

# British offer new peace talks

**FALKLAND ISLANDS (AP)** — Shaken by its first casualties in the Falklands fighting, Britain on Wednesday revived talk of a peaceful solution to the crisis, but Argentina gave no sign it was backing down, imposed belt-tightening measures to help the war effort and picked up military support from Venezuela.

There were rumors of large-scale military action over the Falklands, but Argentina's Joint Chiefs of Staff issued a statement saying the last clashes occurred Tuesday afternoon.

The Argentine junta still said nothing about the destruction of the destroyer HMS Sheffield on Tuesday. The Argentine public found out about it through newspapers that published banner headlines over foreign press accounts from London.

The British Defense Ministry said it believed 30 men died in the attack. Government sources reported another 57 were either wounded or missing.

Press Association, Britain's domestic news agency, quoted authoritative sources as saying two Argentine submarines were cruising Britain's 200-mile war zone around the Falklands, and that the rest of the Argentine fleet was making for the mainland coast. There was no official confirmation.

Against a background of anger and dismay, British Foreign Secretary Francis Pym told the House of Commons in London he had transmitted a "constructive contribution" to a peace plan being worked on by Secretary of State Alexander Haig.

"A vital ingredient of the ideas on which we are working is an early cease-fire and the prompt

withdrawal of Argentine forces," Pym said. But the Argentines demand recognition of Argentine sovereignty over the Falklands before any withdrawal begins, and Britain refuses to concede sovereignty.

Pym's remarks were in stark contrast to statements by British leaders last week stressing that military and other pressure would be increased until Argentina gave the Falklands back to Britain.

Pym said Haig's peace efforts remained alive, despite the announcement Friday that the U.S. government was siding with Britain and imposing sanctions against Argentina. "There has been no suspension" of the effort, Pym said.

White House spokesman Larry Speakes said that at Pres. Reagan's direction, Haig "remains actively engaged in an effort to do all we can to assist in the peaceful outcome of the crisis in the South Atlantic. The ultimate solution must be peaceful or the consequences will be lasting and grave."

Haig held an unexpected meeting Tuesday with Britain's ambassador in Washington, apparently to discuss the British ideas.

Relatives of 87 crewmen aboard the Sheffield were notified their men were either wounded, missing or dead in an Argentine computer-guided missile strike from a fighter-bomber Tuesday off the Falkland Islands. There was no definitive breakdown of the casualties.

At the same time, Argentina continued the search for about 360 crewmen missing from the General Belgrano, the cruiser torpedoed and sunk by a British

submarine Sunday.

Argentina reported the rescue of at least 680 survivors from the Belgrano, and about 400 of them arrived at the southernmost Argentine port of Ushuaia early Tuesday, Argentine journalists said.

In Buenos Aires, the Argentine junta announced the peso was devalued 16.8 percent as part of a package designed to help finance the fight against Britain.

It said a dollar now costs 14,000 pesos, compared to 12,000 previously, and that a 7 percent surcharge will be tacked on to each foreign currency transaction.

U.S. intelligence sources in Washington who asked to remain anonymous reported Venezuela is now providing spare parts to Argentina for Mirage fighter-bombers and Canberra light bombers.

The sources also said that Venezuelan Pres. Luis Herrera Campins had ordered the Venezuelan air force to prepare for unspecified flight operations. There was no elaboration on this.

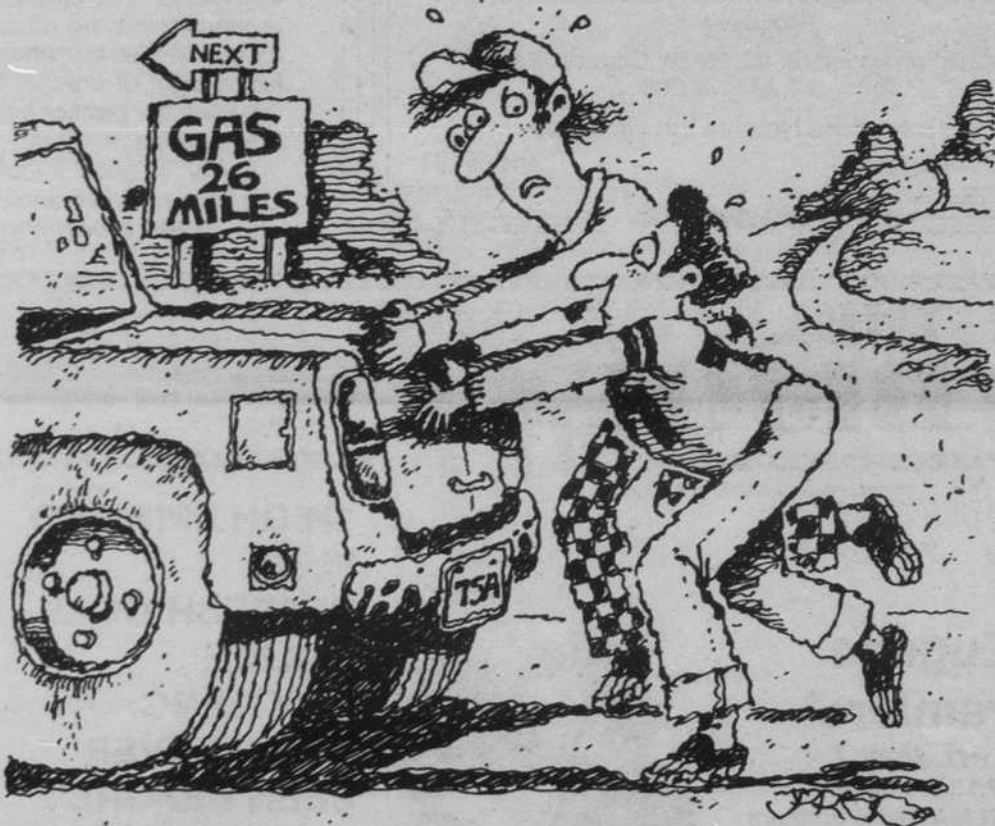
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