling was lost. He was a strong swimmer and managed to keep afloat although he was in no condition to stay like this for very much longer.

Frank got him to remain on his back, and keeping his head above water proceeded to tow him to the shore. Added propulsion came from working his legs up and down in order to maintain circulation and a certain amount of warmth.

The act of rescue covered nearly 400 yards before arriving almost exhausted at the edge of the reservoir.

Frank passed his life-saving proficiency test a long time ago, but it came to his aid on this occasion. He was able to apply it in his rescue act and aftermath and saved the life of his brother-in-law.

One can spare a thought too for Frank's wife who came across her little nephew hand-in-hand with a stranger by a heap of clothing which Frank had discarded. At the time she was unaware of the drama being enacted out in the chill waters of the reservoir.

Frank is very modest about the incident and is reticent when asked about it. We all feel that his act of sheer bravery, and a disregard for his own safety should be known. He merits our praises and admiration. The rescue is all the more remarkable and outstanding when it is realised a husband and father of three young children owes his life to a brave young man.

Captain Lawson *m.v. Amparo* advises that the following amounts were collected from the Officers and donated to:—

R.N.L.I. £30.00
Missions to Seamen,
Kobe Branch £30.00

Some useful information

- I. **What are the requirements necessary to avoid paying United Kingdom Income Tax?**
 - 1.1. You must not spend periods of time in the U.K. which amount to a total of six months in any tax year (6th April—5th April).
 - 1.2. You must not make "substantial" visits to the U.K., i.e. periods averaging three or more months a year over four years.
 - 1.3. You should not set up a permanent home in the U.K. If you do, you will be treated as a resident for any year in which you visit, even if it is only for one day.
 - 1.4. The rule stated in 1.3. is waived if you have a full-time job carried on abroad.

- II. **Do you know the tax concessions presented in the 1977 Budget for seafarers and others? (Forces and Crown Servants excluded.)**

- 2.1. Requirements to enable you to reduce your tax bill by 25 per cent.
- 2.2. To qualify you must work outside Britain for an aggregate of 30 days in any one tax year. (Odd days can be so aggregated to make up the minimum period 30 days.
- 2.3. Employment with a foreign company provided that the job is carried out abroad does not require the 30 day test.
- 2.4. For those absent for a continuous period of 365 days, not necessarily in one tax year, earnings paid by foreign or U.K. Companies are wholly exempt.
- 2.5. Tax relief to be permitted on travelling costs to and from the Overseas place of work and living there.
- 2.6. Travelling costs when mother and children visit father will not be taxed, but, father must be away for minimum of two months and only two visits a year are considered.
- 2.7. The system is intended to work by first calculating the earnings for duties carried out abroad, deducting one quarter of them and charging tax on three quarters only. It is intended that this should be capable of being dealt with through the P.A.Y.E. system.
- 2.8. As far as seafarers are concerned, employment in a U.K. registered ship will be regarded as employment abroad for this purpose on all voyages other than those between two ports in the U.K.
- 2.9. This is a concession which undoubtedly will give great scope for those blessed with imagination?

- III. **At what level on income tax is it advisable for a husband and wife to apply for separate tax assessments?**

- 3.1. Normally, the husband's income should be liable for surtax.
- 3.2. The wife's gross earnings must be a minimum £2,250—£2,500 (the figure varies according to the level of the husband's income).

- IV. **Can you name four sources of finance for house purchase?**

1. Building Societies.
2. Local Authorities.
3. Banks.
4. Insurance Companies.

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