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British a day from South Georgia island

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The British battle fleet steamed to within a day of South Georgia Island today, primed for war with Argentina in a frantic and very difficult diplomatic effort to settle the Falkland Island crisis in Washington.
U.S. intelligence sources predicted Thursday the fleet would attack the remote island of South Georgia, defended by a 140-man Argentine garrison, and use it as a base for further military operations.

Britain's fleet commander Rear Adm. Sandy Woodward said the 40-ship armada would go on full war footing — including round-the-clock manning of battle stations — at 11 p.m. EST today when it draws within range of Argentine warplanes.
"I think they would be very ill-advised to take us on," Woodward said. "They would inevitably suffer severe losses. Inevitably there would be losses on our side too, but in the end I think we would win."

In London, Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher told Parliament the idea of force cannot be ruled out at any point of the negotiations now under way in Washington.
British Foreign Secretary Francis Pym met for four hours with Secretary of State Alexander Haig in Washington to discuss a three-point British proposal for averting war with Argentina.
"There is much work to be done and we are dealing with a very diffi-

cult problem," Pym told reporters after the meeting. He scheduled meetings later today with Haig and President Reagan.
The British peace proposals, which have not been released, were said to call for complete withdrawal of Argentine forces and creation of a joint British-U.S. interim administration.
Britain also wants an election by the 1,800 islanders to decide their own future and joint Anglo-Argentine use

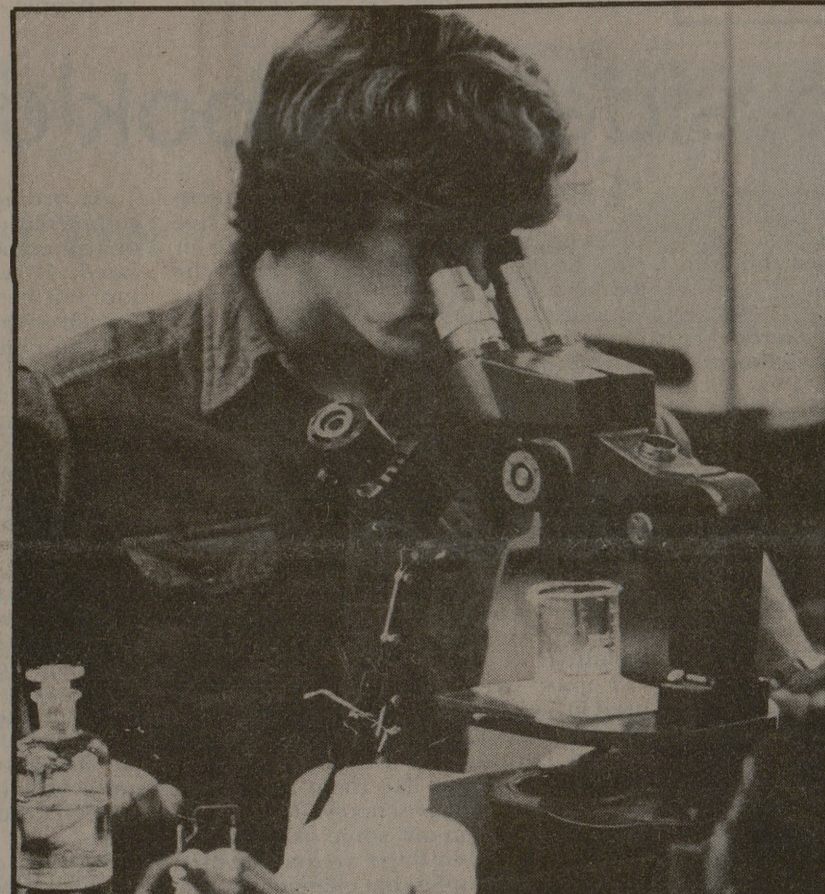
of the oil and other possible resources on the islands.
With time running out on the peace bid, Argentina's President Leopoldo Galtieri reviewed the 10,000 troops dug in on the Falklands with tanks, jets and armored carriers, urging them to fight until the last drop of blood.
As the British fleet steamed within 800 miles of South Georgia, Harrier jump-jets scrambled Thursday for a second straight day on the carrier In-

vincible to chase off an Argentine Boeing 707 spying on the warships.
U.S. intelligence sources said the aircraft carriers Hermes and Invincible were spearheading the drive toward South Georgia and were expected to be within striking distance by Saturday.
Argentine soldiers captured a British scientific base on the glacier-covered island April 3. South Georgia is 900 miles east of the main 200-island Falklands archipelago.

Israeli-occupied Yamit vanishes

United Press International
YAMIT, Israeli-occupied Sinai — The town of Yamit gradually disappeared back into the desert today with Israeli troops evicting the last squatters and demolishing remaining buildings in preparation for Sunday's return of the Sinai to Egypt.
In Cairo, U.S. Deputy Secretary of State Walter Stoessel called talks today with Egyptian and Israeli officials in a final bid to resolve a border dispute threatening to mar — but no longer stall — Israel's historic return of land captured in 1967.
Israeli troops, some weeping, swarmed onto roofs from ladders Thursday and evicted nearly 3,000 Jewish squatters from Yamit, the Sinai town built only seven years ago, which is being plowed into the ground before its return to Egypt.
Eleven protesters led by Tsahi Hanegbi, son of ultranationalist lawmaker Ceula Cohen, barricaded themselves atop an 82-foot war memorial. Another group, followers of Rabbi Meir Kahane, remained barricaded inside a nearby bunker.
Defense Minister Ariel Sharon, who supervised the eviction from a helicopter, said he expected the removals to be completed by the onset of the Jewish Sabbath in the afternoon.
Observers said the battle was the most violent between Israeli soldiers and civilians they could remember,

possibly in the state's 34-year history. But the military said there were no casualties in the operation, code-named "Red Dove" and involving an estimated 20,000 troops.
Israel decided to destroy Yamit when negotiations with Egypt on a price for the structures fell through. The 5,000 settlers were paid \$250 million in compensation.
Stoessel, on his fourth visit to Cairo in nine days, was to be accompanied by David Kimche, director-general of the Israeli Foreign Ministry. Egypt's representatives were Foreign Minister Kamal Hassan Ali and his assistant, Butros Ghali, the state minister for Foreign Affairs.
The disputed border region is a 770-yard stretch of desert at Taba, near the Israeli port of Eilat on the Gulf of Aqaba. An Israeli tourist complex is located there.
Although Egypt appeared anxious to settle the problem quickly, diplomatic sources said the Israeli decision to complete the withdrawal on schedule has taken the heat out of the crisis. The two countries have ample time to narrow their differences, before or after the pullout.
Outside Cairo, the armed forces lit two "peace torches" at the grave of assassinated President Anwar Sadat and gave them to relay runners to take to the Sinai in a tribute to the man who launched the peace process.



staff photo by Eric Mitchell

Paying attention to detail

Philip Mitchell, a graduate student from Houston, checks out some preparations for the electron microscope in the Biological Science building.

Hobby defends Texas from other states

United Press International
WASHINGTON — Lawmakers from Midwestern and Northeastern states are working to change allocation formulas in the New Federalism program to channel money away from states like Texas that have a sound tax structure, Lt. Gov. Bill Hobby told Texas' congressional delegation Thursday.
Hobby said Texas is at a disadvantage because some lawmakers are trying to channel more money away from states with high tax potential but relatively low tax collections.
"Texas is one of only five states that does not tax income," Hobby said in an address to the lawmakers in a House office building. Texas taxes consumption, not income.
"We are part of a happy minority of states with a sound tax structure,

and we don't intend to change that, and we don't intend to be punished by the federal government for it."
"It is clear that if the state and local governments are to accept the responsibility for programs, we must receive revenue resources adequate to implement them."
"If you give us the wagon, then give us the horse to pull it," Hobby said.
Hobby said the biggest losers under the scheme would be Texas, Wyoming, Nevada and Alaska. He said the big winners would be New York, "Taxachusetts," Rhode Island and New Jersey.
Hobby said he was not asking for more federal aid and involvement, but he urged the congressmen to make certain the state is not penalized.

Cloud of ash creating strange effects in sky

United Press International
MOUNTAIN VIEW, Calif. — A stratospheric cloud of ash from a volcano in Mexico is drifting over parts of the Northern Hemisphere — creating blue moons, purple twilights and green rings around the sun.
The monster cloud could cut the amount of sunlight reaching Earth, causing a drop in temperature and shortening the growing season, scientists at the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's Ames Research Center said Thursday.
The strange phenomena can be expected for months throughout much of the hemisphere, the scientists said.
The cloud was formed from ash shot into the stratosphere by the eruption at El Chichon in southern Mexico where at least 22 people died and thousands were left homeless.
The latest calculation estimates the cloud contains 10 million tons of debris — the largest amount suspended in the air since the 1912 eruption of

Alaska's Mount Kaimai and more than that shot into the air by the Mount St. Helen's eruption.
"That's a lot of stuff," said Brian Toon, an atmospheric specialist at NASA's Ames Research Center.
The cloud was discovered 18 miles above the Pacific by a NASA U-2 pilot flying as high as he could 3 miles below it. The pilot found he could look at the sun through the cloud without injuring his eyes.
By Thursday Toon said the cloud is moving westward from Mexico to Saudi Arabia. Another vast haze, sheared off the top of the first, was moving in the opposite direction and was temporarily lost somewhere over Africa. At high altitudes jet streams move in opposite directions.
These monster clouds were much larger than the "mystery" cloud reported in January, later discovered to have resulted from a volcanic eruption in the South Pacific. That cloud has dissipated.

Forums, councils help college deans, students communicate

by Johna Jo Maurer

Battalion Staff
While all the deans of the various colleges at Texas A&M University maintain open-door policies in regard to student problems and are willing to answer students' questions, some have established more formal vehicles for student input.
The College of Engineering holds an open meeting once a year for students to ask the deans questions about enrollment policies, curriculum, exam policies and other such questions.
Dean Robert H. Page addressed engineering students April 14 on current developments and policies in the college and future plans. He and several deans and the head of the mecha-

nical engineering department then answered students' questions.
"The crux is you," Page said. "Without students, we'd be nothing."
Page said this open meeting is a regular college procedure and that student attendance is usually low, considering the enrollment of more than 12,000 students in the engineering college.
Although the other colleges don't use a forum as a communications link, they have developed other channels.
In the College of Business Administration, the Business Student Council serves as a means of student-faculty communication. Dean William V. Muse said he meets with representatives of the council on a regular basis.
Each department in the college has a society or club which elects representatives to the council.
"I think the open forum idea (of the engineering college) is good," Muse said. "I'd like to look at something like this for our college."
The College of Agriculture maintains communication through student representation on the Ag Council.
Each academic department in the college offers a bachelor of science degree and is authorized to have a technical club. The president of each club and one representative attend Ag Council meetings once a month, serving as advisers to the dean's office. Each academic department also has two representatives.

The Ag Council coordinates such programs as the Ag Convocation, an annual event held in the spring where a prominent person in agriculture addresses students.
"Students have not indicated that Ag Council has not met their needs," Associate Dean D. A. Suter said. "We've been pleased with this setup."
In the College of Architecture, Dean Charles M. Hix Jr. maintains an open door policy and meets on a regular basis with students to discuss any problems they may have.
A more formal channel of communication is available through the College of Architecture's assistant dean for academic affairs, who meets regularly with the officers of student

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Parking violations amount to big bucks

by Greg Trest

Battalion Reporter
If you have only one unpaid parking ticket at Texas A&M University, the University Police won't track you down immediately, but the director of security and traffic says eventually they will.
"We don't go to great extensive efforts to track you down for one ticket, although you are in violation," Thomas R. Parsons said.
If a ticket is issued, a person has ten days to either pay the fine or appeal it. Students with three fines can be blocked from registration, or even

have their car towed, he said.
Gross violators of the regulations who are sent notices or blocked from registration and still refuse to pay are referred to the Department of Student Affairs, Parsons said. Student Affairs then holds a hearing about the violations, and the student either is suspended, put on probation or pays the fines, he said.
Last year, \$467,000 was collected from parking tickets. The department expects to collect more this year, he said.
During the day, 27,700 cars have permits to operate on campus where

there are only 18,100 legal spaces, Parsons said. This is a ratio of three cars to two spaces. Compared to the University of Texas which issues 21,115 permits for 8,788 spaces, the Texas A&M ratio is excellent, he said.
Texas A&M has more parking spaces available than any other university in the state, but also has the most tickets issued, Parsons said.
Parking fines were raised three years ago from \$5 to \$10 in an attempt to cut down on the number of violations, Parsons said. However, the increase in fines has not helped the problem, he said.

The money collected from parking permits and tickets is placed in a parking facilities reserve, Parsons said. The reserve is administered by the Vice President for Business Affairs.
Salaries of University Police employees are funded from the parking reserve. In addition, the Grounds Maintenance department also gets money from the reserve because they are responsible for the upkeep of campus parking lots, he said.
The biggest expenditure from the reserve is the construction of new lots such as the one behind the Zachry

Engineering Center, which cost \$1.4 million, he said.
Multi-level garages would be one solution to parking problems, but they also cost more, Parsons said. A surface lot costs \$1,500 a space to build, whereas a garage costs \$5,000 a space, he said.
Construction of a multi-level garage had been planned for behind the Reed McDonald Building. However, that space now will be used for the expansion of the Cyclotron Institute and the new Physics building, Parsons said.

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forecast

Today's Forecast: Cloudy with a 60 percent chance of rain; high today in the mid-50s; low in the upper 40s. Saturday's forecast calls for cloudy skies with a high in the 70s.