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For this week -

West Indies V. England. RAF Gan V. Royal Marines.
Films They Might Have Made, etc. etc.

HAVE YOU HEARD

1. That the Clockwork Orange likes his sand pies well baked. (The Clockwork Orange is the uncouth RMC name for our distinguished, long-suffering Prof.)
2. The next officers mess meeting will be held in the operating theatre of RMC says Ch.Tech. K. Smith. Presumably RMC have enough wombs with a view.
3. A strong-man is to visit Gan for the purpose of "carrying back to FEAF0 the footballers consisting of 14 members" (extract from application for return flight.Sent in by Sgt.Cole)
4. Each Tuesday and Friday the "maker's rep" helps to improve his Boss's work at RMC.
5. Dougal is thinking of applying for overtime on 'OP' days.

Dear Editor,

I draw your attention to a libellous attack on my character in a recent copy of your... newspaper? I feel you should be warned that legal proceedings are being considered, and that under Maldivian Law could result in a claim for damages amounting to 20 tons of handpicked coco-nuts (that should break Godfrey's fingernails), or alternatively 3 years forced attendance at Sergeants Mess sing-songs.

Impatient at the long processes of the law, I have determined on the satisfaction of personal revenge. I did consider killing, cooking, and serving to the author of this article, Boris the Stonefish! In this way I hoped to attack him both physically;(assuming the poison remained potent), and emotionally;(Boris being his nearest and dearest). On reflection, I dismissed this plan as being unfair to Boris.

I have decided instead, to exact my revenge through the medium of one of my secondary duties. Would you inform "Dear Godfrey", that in future his priority for mechanical transport on this unit will be drastically reduced. It will now lie between educational runs to the Colombo red light district, and inspection of airmen's married quarters by visiting foreign royalty.

I remain
Unfortunately still
Yours
Cyril.

The Editor,
GAN Island Post.

Sir,

The editorial reply, to my suggestion, was a disappointment - Evasive and irrelevant with some good examples of crooked thinking.

The letter, being a mixture of fact and opinion, can hardly be classified as fiction; even using the word "fiction" in its broadest sense. It would be more accurately described as an apocalypse to the editor of the GIP - revealing to him the feelings, of a large number of readers, toward the GIP.

CONTD---

Replying to a criticism with aspersions, on the critic, is a common form of crooked thinking, often used by politicians and other debaters. I have, in fact, contributed about six articles, of general interest, to the GIP during the last year; plus numerous jokes (not from Playboy) and "Have you heards". But that is irrelevant as it has no bearing on my suggestions. In passing, now that it has been brought up, if a quarter of the R.A.F. population wrote six articles each there would be approximately 17 articles a week! And it is because this is unlikely to happen that my suggestions were made. It seems that a good nucleus, for the proposed organisation, would be: Flt.Lt.Kerse, Sqd. Ldr.Buckle, SAC Lyons, Mr.Hamilton, SAC Hill.

The two Bridge Club newsletters, from which chunks were removed, seem to have been forgotten. However that may be reasonable for I omitted to define "large" in the context "large chunks".

Paragraph four of the reply is a little baffling - Why did you have to write eight pages at short notice? Is there a laid down minimum number of pages?

The Flight Lieutenant would be happy to come and proof read but regrets that his other interests (sailing, Sub-aqua, Bridge, Reading, and Drinking) preclude him from assisting with the layout. But, wouldn't it be more appropriate to find someone with more than two months to do?

Short stories, from the library, should not be included in a magazine produced for and by the local inhabitants. Copying available material is an uneconomical way of using both duplicating paper and the typists time. A regular book review feature would be more welcome. This could contain reviews of new additions to the library, classics, old favourites and literary gems. ~~This may even result in a renaissance at GAN and a better utilisation of the library.~~

Yours sincerely,

Ian Galletti.

P.S. The last two editions (356 & 357) of the GIP have been a considerable improvement and very readable. 356 still had numerous typing errors, but the contents and layout were good and enjoyable. 357 was not only enjoyable but had fewer typing errors as well - I'm looking forward to the next edition.

Ian.

Editor's Reply

1. I am unaware that "a large number of readers" don't like GIP, as is the writer, unless he's carried out any research. "Replying to a criticism with aspersions... is a common form of crooked thinking...", etc.
2. I'm sure Sqn.Ldr. Buckle and company will appreciate your suggestion. At present we're doing well for material, so perhaps controversy and local humour do work.
3. It's reasonable to have a 'laid down number of pages'. I have decided that fourteen is the minimum. It might prove a disappointment, even to the discontented, if GIP were to consist of only six sides.
4. Even one week's help would be appreciated, but I don't wish to curtail your personal pleasures by community service.

CONTD—

5. The book review feature has been adopted - see Edition 357, a good idea.
6. The numerous typing errors can be eliminated only by good proof reading. I, alas, cannot spend more time on this task. This is where your (and anyone else's) help would be appreciated.
7. I'm pleased you are pleased with the progress. More letters from readers both in criticism and in praise help me to know what sort of magazine is wanted.

+PUZZLE CORNER+

1. Assuming you are the NAAFI manager and you start off with 1,000 glasses and you lose 10% of your total stock each month through breakages, how many would you have left at the end of six months?

2. Continue the sequence: 1,2,3,2,5,4,9,8,17,16.....

3.

AA 1234

How many number plates possible with this two-letter/four-figure combination?

4. Take a number, double it, redouble, divide by three and then by two. you have four left. What was the original number?

5. Hidden meanings

(a) HE KM 2 C ME (5 words)

(b) ~~HE~~ $\frac{D}{HE}$ Kso (4 words)

(c) ~~HE~~ $\frac{D}{HE}$ (1 word)

(d) T^ID^E

The winners so far are Sqn.Ldr. Buckle and SAC Daly. What about the rest of you having a go? Comcen and MCS haven't the monopoly of brains.

6. There are two eskimos. One is a big eskimo and the other is a little eskimo. The little eskimo is the son of big eskimo but the big eskimo is not the father of the little eskimo. Who is the big eskimo?

SNIPPETS

All Edinburgh's 40,000 odd subscribers have now been fitted with new dials incorporating letters and figures.

The Scotsman

Any exhibitors remaining after 7 p.m. will be sold for the benefit of the fete funds.

Schedule for Horticultural Show

ARE YOU A TWENTY-STONE WEAKLING??????

'Next time the BOWEL' the editorial Clockwork Orange keeps shouting at me. Perha s he has a fixation about it, —he's obsessed by his daily ritual. Or he may have overheard three rotund porkers accuse a certain Peter III of being thin like those two asthenic lithe fit members of the medical profes- sion! The insult must have been great as Ill has not stopped eating since.

Ill beware!! The signs of obesity are well seen on Gan. Moderate degree are not usually associated with syptoms, but certainly are statis- tically related to an increased liability of diabetes, atherosclerosis, gout, gall bladder disease, osteoarthritis, and particularly corona ry artery disease. Excoriation and infection of skin beneath rolls of fat occurs. Corpulence increases the probability of eventual cardiac failure

Obesity may lead to alveolar hypoventilation, hypoxia, carbon dioxide retention, reduced vital capacity, polycythaemia and somnolence. This is known as the 'Pickwickian syndrome'.

But take heart, slimming is not building 'towers in the air', —write to Charles Atlas Middleweight: he will tell you that 'DYNAMIC TENSION' makes you alive with vitality,— the husky that men respect and women admire!!

CUTTI DIDI

B I N G O

It was decided at the 180 Club General Meeting to stop the weekly Bingo sessions and instead to hold a 'giant' Bingo evening each month. Tickets will be sold in advance so that prizes can be more worthwhile. If enough people buy tickets money or tape recorders or radios will be offered as prizes. The next Bingo session will be in March on a date to be notified.

Snippets

There was a man who went on a diet, his skin hung in folds, so he went to the Doctor. The Doc stretched his skin up over and tied it in a knot on the man's head, hence he always had to wear a Bowler hat. When he went to work his friends said how smart he looked, but what was the small hole in his forehead? The man replied, "That's my belly button, but do you like my new tie?"
SAC Fulcher

Mr. Long and Bud Moore went deer hunting and shot a deer at Jonesboro. Also their guesst, Alan Hancock, from Ashland, Main.

News-Observer (Maine)

CHILD GETS MORE MILK WHEN COOKED IN THE
PORRIDGE

Canadian paper

FOR SALE, Twin beds: one hardly used.

Kentish Express

DEAR GODFREY

A mania for slimming has engulfed the village, caused perhaps, by the coronary suffered by Fred Cone, who will be sadly missed, and whose burial took place suddenly and dramatically because of the smell once he went off. At first, the stench was confused with that emitted by our local policeman, a curiously oderiferous compound of brimstone and treacle, seasoned with curry powder, but as the odour grew in strength, almost in volume, it was noticed that Frederick had not moved for several days. His breakfast of toadjuice and rice krispies was untouched, as was Nellie Quiver, his nurse, and that was what gave away the sad, sad truth.

Fred's avoir-du-pois was equalled by many of our inhabitants, in particular by one C. Wednesday, named so because his mother had a vision of the horned goat-brother in the middle of the week. So our hero fled to Dr. Malpractice who, himself wraith-like and given to sucking asps, recommended a diet of raw stoat and mashed cockroach. The results were amazing. Not only did a fresh-faced, virgin-like cherub emerge as the lard disappeared but hair grew prolifically under the olfactory organ, a tribute to Dr. Malpractice's undoubted powers. Others follow suit: Cyril is down to a mere twenty stones and bounds about in his granny's bathing drawers; William, son of WAT, was so carried away by it all he disappeared during his fourteenth press-up, thus reinforcing the legend of the excitable, circulatory bird; only the fishmonger remains aloof, so far.

THE VISITATION

Canon Fodder for some years has been looking for a martyr. The advantages are obvious; tourism would thrive, bat-wine sales would increase. **Beverley would be able to wear his new nun's outfit and relics could be sold (the Canon has been trying for years to sell off the withered arm found so pathetically in a rear pew).** So when the Bishop-in-chief announced he was to pay a Pastoral Visit, a plan took shape in that space colloquially referred to as the Canon's brain.

The Great Day arrived; thunder and lightning greeting the arrival of the Episcopal party. They retired for refreshment (cold tea and broken biscuits) to the Rectory, where the Bishop vested himself, and afterwards said he felt much better. They began the Pastoral traipse, beating the bounds of the parish with used choir boys.

All went well until the Her itage was reached. The Hermit, a man of doubtful temper and many summers, erupted at the first whiff of incense. The worthy bishop, alarmed by this sudden manifestation, stepped back, falling hideously over the trip-wire thoughtfully placed by our Canon, and plunged into the sharkpool stocked entirely with Mrs. Soames-Webb's venomous off-spring.

Within seconds only a shin bone remained (the fish died from a surfeit of albs) and the Canon pronounced the pond a shrine, giving orders for the holy water to be bottled and sold either as a liqueur (with a lingering bouquet) or as a specific for worms. The withered arm and skin bone were ceremonially installed in the gazebo, which, freshly-tarnished, proved an airy and salubrious resting place, having the advantage that Dainty Teas could be served while pilgrims were buying their relics (£1 a chip from the elbow down)

The Shrine was dedicated to St. Medusa, Patron Saint of the Complexion; the Hermit received his promised £5 note, his bag of parrot beaks and retired to the Isle of Wight where he opened a bandy house for retired gentlefolk. The Village found new prosperity. Long may free enterprise thrive.

DRILLS FOR GAN

SALT CELLAR MARK I

Method of Use

1. The Salt Cellar MK I is fired by inverting the weapon directly over the target, at the same time firmly oscillating the weapon vertically for a distance of one to one and a half inches.

Stoppages

2. Although the Salt Cellar MK I is a reliable weapon, there are two stoppages. All personnel are to be aware of the correct procedure for clearing the weapon;

a) No 1 Stoppage

- i) Salt Cellar salts. Salt Cellar stops salting.
- ii) Invert Salt Cellar; remove base plug.
- iii) Inspect magazine:
 - (a) Ammunition is not present: return salt cellar to store for replenishment.
 - (b) Ammunition is present:
 - (i) Replace Base Plug.
 - (ii) Clear salt cellar by grasping salt cellar firmly in the right hand in the upright position. Pass the salt cellar smartly across the body in the direction of the left hip, at the same time bringing the left hand smartly upward and across the body to meet the base of the salt cellar.
- iv) Carry on salting.

b) No.2 Stoppage

- i) Salt cellar salts a few salts. Salt cellar stops salting.
- ii) Inspect salt exit port.
- iii) Salt exit port blocked with ammunition unservicable through dampness.
- iv) Clear salt exit port by grasping salt cellar firmly in the left hand, at the same time removing Pin, General Purpose, from its storage position in the left lapel. Clear salt exit port with short sharp jabs with the Pin GP.
- v) Replace Pin GP.
- vi) Carry on salting.

Scratcher and R. Egge.

Snippet

NOTICE

Visitors wishing to view Sqn Ldr Buckle's erections are requested to give twenty-four hours' notice.

.C R I C K E T.

West Indies - England

Played: 15.2.1970

England won the toss and decided to have first strike at the wicket. It was very cool for this time of the day as the high clouds screened the sun rays. The general atmosphere was ideal for cricket and it was a good toss to win. Ackroyd and Jacques opened for England but Bryant bowling from the sea end soon had England reeling. Ackroyd was caught off his bowling and the wickets started to fall regularly. The batsmen seemed to be in a rush and most of them thought it was section cricket and batted carelessly. The West Indies were fielding superbly and Taitt made two brilliant catches. At lunch England were 23 runs for 6 wickets.

On the resumption Simpson and Robinson batted carefully and sensibly they added 17 valuable runs when Simpson was bowled. Robinson soon followed and England at this stage were 60 runs for 8 wickets. Potts joined Middleweek and these later order Batsmen established themselves in a fighting stand. They really showed up the early order Batsmen. Potts using the glide and tips to leg and Middleweek employing drives and cuts tore into the W.I. attack. The WI Captain, Willie Small, in an endeavour to break this attack switched his bowlers. Meosa was given the ball and he broke the partnership by having Potts Lbw at 94. The decision was disputable. Middleweek then hoisted the 100 and England were all out for 102 a good score taking into account the miserable start they had.

It was the WI turn at the wicket. They started in a flourish but Grossett was soon bowled. Tudor tried to hit his way out of the trouble and was caught off Gidlow. Allen followed Tudor getting out in similar fashion. Willie Small made his presence felt by hitting a huge six over Cover but Potts gained revenge by bowling him. WI seemed to be in trouble when their Captain was out. The score at this stage was 40 for 4. Taitt however throwing caution to the winds played a useful inning he and Meosa added 34 valuable runs when he got himself out by playing on. Meosa soon followed him when he was bowled by Middleweek. Tony Bryant taking full responsibility farmed the bowling. He was batting beautifully and his square cuts were a sight to behold. Aided by the WI tail enders the score was reached, West Indies winning by 2 wickets.

The teams: ENGLAND - Gidlow Capt.(Comcen), Jacques (Comcen), Ackroyd (Sigs), Burton (Comcen), Hicks (ATC), Middleweek (ATC), Robinson (SASF), Simpson (Equip), Potts (CAT), Hammond (Sigs), Nowell (Gannites).

WEST INDIES - Small Capt.(SASF), Bryant (SASF), Tudor (Equip), Meosa (Equip), Grossett (Equip), Hassan (Fire), Taitt (Gannites), Harding (Sigs), Ralley (Sigs), Allen (Sigs), Deane (Gannites).

SCORE: England - 102

Middleweek 25 N.O., Potts 25

Bowling Meosa 2-6, Bryant 2-29, Hassan 4-11,

West Indies - 103 - 8.

Meosa 37, Bryant 31 N.O.

Bowling Gidlow 2-30, Middleweek 2-28.

Cricket League Table on the following page.

However, as the game reached the first quarter Gan looked to be the far more stable side and eventually opened the scoring when Capel went over in the corner following a quick heel from a set scrum five yards from the Marines line. The conversion missed and the half time whistle went with the score at 3 pts-nil in Gan's favour.

Gan resumed the second half in a more determined manner and increased the score when Collings went over for a try again from a set scrum five yards from the Marines line. Burton converted.

Gan were now more confident and furthered the score when Weatherall forced his way over in the corner following a line out on the Marines line. Burton narrowly missed with the conversion after a very good kick.

A good passing movement by Gregory and White finished with Gregory scoring under the posts and Burton adding the two conversion points.

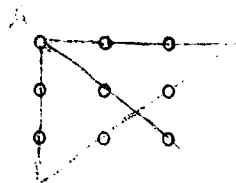
In the closing minutes the Marines were penalised twenty yards from their line and Gan took a quick penalty which enabled Clark to score near the posts. Burton converted putting Gan up by 21 pts.-nil which was to be the final score.

Many thanks to the Marines for a good game which was enjoyed by both sides.

H. Collings

LAST WEEK'S QUIZ ANSWER

1. Joining the nine dots: As it was not stipulated that the four lines must be confined to the area of the dots, the solution is fairly simple.



Draw the triangle starting at 'A', then the diagonal line.

2. A brick and a half = 3 Lbs.
3. $3\frac{1}{2}$ bricks = $5\frac{1}{4}$ Lbs.
4. This man's father etc is the speaker's son.
5. Half of twenty = 9.
6. (Complicated by the fact the drawing didn't appear: sorry).
Both balls would touch the level ground at the same moment because the force of gravity is not affected by the horizontal projection and speed of one of them.

All correct: A clear mind capable of lateral logic.

Less than 3: Your mind is straitjacketed.

None: Let your head for 30/- a week.

Snippet

City printers seek works manager, medium-sized but expanding.
Advert.in Evening News.

CRICKET LEAGUE TABLE AS AT 26TH FEBRUARY 1970

<u>TEAM</u>	<u>PLAYED</u>	<u>WON</u>	<u>LOST</u>	<u>POINTS</u>
SUPPLY	7	4	3	12
SASF	5	3	2	9
GANNITES	5	2	2 *	7½
COMMCEN	5	2	2 *	7½
SIGS	4	1	3	3

* N.B. GANNITES and COMMCEN share the points in one match.

Would teams with outstanding games attempt to re-arrange them as soon as possible.

STATION FOOTBALL

Although the eleven aside soccer league started in earnest last month, it has been somewhat rudely shortened. Because of acute shortages of younger men in various quarters of the stadium and because the impending increase in working commitments in April would undoubtedly have destroyed league continuity SASF have been merged with DEF and the whole fixture list revised. In other words, we started from square one again on Tuesday, 3rd March. All previous matches will not count. Sorry!

There is just one significant advantage. By some statistical quirk it is feasible to play two Thursday games, one at Gan and one at Hittadu. The ferry for Hittadu leaves the main jetty at 1400 hours. It appears that this is an enjoyable fixture.

On the five aside scene, we launched the new season on Monday, 2nd March. There will be four games on Mondays and Saturdays.

During March, a Changi station side will visit Gan and it is hoped that they will be followed by other Singapore teams later.

The FEAF tour of Thailand has been cancelled. Seemingly the Thais were unable to meet our tour dates, and our aeroplanes the Thais' dates!

When the eleven-aside and five-aside leagues have settled down we will embark upon a cup knockout competition for both leagues culminating in another league and cup winners presentation evening.

We welcome Cpl. Barrass back to Gan and are particularly pleased to have his fine refereeing qualities controlling our football. Don't forget that if you would like to become a referee contact Cpl. Barrass or any member of the football committee.

Geoff Haskell.

R U G B YRAF Gan - v - Royal Marines

The game got off to a very quick start and at first it looked as if Gan would be in for a lot of defensive work due to the fast following up by the Marines side.

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IN A ROOM WITHOUT WALLS

(Gerald Kersh)

"If it could only be like this for ever!" said the quiet girl called Linda, looking over Jimmy's shoulder at the dim grey face of the clock. "Oh, Jimmy, this is heaven! How happy I am! What can I have done, to deserve such happiness?"

She felt Jimmy smiling. "Are you happy too?" she asked Jimmy. He nodded, observing the reflection of the clock face in the long mirror on the wardrobe door. He had been grimacing.

Last year, he thought chafing and trying not to fidget, I made a hundred and four thousand five hundred pounds. All that money in three hundred and sixty-five days. It works out at...what!? ...Twelve-pound-ten an hour. I have given this girl twenty-five pounds' worth of my time, at that rate. Four shillings and twopence a minute — nearly a penny a second. I've thrown away twenty-five pounds, being gracious to Linda for two hours. And she talks of this going on for ever — for ever, at a penny a second! There isn't that much money in the world!

Linda, with a luminous glory behind her somewhat faded face, closed her eyes and, resting her chin upon his shoulder and caressing his cheek with her forehead, said: "How sweet, Jimmy! How sweet! How can I ever tell you how grateful I am to you for making me so happy? Ah, my dear darling — now, just now, do you know what? I'm so full of love and happiness that another tiny bit would be too much ... I'd die. But this is Heaven: I'll never want any Heaven but this — to be here, with you, exactly like this, loving you as I do and knowing that you love me. You do love me?"

Jimmy was inclined to say: "Oh, nonsense! Love? Ha! You? Bah! What, me? Love you? Who are you? A laundress. I am Jimmy — you know who I am — Jimmy the Star. I could have world-famous actresses, take my choice of the beauties of five continents. The world is mine, and all the women in it. Titled women, even. Because a whim takes hold of me, and I beckon to a poor pale creature in a clutching crowd of infatuated fans—because I, like a god, confer upon you the glory of my intimacy for a moment you talk of love? Love? My love? For you? At four-and-twopence a minute do you realise what a lingering look is worth?"

But he said: "Of course I love you," and he looked at the reversed reflection of the clock that told the time.

"All my life," said Linda, "all my life I've dreamt of such a moment. Don't laugh—I felt somehow that it might happen to me. I never dared to say to anybody that I had a dream of love. They would have laughed; I'm so plain and ordinary. Oh, dear God, but I love you, Jimmy! You're too good for me!"

In spite of his seeting distaste, Jimmy muttered: "Nothing of the sort. Charming girl!"

"Ah, my own dear love! My dream-come-true! Do you know what? I believe you if you say so. I believe! I believe! I believe in you. This morning I was washing sheets, and you were only a picture, a splendid vision. And now I'm here, with you, in your arms, hearing you telling me you love me. There is a God! Where is yesterday? Where is the grey when the sunlight bleaches it away? Why do you love me?"

CONTD—

"Sweet," said Jimmy, with his eye on the time. The movement of the big hand was worth thirty-four shillings an inch.

He was in an ecstasy of boredom and irritation. Oh, to be rid of this ridiculously happy woman! he thought. Why did I do it? Why? Why?

"Tell me why you love," she said. "No, never mind. Just say it again."

What was Jimmy to say? If he could have said: "I only said so to please you. It tickled my vanity to beckon you out of the mob around the stage door. You helped me to condescend, you made me feel greater"—then he would have been talking like an honest man. If he had had the courage to say: "You were such a whole-hearted worshipper that I wanted to be a god," then he would not have been where he was at that moment. If he could have told the truth he would have been an honest man—not a man in anguish, caressing a woman with his hand while he gritted his teeth and watched the clock.

But he said: "Of course I love you!"

There was a silence: it seemed to cling to his ears for a lifetime. Then it came away with a sort of thick sucking noise, and he heard the sharp tick of the round white clock. His face looked drawn in the darkening mirror. He had a desperate yearning to speak a little truth.

"And you promise to stay with me always?" Linda asked. He had meant to say "No", but heard himself muttering: "Mm."
"Jimmy! Hold me!"

Although he had intended to get up and go away, Jimmy found himself embracing Linda and looking into her eyes.

"Always?" she whispered.

He answered: "Always." Candour stuck in his throat.

"Oh, Jimmy, if this could go on and on for ever!"

Unutterably weary, he muttered: "Uh-uh; sure!" He was sick, sick to the heart, of pent-up truth.

"Did you say 'sure'? Do you mean it?"

"Yes".

"If you say you mean it, I know you mean it," said Linda. "Dearest, there is a God. There is a Heaven!"

"Oh yes, yes, Sure, sure," said Jimmy, with a half-laugh. "This is Heaven, isn't it?"

He shifted, meaning to pull himself away from her. Something happened; he moved in the wrong direction. Linda was in his arms.

"It is! It is!" she whispered.

He sneered. "And hell? Where's hell?"

Something comparable to a bladder, a grey strained veinous membrane, seemed to burst in a splash of pure, cold light. Out of the indefinable centre of this light a grave, clear voice said: "Think!"

Jimmy looked at the clock. Its hands still marked seven minutes to four of a drizzling February afternoon.

He remembered that there had been a judgement, a hundred thousand years ago. Linda, on his shoulder, had achieved paradise; and he was damned. And for all eternity the clock had stopped.

Have you heard that Padre Jones was seen leading pairs of animals into the Church during Monday's rainstorm!

ASTRA CINEMA PROGRAMME

SUNDAY - 18:30 and 20:45

FANTASTIC VOYAGE - C/Scope Colour 'A'

This film is a science fiction film about the impossible. Five people and a submarine are shrunk to a microscopic size and injected into the bloodstream of a dying man to try and find the cause of his trouble. Starring in the film are Stephen Boyd, Raquel Welsh and Donald Pleasence.

MONDAY and TUESDAY - 19:30

CHUKA - Colour 'A'

Chuka (ROD TAYLOR) is a strange, lone gun fighter who is paid by Colonel Vabris (John Mills) to act as a scout for his prairie fent. He discovers Indians rehearsing an assault and warn the troops of an all night attack. The battle commences with surprising results and Chuka plus one (a dolly of course) finish also starring Ernest Borgnine and Angela Dorian

WEDNESDAY - 18:30 and 20:45

THE THOMAS CROWN AFFAIR - Colour 'A'

A very clever thief (STEVE MCQUEEN) pulls off the perfect robbery, or so he thinks, a women (FAY DUNNWAY) knows he has committed the crime but can't prove it and film revolves around her trying to prove he committed the misdeed, with rather sensational? methods
My tip for the Gan's greatest of the week.

THURSDAY and FRIDAY - 19:30

SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL SHERRIF - Colour 'U'

Whilst burrying a transient of Calender (Pop.150) Prady (JOAN HACKETT) spies gold in the grave, this causes a fantastic gold rush and hundreds swarm into town daily. The usual riots and brawls start, so the town's populations have to elect a sherrif, this job falls upon a poor unsuspecting visitor (JAMES GARNER) and the hillarious results go to make up this comedy Western. Also starring WALTER BRENNAN

SATURDAY - 18:30 and 20:45

CAPRICE - Colour 'A'

Patricia Foster (DORIS DAY) is an industrial designer who takes a fat payoff and becomes an industrial spy by selling a secret formula to a rival company Pat not only gets caught but runs a fowl of Christopher White (RICHARD HARRIS). But the plot complicates with humerous incidents as she bloodhounds after a new hairspray with doubtful results.

Misnight Movie (Friday and Saturday) - 23:15 --

COOL HAND LUKE

B/White, D/Scope 'A'

Luke Jackson (PAUL NEWMAN) is in prison on a chain gang. Friction between him and Dragline (GEORGE KENNEDY) the gangs leader explode and results in a bloody battle. The 'Baton' of leadership passes on to Luke who promptly escapes only to be tracked down, beaten and returned to Jail. He escapes again and is recaptured and decides to reform with disasterous results.

SEATS CAN BE BOOKED BY RINGING EXT. 324, BUT MUST BE CLAIMED BEFORE THE START OF THE FILM OR WILL BE SOLD TO OTHERS.

You are probably, like most of us, 'griping' about the continuous showing of the same advertisements every night at the 'Astra'. Having talked to the cinema manager about the reasons for showing these horror's he informs me that if it wasn't for the makers paying for their goods to be advertised the prices of tickets would go up considerably, so I am sure that one can stand ten minutes of "hooting and roaring" as opposed to dearer tickets.

Snowy

FILMS THEY MIGHT HAVE MADE

Colin Middleweek

in

CURSE OF THE THIN MAN

with

Cyril Yates as 'Asta'

Ch.Tech. McArthur

in

IN FOCUS (for a change)

Black & White, with scratches

D. Chasemore

Sgt Morely

Cpl McClelland

in

WITNESSES FOR THE PROSECUTION

Thousands of Maldivian Extras

The M.P.B.W. team

in

'The Bridge Over the River Kwai (since collapsed)

Dr. Paul Malpass

with

SAC Fulcher as a diseased liver

in

VOYAGE TO THE LOWER BOWEL

and

F.S.Steadman as a Convolution

N. Latif Khan

in

HOW GREEN WAS MY CHAPATI

TRUELOVE IS A MANY SPLENDURED THING

featuring the SHQ Skittle team

I WAS A TEENAGE ADVERB

SAC Lazzari and others

THE SOUND OF VERY LOUD MUSIC

Directed by John Russell

(assisted by all of Block 9)

Irene Mappin

in

THE LADY VANISHES (Quite often)

The NAAFI Staff

in

HOW TO SUCCEED IN BUSINESS WITHOUT REALLY TRYING

ANYBODY GOT ANY GOPHER-WOOD?

"The waters of Heaven came pouring down for the throats of Hell to drink,
And Noah he cocked an eye and said "It looks like rain, I think."

That was a nice cautious statement, worthy of any meteorologist. However I think I can stretch a point and say that the night of Sunday the 1st and the morning of Monday the 2nd of this month were fairly wet. In fact it was one of the wettest periods recorded in Gan since rainfall records started in 1959. Whether it was actually the wettest is doubtful, because there was one occasion which might, if one selected the period of heaviest rain out of two consecutive days, have been wetter.

Between nine o'clock and Sunday night and midday on Monday, we recorded 190.2 mm, or $7\frac{1}{2}$ inches of rain. For part of the time it was falling at a rate of 2 inches per hour. The only period which compares with this in Gan records is 24th-25th December, 1962. On the 24th $7\frac{1}{4}$ inches fell, followed by just over 2 inches on Christmas Day. Without a detailed analysis of the records, it is not possible to say whether the rate of rainfall in 1962 was greater or less than that of last Sunday and Monday.

It will be rather difficult to decide exactly how fast the rain was falling. A recording raingauge is a device in which a float in a cistern drives a pen recording on a chart. When the cistern is full - that's 5mm of rain - it tips up and empties itself. The pen then falls to the bottom of the chart and starts again. However, in very heavy rain some quantity is always lost in the time taken to empty the cistern. Last Monday, the sump into which it empties filled up with water, so that it couldn't empty at all. Some of the record will have to be filled in theoretically.

In tropical climates this rate of rainfall is by no means exceptional, though in Britain it is rather rare. But it does happen, even there. In August 1952, 9 inches of rain fell in 24 hours in SW England. The East and West Lyn rivers, swollen by this tremendous fall, rushed through their rocky gorges in a wall of water forty feet high. 34 people died. Let us be thankful that Gan is flat, and we have experienced nothing worse than wet clothes and happy frogs.

How does it happen? Very roughly, because of the vagaries of atmospheric circulation, air flows into a fairly small area near the surface faster than it is flowing out, so the only way it can go is up. In rising it cools, and the water which it has collected by its passage over the ocean condenses into cloud. Cloud droplets coalesce by various mechanisms to form rain. Raindrops becoming too big for stability break up, producing electrical charges in the process, and so developing thunderstorms. If one can trace the movement of air closely enough, one can analyse and forecast the distribution of areas of convergence, where rain is likely. To produce such an analysis, one needs a network of reporting stations such as there is in the British Isles, where stations are often less than 20 miles apart, and seldom more than 50. The nearest observations to Gan are Ceylon, 600 miles to the NE, and Diego Gracia, 400 miles to the south. East and west there's only us between Africa and Indonesia. The odds are, to say the least, a bit against us. Heigh-ho, it's a tricky trade!

However, to finish the quotation with which I started:-

"The waters have drowned the Matterhorn as deep as a Mendip mine,
But I don't care where the water goes, if it doesn't get into the wine."

Noah had the right idea. By the way, how long is a cubit?

D.K.G. Hamilton

THE PAY AWARD - QUERIES

1. Will married personnel pay for accommodation and messing?

Answer: No!

2. Will allowance order books currently issued in respect of certain married men for maintenance of wife and/or families be continued after 1st April?

Answer: Yes.

3. Will married men already divorced with reduced marriage allowance for maintenance of children be classified as single?

Answer: No.

4. Will married men who become divorced after 1st April be regarded as single for purpose of salary staging?

Answer: No.

QUESTION ON NEW PAY STRUCTURE

There is one question I have not had answered. Taking that single airmen will be getting equal pay to married airmen, w.e.f. 1st April, 1970 and that this is being staged over one year, will single airmen receive a back payment of loss incurred due to staging from 1st April, 1970 to 1st April, 1971.

SAC Hill STN SIGS.

1. The Answer is No
2. W.e.f. 1st April, 1970 in your rank, the Government has decided that the differential in pay between a married man and a single man will be 14/- a day. However w.e.f. 1st April 1971 a single man's pay will be increased by 14/- a day to bring him on par with that of a married man.

BRIDGE CLUB

The Bridge Club is now thriving, and an average of three tables is in operation on on duplicate nights.

The next big event is the English Bridge Union Charity Pairs Competition to be held on Thursday 12th March. Can is staging a heat, and to make it worthwhile a total of five tables (i.e. 20 players) is required. This can be achieved if all those who are known to be interested do take part.

All who intend to play are asked, if they have not yet done so, to notify Flt.Lt. Galletti (Ops. Ext. 328) or Cpl. Brown (RMC -Ext. 224), with names of partners if possible.

Don't forget - bridge, every Monday and Thursday at 2000 hours in the Beach Bar. Transport leaves Transit Hotel at 1745 hours.

Snippet

- Q. In round numbers what is Girl Scout membership today?
- A. Today there are 2,300,000 members of the Girl Scouts of the U.S.A. Of these 1,750,000 are girls.

The American Girl

PADRE'S PAGE

From: The Rev. DVR HARVEY, B.A., M.Th., R.A.F.
Visiting Church of Scotland and Free Churches Chaplain
from RAF Tengah.

It is good to be back again in Gan although I am sorry to miss the cheerful fellowship of Padre Jones. I know we all wish him a splendid leave.

At this time of the year (and it was a blazing February in Singapore) it is good to have a look at ourselves; not so much in the mirror on the wall but in the greater reflective process of our thoughts and consciences.

We live in days when it is fashionable to devote and worship the trivial. Life for many seems hollow, empty and basically drifting and of little consequence. It's good to ask 'what sort of person am I really?' .

One of the greatest men who has ever lived said that the most treasured possession in his life around which everything else revolved and by which everything else was judged and valued was the knowledge he had of God through Jesus Christ. In fact, this man (whose name was Paul) went so far as to say that compared with the knowledge he had of Christ every other single thing in this world was simply rubbish!

I believe that when we look at Christ and find in him the spiritual treasures of God then we see what Paul was talking about. By prayer and quiet reading of the Bible and by worship and fellowship we grow strong in our lives and become the men God made us to be.

ST. CHRISTOPHER (CE)

Sunday 1830 hrs Evening Service
followed by Holy Communion after
Church of Scotland tradition.
(all Communicants are welcome).
Wednesday 1830 hrs Holy Communion

OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA (RC)

Sunday 1830 hrs Holy Communion.

HITTADU V. EQUIP. Sunday 1 March 1970

It finally happened. Hittadu won a match, and after last week's comments, on a Sunday too. During the week, the Hermits made many changes in their order of battle. Sam the Rigger being relegated and Nobby (Biggest tool on Hittadu) Clarke, replacing him.

Both teams were weakened for this friendly and play started as usual with the Equipers doing most of the attacking, and after ten minutes play, once again a ruddy great hole appeared in the centre of the Hermits defence. Geordil Wilkin, taking advantage of this, flopped one in over the lead of the advancing Hermits keeper.

More or less straight from the restart, a pass from Watson was pushed home by O'Leary after a good attempt by Edmonds. This spurred the Hermits to greater things, and a few minutes before half time, Roy Edwards made it 2-1 after a great cross from Watson.

At half time, trainer Clarke brought out the bucket and the exhausted Hermits drank, only to find it was water.

The second half started with the Hermits running wild. The fact they could have had a couple of goals in the first five minutes, but as the

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thoughts of drinking water ran down, so Equip. came back into the game. In the last quarter of an hour, except for a couple of breakaways by the Hermits, Equip. hammered everything they had at the Hittadu defence, which strangely enough, acted like defenders. Especially Keeper Whitty, who had a brilliant game. Bob White of Equip. was very unlucky not to score, and so too was Bazz.

The final whistle and Hittadu 2 - 1 Equip.

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