

### TOURISM MAN GIVES HIS VIEWS AT BANCHORY

# Caravan sites before camps are

## Painters oppose 'Nicky' report

THE Amalgamated Society of Painters and Decorators passed an emergency motion at their annual conference at Eastbourne yesterday opposing the report of the National Income Commission.

The Commission's findings and recommendations issued this week arise out of their recent inquiry into the agreement for the forty-hour week in the Scottish building industry.

The conference motion said "In particular, conference emphatically rejects their suggestion that the agreement be amended and as one of the unions concerned in its negotiations declares that it will firmly resist any attempt to negate the implementation of the forty-hour week in Scotland."

**Their fight**

Mr A. Black (Scotland) said that they had been fighting for the forty-hour week since 1934. They were gratified to have made the breakthrough in Scotland and would resist any attempt to abrogate the agreement.

Mr R. Lennox (Aberdeen) said that the forty-hour week was not a question which belonged to Scotland alone. If they accepted the Commission's report it would mean an end to further collective bargaining and an imposition of political decisions on the trades union movement.

Trade Unionists throughout the country must resist the recommendations.

**Flaming waste**

Fire damage in Britain last month is estimated to have cost the country £2,658,000.

**Water ski Earl**

The Earl of Snowdon has agreed to become patron of the British Water Ski Federation.

## urged for Deeside

DEESIDE shouldn't have holiday camps to attract tourism in the opinion of Mr W. Nicholson, director of the Scottish Tourist Board.

But good sites for caravans should be located and encouraged.

Mr Nicholson expressed this view when he addressed the management committee of the Deeside Tourist Association on tourism when they entertained him to dinner in the Ravenswood Hotel, Banchory.

Tourism was a must if money and prosperity were to be brought to the rural areas, he said, and the Press, television, local councils, land owners, right down to the but an 'ben' who had a room to let, all must help and cooperate if this great enterprise was to flourish.

Unfortunately, we still have the village pump and parochial attitude to anything which spells change or progress," said Mr Nicholson.

### UNIQUE

"Scotland, especially Deeside, is unique in its geographic response to any cause which will help others, but how unwilling and hesitant to take the plunge to help themselves."

He gave an assurance that nothing would be done about the railway until roads were improved and alternative services provided.

A Tourist Associations' Conference must be inaugurated, consisting of all forty associations in Scotland on a regular basis," added Mr Nicholson. The first one would probably be held in Aberdeen.

### DEATH FALL

One man died and five were injured when roofing of a temporary market being built in the centre of Liverpool fell yesterday, trapping men underneath.

## Scottish firm's sea hunt for oil

A NEW Scottish company, who will provide the first offshore oil-drilling contracting service based on the United Kingdom has been formed, promising substantial shipbuilding in Scotland and more jobs.

Global Marine Exploration Company of Los Angeles, California, Keir and Cawder Arrow Drilling Company, of Glasgow and London, and Brown Brothers and Company of Edinburgh yesterday announced at a Press conference in Edinburgh the pending formation of a new company, Global Marine K.C.A. Ltd.

A statement said the rapid expansion in the development of offshore oil and gas reserves and the current interest in exploring the submerged lands of the North Sea for potential oil and gas production have led to the association of the three firms, whose interests and capabilities are complementary in this area of offshore drilling operations.

The initial interest of the new company will be directed toward offshore oil and gas drilling programmes in the North Sea and other surrounding waters of the UK.

## Tax probe powers . . .

The Chancellor of the Exchequer has taken special measures in the Finance Bill to probe the possibilities of imposing a new tax on gaming and gambling.

Customs men are to be granted new powers to enable them to enter and search gaming establishments for information which will be used to compile the register of gaming facilities which Mr Maundling mentioned in his Budget speech.

## 'SPIT' SIGN CAUSES SPLIT

IN a modern society of cleanliness and super hygiene, is it necessary to erect notices prohibiting spitting?

This question was posed yesterday at a meeting of Aberdeen Education Committee when a report of the committee and redrafting of the regulations relating to the use of schools for non-schools purposes was before them for consideration.

One paragraph in the report read: "No spitting will be allowed in school floors or corridors."

When the committee considered this they could not decide on whether the use of the words was necessary. A vote was eventually taken and thirteen members voted for the retention of the words while thirteen voted against their use.

### Unnecessary

It took the casting vote of Mr Maundling Mackie, Jun., chairman, to reach a decision that the words should be left out of the regulations.

One member said that in this modern society it was surely unnecessary for the public to be told to stop spitting.

The committee agreed to discuss the remainder of the Regulations.

## DAUGHTER AND DAD—ON AND OFF THE STAGE



Alastair Sim and Merlith Sim, father and daughter in real life, play father and daughter on the stage at His Majesty's Theatre, Aberdeen, next week in "Windfall," a new comedy about life in an old English public school. Alastair Sim, a popular figure on the Aberdeen stage, also directs the comedy, in which he plays the part of a housemaster. The play is on tour before its London opening.

### Mr HUGHES TELLS M.P.s:

## North-east well placed for trade with Scandinavia

From EDGAR HARTLEY

THE geographical advantages of the North-east of Scotland in competing for more business with Scandinavian countries were emphasised by Mr Hector Hughes in the House of Commons yesterday.

He suggested that the President of the Board of Trade, Mr P. T. Erroll, should invite delegates from Scandinavian countries to a trade conference in Scotland for the purpose of taking advantage of their geographical propinquity to Scotland and for developing existing trade relations between them and Scotland.

Mr Alan Green, Minister of State, Board of Trade, replied that they were in constant consultation with Scandinavian partners in EFTA for the purpose of developing trade between those countries and Britain as a whole.

Pointing to what he described as the "great" opportunities in North-east Scotland, Mr Hughes declared that it was very wrong of the Board of Trade to treat Britain as a whole instead of dealing with areas which needed Government help.

### March visitors

The Aberdeen Harbour Board have sent trade missions to Scandinavia for the purpose of developing trade, industry and employment in the North-east. What were the Government going to supplement these efforts?

Mr Green argued that the Board's proper duty was to treat the trade interests of this country as a whole. Nevertheless, he welcomed the Board's initiative to improve those ties between Scotland and Scandinavia and he welcomed the Board's initiative to improve those ties.

During March they had received visits from the Swedish Prime Minister, the Foreign Minister and the Trade Minister.

Mr Hughes clearly disapproved of the Board's reply and said that he would try and raise the issue during an adjournment debate.

### TV Look-in

## B.B.C. SCORE WITH SMALL SCREEN JOURNALISM

WITH the disclosures of the Vassal Tribunal less than six hours ago, the B.B.C. last night presented an excellent review of the situation.

This sort of up-to-the-minute television journalism is done best of the B.B.C. Even "This Week" TV's reply, does not come up to B.B.C. standards when Parliamentary issues are discussed.

Rubin Day introduced a panel of M.P.s and journalists to talk about the report. The discussions were lively and interesting and brought the issues to the layman's level. The liveliness was mainly due to the journalists on the panel, even although the Press did not come out of it very well.

Twice a week "Compact" puts on Chelsea books and plays through a quagmire of romance and trivia. Miss the serial for a week and it takes another week to catch up with the latest corny development!

### At his best

Last night's episode was the mixture as before—not for me, I'm afraid, but the women love it.

Still, on BBC, Harry Worth muddled his way through his driving test and the organisation of a driving test. When Harry is up against officialdom he is seen at his best, and last night's episode was a gem.

I felt however that two separate items had been shoved together to make one episode. In spite of the Harry and his test, Derek (George) Middleton, General Secretary of the Scottish TUC, answered competently and fairly questions put to him. He was a welcome programme of the questions were distributed evenly.

## New Zealander at home in Mearns He's saving stories to carry back

FEEDING lambs at the farm of Pitlochry, Perthshire, yesterday, was tall young New Zealander farmer Barrie Smyth. He found it an easy task, for back home near Whangarei, North Island, he is accustomed to a flock on the thousand mark.

Barrie's hosts, Mr and Mrs D. J. Macdonald, are finding him a useful guest to have around, for he wants the chance to do everything on the farm. He is an excellent driver, a keen sportsman, and while he and another New Zealander are busy learning about British farming, they are in New Zealand.

Barrie is very interested in the intensive cropping and the extent of mechanisation on our farms. At home he and his father run a 500-acre farm alone, going in for breeding ewes and heifers.

### On horseback

They get around their hilly land on horseback and make full use of sheepdogs. The climate makes their work different, for their Romney sheep and Aberdeen-Angus cattle stay out for twelve months in the year.

Grass stops growing for only a few weeks, and by spring the humid heat produces an embarrassment of riches.

There is a spell when we can hardly keep on top of it," said Barrie, "even when the lambs arrive."

Plovers and sewing are a novelty to Barrie. The equivalent on his pasture land is a top dressing, much of it being sprayed from the air.

Shearing and any big jobs go out to contractors.

Barrie, who will spend six months on the farm in this country, intends to take a two months' holiday before returning to New Zealand, and tour the continent of New Zealand.

Specially selected for the trip, Barrie is getting used to questions. There were plenty before he left, but he could not "put over" New Zealand here, and plenty from people in this country, particularly young farmers and members of Young Farmers' Clubs.

And when he returns, the quiz will start all over again, as he reports on conditions in Scotland and England.

One novel experience to be had in New Zealand, Barrie has a trick with Barrie's listeners. At Rungwa, in North Island, young people love to climb the mountain to swim in the crater of an active volcano, water, for it is as warm as the Mediterranean. Then they ski down the snow-clad slopes.

## 'Spies' issue some more 'secrets'

AT the height of the Scotland Yard and M.I.5 investigations into the "Spies for Peace" leakages, the organisers published new secrets yesterday. In a defiant gesture to the security authorities, they claimed they would send copies of the "secrets" to the senior officers of every London police station.

The new document, in four pencilled sheets, lists details of R.S.G. (Regional Seats of Government) situated in East Anglia for use in the event of a nuclear war.

Some copies sent through the post bore a Cambridge postmark and, as a result, Scotland Yard's Special Branch renewed enquiries in university towns for people connected with the Spies for Peace Movement.

The first "official secret" revelation, sent to newspapers on Good Friday, gave details of R.S.G.—in Berkshire. And the movement threatened to reveal more and more secrets.

The new "leak" names 119 people said to be associated with R.S.G. and lists twenty-three organisations connected with its running. It also gives telephone numbers.

### Back to work

Normal working was resumed last night at Morris Motors, Cowley, Oxford, where an official strike yesterday by paint shop workers over the dismissal of a colleague almost halted car production.

### SMITHFIELD

Beef—Scottish sales 174-1/2 lb. English long cuts 17-1/2, medium 11-1/2, short 11-1/2. Mutton—Scottish sales 114-1/2, English long cuts 11-1/2, medium 11-1/2, short 11-1/2. Poultry—English sales 11-1/2, medium 11-1/2, short 11-1/2. New Zealand 11-1/2, medium 11-1/2, short 11-1/2. 12-1/2 and over 11-1/2. See 11-1/2.

## Fallen stone starts North village scare —But Brahan Seer prophecy misfires

FEARFUL villagers rushed from a Rosshire village yesterday to see if a centuries-old dire prophecy was about to come true.

For according to Highland legend the famed Brahan Seer—Kenneth Mackenzie (Connend Odhar), who lived near Brahan, Maryburgh, Rosshire, in the seventeenth century—wrote: "The day will come when ships will ride with canes attached to the Eagle Stone."

He was referring to the stone that stands in a Nairn Wood House at the village of Strathpeffer, and marks the spot where the Mackenzies defeated the Murrays in one of their clan feuds.

The stone was erected by the Mackenzies in memory of their clan comrades.

And the Brahan Seer prophesied that when three times of its own voice on it has already done so twice—Loch Ness will ooze out and Lord Strathpeffer below so

much that ships will sail up the valley and be fastened to the Eagle Stone."

And yesterday morning the news spread round Strathpeffer that the stone had fallen. Villagers rushed to the spot to see if it was true. It was.

But there was no flood. And later vandals were blamed for knocking down the stone.

Said the Earl of Cromartie: "From marks on the bottom of the stone it appears to have been knocked over. I think it is the work of hooligans. It is most distressing."

Rosshire police are investigating, and last night the stone was replaced upright again and cemented firmly into the ground.

One village said: "All the Brahan Seer prophecies have come true so far and when the stone was discovered down for a third time it gave many of us quite a shock. It is a popular spot for tourists and thousands of people from all over the world look to see it."



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