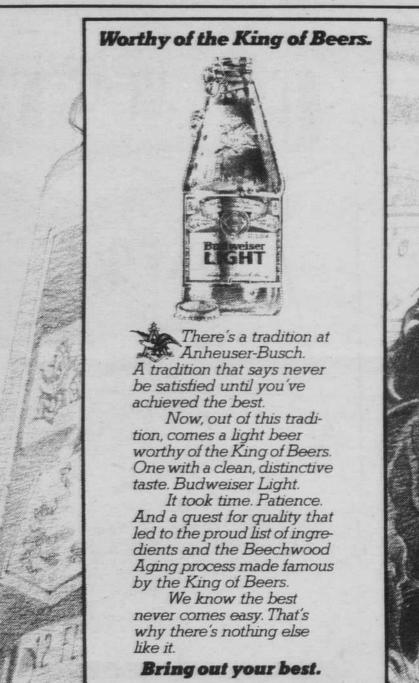


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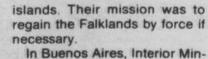


## **Parliament calls for** Thatcher to quit

LONDON (AP) - Prime Min-ister Margaret Thatcher told shouting opposition members of Parliament on Tuesday she would not resign over the Falkland Islands crisis, and put an embargo on Argentine beef and other products.

But with mounting criticism of her failure to avert the Argentine seizure of the islands, panic gripped the London Stock Exchange and the pound tumbled amid fears the crisis could force the Conservative leader out of office.

The British assault ship Fearless steamed out of Portsmouth harbor to join a 40-vessel British armada whose leading aircraft carriers, Hermes and Invincible, sailed Monday on the two-week voyage to the South Atlantic



ister Gen. Alfredo Saint Jean told reporters the Argentine government will defend the Falklands "at any cost." The government continued to reinforce its garrisons on the islands, with a reported 300 soldiers plus a dozen trucks and various artillery pieces.

Pentagon spokesman Henry Catto told reporters in Washington that the U.S. government was steering a middle course in the dispute. West Germany and Switzerland sided with Britain and halted arms sales to Argentina, and the Common Market urged Argentina to withdraw from the Falklands

In Moscow, the Soviet news agency Tass accused Britain of preparing for possible "aggression" against Argentina, but made no mention of any Soviet action.

Having staked her political future on regaining the remote British colony of 1,800 inhabitants that was seized Friday, Thatcher answered calls for her resignation by telling the House of Commons:

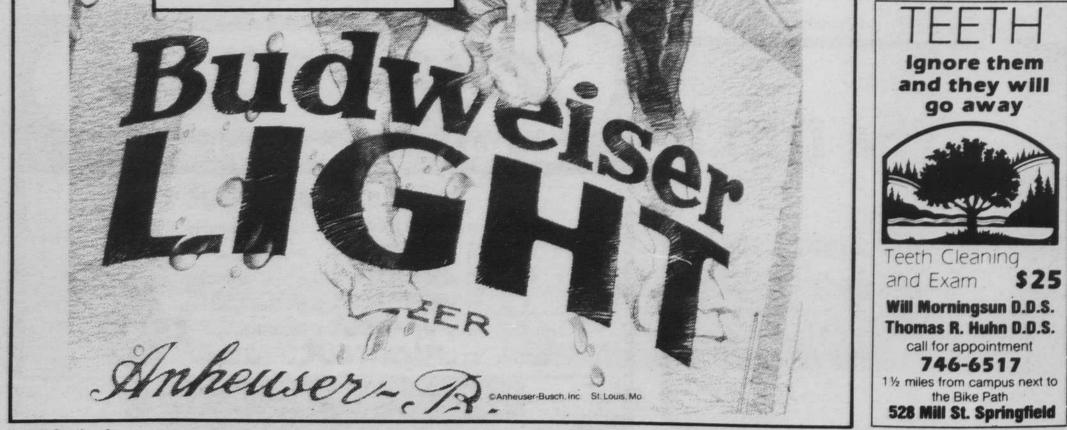
"No. Now is the time for strength and resolution."

Labor charged that Thatcher's government should have averted Argentina's seizure of the islands, pointing to press reports that intelligence sources in Buenos Aires gave London the full invasion plan 10 days ago

In Britain, the national humiliation that cost Foreign Secretary Lord Carrington his job has resulted in a resurgence of national pride. The massive naval effort and the country's determination to safeguard the rights of the British citizens in the Falklands has won overwhelming public approval.

A convoy of eight Scorpion light tanks, an armored command vehicle, two earth movers and pontoon bridges moved onto the docks at Southampton under police escort Tuesday. apparently to be loaded on the 8,500-ton container vessel, Elk, due to join the task force.

On the Hermes, fighter jets roared on and off the carrier in combat trials, British reporters said



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