

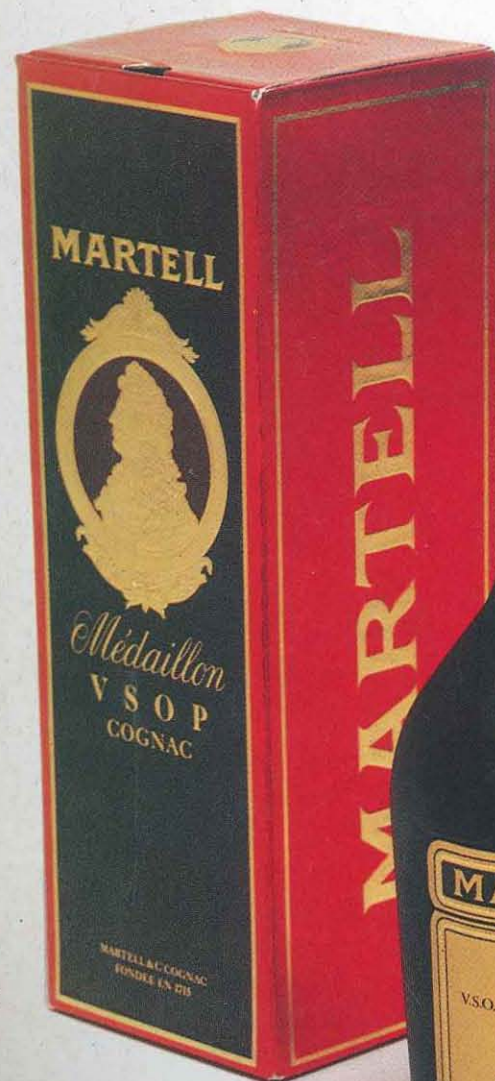
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Outpost Vol. II No. 19 September 1981

The massed bands, bunting, 21-gun salute and crowds of wildly cheering British Club members were all conspicuous by their absence as your favourite editor flew into Bangkok recently having enjoyed a most pleasant holiday abroad. So your interesting, informative and sometimes controversial magazine will continue unabashed despite the small number of complaints received about certain poems which have appeared in recent issues. The interest of members, reflected often by their most welcome contributions is at a high level and it is our intention to keep it that way.

Now -- lots of good things this month. There's a report on the Wedding Ball, the Children's Tea Party and a letter from the British Ambassador.

Frank Muir takes us back to childhood holidays in a typically humorous reflection and we detail BBC World Service programmes for September.

These plus regular features from Camus and the various sporting correspondents are included for your entertainment.

We are sorry to lose Nick and Buzz Stanton from the magazine's production team due to their imminent (though reluctant) departure. Much of the more humorous reporting has been penned by Nick while Buzz has lent her knowledge and skill in the production make-up.

John Williams has been recruited to fill the gap -- welcome aboard John, so rest assured, readers, that Outpost intends to continue to live up to its reputation as the best Club magazine in the region!

Weekly Club Events

TUESDAY	4.00 p.m.	- Swimming Training
THURSDAY	4.00 p.m.	- Swimming Training
SATURDAY	12 noon - 3.00 p.m.	- Buffet Lunch, Dining Room
SUNDAY	12 noon - 3.00 p.m.	- Buffet Lunch, Poolside
	6.00 - 10.00 p.m.	- Buffet Supper, Dining Room

Articles, drawings, letters, suggestions, ideas, or contributions or any description are invited from anyone.

All material, for the October issue, must reach the office by 21st September.

Editors: Norman Musgrave 317 7001

Roy Regan 289 0131

Apology !!

The Editors regret that they cannot be responsible for people without a sense of humour.

Entertainment Dates for your Diary

Mon Sep 21	EGM Meeting
Wed Oct 21	Wine Tasting sponsored by Caldbeck MacGregor Ltd.
Wed Oct 28	Club Night
	Guest Speaker: Mr. Ian Fawcett, Managing Director of Allied Newspapers
Thu Oct 29	Royal Varuna Yacht Club Meeting
Mon Nov 2	St. Andrew's Ball Dancing Practice
Sat Nov 7	Fireworks BBQ
Mon Nov 9	St. Andrew's Ball Dancing Practice
Mon Nov 16	St. Andrew's Ball Dancing Practice
Mon Nov 23	St. Andrew's Ball Dancing Practice
Tue Nov 24	Pipes & Drums of 1st Battalion Queen's Own Highlanders
Sat Nov 28	St. Andrew's Ball Breakfast
Fri Dec 18	Christmas Ball

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Fly

The Committee sat twice in August. Applications for membership were considered, the suggestions books (Club House and Poolside) were reviewed and replies were brought up to date.

Regular users of the Poolside area will be pleased to learn that a fully stocked bar is now available in the New Sala. This will reduce the incidence of staff having to obtain most orders from the Old Sala and speed up service to Members.

Consideration will be given to the installation of a third shower at the Swimming Pool. The present ones are grouped closely together on one side and are not conveniently situated for swimmers who sit at the side nearest the Clubhouse.

The existing showers will be more clearly marked. For the benefit of new members and visitors please remember to use the showers before swimming. This is a requirement of the Club and the appropriate notice is set out in the Bye-laws.

No naked children either please (or grown-ups!!). Children must at least wear an appropriate bathing suit when using the Poolside area.

Outpost has been requested to publish the following memo from the Manager to Reception and Office Staff:

"Re: Members' use of Telephones for Personal Calls

Members must be asked to use the pay-phone in the Lobby - one baht coins should be kept for change at Reception at all times.

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Candidates for Membership

Candidates for membership are reminded that they must obtain the signatures of at least six committee members during their period of candidature. Their usage of the club's facilities is taken into consideration when being ballotted upon and they are expected to support official club functions.

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Video

There were only 14 replies to the Committee's request for replies indicating interest in the proposed Library for Video Cassette Films.

In view of this apparent lack of interest, no further action will be taken at the present time.

In the event that the respondents wish to get in touch with one another, listed below are the names, telephone numbers and system of each member who completed and returned the circular:-

<u>V.H.S./P.A.L.</u>	<u>(Off. Tel.)</u>	<u>BETA</u>	<u>(Off. Tel.)</u>
D. Guy	585 2257	G.R. Jillings	251 8291
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P. Purananda	252 7222	L.C. Laing	252 4884-7
T.D. Moore	395 0532		
J.C. Harris	251 9161-7	<u>N.T.S.C. (USA)</u>	
G.M. Lawson	251 8165	E. Jurgens	251 1525
A.J. Salter	286 4367		
T. Blanc	233 8939	<u>Unspecified</u>	
D.J. Goodin	233 5968	D.M. Kennedy	233 9786

Public Park or Private Club?

Most Members would agree that only those who pay Subscriptions (and their invited guests) should be entitled to use the facilities of 189 Suriwongse Road.

What, unfortunately, a small minority of Members forget is that to safeguard their privileges checks must be made both at the gate and, occasionally, in the Club to ensure that use of the Club is made only by those entitled. The guards who cannot anyway be expected to remember every face, are changed three times a day: the one who accosted you before lunch may not be the same when you return in the afternoon.

Abuse of gateguards doing their duty and paid to protect your interests, will not be tolerated. Members are asked to co-operate by producing their Membership cards or sign-in when requested to do so.

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40 YEARS AGO

How times change. Two politicians now close allies, but forty years ago one of them was commanding a Panzer division in the Ardennes, and on the left is Chancellor Schmidt.

The authorities at Ongar Library have received a number of complaints, about a card in the index file with an entry which read: SEX: SEE LIBRARIAN. This has now been changed. The new entry reads SEX: FOR SEX ASK AT THE DESK.

EASTERN GAZETTE

True!

THERE were four of us in the doctor's waiting room, when in walked a Pakistani. He was about to go straight to the Surgery, when a woman jumped up and grabbed his arm, saying in very deliberate English: "We are before you. You take your turn. Understand?" The Pakistani, in equally deliberate English, replied: "No, you are after me. Me doctor. Understand?"

Daily Mirror

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7. *Thou shalt not smile excepting at the front of the omnibus on the top deck, or beneath a pram in the luggage cubby-hole.*
8. *If thy neighbour sits on thy coat tail, pluck it out.*
9. *Thou shalt retain thy ticket during thy journey, that ye may take it home to be ironed and used as toilet requisites.*
10. *Thou shalt not cough.*

New Records... By Camus

FAMOUS ARTISTS REVIVED

ORIGINAL STARS of the 20s and 30s sing and play songs featured in the Thames Television production of "Funny Man", which is based on the personal experiences of its star, Jimmy Jewel. Prominent features of the World Records album (SH396, £3.99) are the appearances of famous duettists Layton & Johnstone, and more especially the singing of Peggy Wood, one of the most prominent musical comedy stars of her time.

The Layton & Johnstone contributions include "Bye Bye Black-bird", and "Me and my Shadow", the latter reminding us in nostalgic manner of the duo's distinctive blend and vocal style. Miss Wood sings "The Night was made for Love" (suitable atmosphere supplied by Carrol Gibbons' orchestra), and that lovely melody "Try to Forget" -- how could we, Peggy! -- further artists appearing including 'Whispering' Jack Smith (whose seductive baritone in semi-parlando remains us of tunes like "Miss Annabelle Lee" and "Blue Skies"), Melville Gideon of Co-Optimists fame, Elsie Carlisle (who partnered Sam Browne in the famous Ambrose Orchestra), and Jack Hylton's band.

Sixteen tracks in all by the finest artists of the period.

FINE PLAYING of a string quartet can be one of the most completely satisfying experiences in all music. The Orlando Quartet provide a case in point with the recording for Philips of the Dvorak 'American' Quartet and the popular E Flat Op. 12 of Mendelssohn (9500 995), both of which are quasi-programmatic inasmuch as the music depicts important periods in the lives of both composers.

The E Flat, for example, belongs to the happy and fertile period of Mendelssohn's tour of Wales and Scotland, a tour which inspired 'Fingal's Cave', and reflects the composer's high spirits of the time especially during the *molto e vivace* which, however, is beautifully contrasted with the graceful canzonetta, a serenade whose light, ethereal middle section brings to mind the 'Midsummer Night's Dream' music.

Delightful playing here by the Orlando Quartet, where their absolute integrity and first-rate technical ability is fully in evidence, though this is even more apparent in the Dvorak F Major work which is flavoured with the composer's short holiday

in Spillville, Iowa, suggesting his delight at leaving for a time the bustle and noise of New York, the lento movement depicting a yearning for his homeland. This long-drawn song, melancholy-like, but expressively nostalgic is treated in due poetic manner by the Orlando players, who go on to an exhilarating reading of the finale, a gay and brisk movement with Czech folk tunes spiced with a touch of sophisticated humour. This is punctuated briefly by a chorale-like episode as if to indicate the simple peasantry at church.

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Fred Trumper
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The Business Office
University of Iowa
Iowa City, Iowa.

October 3, 1969

Dear Business:

I'm afraid that this month I'll be forced to assume the \$5.00 Penalty Charge for late payment of tuition.

However, although I accept this \$5.00 charge, I will deduct \$5.00 from my tuition bill as a refusal to pay the newly added Recreation Fee (also \$5.00), a school expense for which I am not willing to assume responsibility.

I am a graduate student, I am twenty-six years old. I am married and I have a son. I am not at the University of Iowa for 'recreation' of any kind. Let them who recreate pay for their own fun. I'm not having any fun at all.

The only reason I'm telling you this is that I thought there might be some misunderstanding on your part when you eventually receive my payment of tuition. You see, it might look as if I have ignored the Penalty Charge for late payment. That \$5.00 I will pay; it is the other \$5.00 that will not be included in my cheque. (Which I will get to you soon)

It is confusing, there being several \$5.00 figures involved, but I hope I have made myself clear.

Seriously,

Fred Trumper

(student ID 23 345G)

Dear Sirs:

Enclosed is \$10.00 to reduce my Balance Due; the remainder, I realize, is enough to warrant your assessing me with an extra service charge. I will responsibly assume this charge, but I sincerely hope that you recognize the seriousness of my intentions to settle this balance, and that you will not discontinue my service.

Speaking for that service, I will say, in all sincerity, that Iowa-Illinois has provided the best electricity my wife and I have ever known. Seriously, we once lived in a part of the world where the lights were always going out.

We've also appreciated your policy of giving small children lollipops, if accompanied by their parents, at your downtown office and appliance centre.

Thankfully,

Dear Sirs:

In regard to my present Balance Due of \$35.17: I will not pay one penny of this until you delete from my bill the sum of \$16.75, and the corresponding tax -- for a call I never made to Georgetown, Maine. I don't know anybody in Georgetown, Maine, and to my knowledge no one in Georgetown, Maine, knows me. This has happened before, if you remember, on a previous bill. I was charged for talking one hour and forty-five minutes to Vienna, Austria -- which you finally acknowledged was an error, a foul-up involving the other half of my two-party line. About the other half of my two-party line, I could write you another letter, but your previous explanation of 'Overseas Cable Operator Confusion' is not especially satisfying. In any case, it should not be my responsibility to tell you what I owe you.

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Royal Wedding Ball

The wedding of the Prince of Wales to Lady Diana Spencer was celebrated in fitting style at the British Club on the 31st July.

About 250 guests donned Red Sea Rig or National Dress (mainly Scottish), and after drinks on the front lawn (our thanks to the British and Australian Ambassadors and H.E. Sunthorn Hongladarom for champagne and scotch), we settled down to an excellent meal served by the Oriental Hotel (salmon mousse and superb roast beef).

John Burrows and Thai Glass produced some really fabulous tankards which disappeared at an alarming rate, to commemorate the occasion.

Either because members of the Committee were panting for the dreaded weed, or because others had already lit up, speeches were made between courses (depending on where you were sitting).

Charles Stewart proposed a toast to the King of Thailand after making suitable comparisons (albeit contorted) between the Chakri and Windsor dynasties. The Australian Ambassador, Mr. Jockel, proposed a toast to Her Majesty the Queen and the British Ambassador proposed a toast to the happy couple.

Then, Simon Brewin called on Mrs. Staples, to draw a winner for a return trip to London by kind courtesy of British (airways). Mrs. Staples tried very hard to pick my number (she had three shots at it) before finally she drew.... Pravit! Heavy irony.... bemusement.... and, finally, in a gesture born of those immortal lines in a "Tale of Two Cities", Pravit handed the ticket back to Mrs. Staples for a redraw, amidst great acclaim from the other guests. The fifth draw gave us a charming winner in Helen Jamieson.

After dinner, the lively danced the night away to the sounds of 'Aiding Dila', whilst those who were feeling their age, or craved something a little more in keeping with the occasion, retired to the dining room for a spirited rendering of 'nacht musik' from our favourite string quartet.

With the Gideons of Scottish Country Dancing well represented, St. Andrew's night already on Outpost's diary of events, and Lady Diana Spencer's known preference for such revelry, it was entirely appropriate that time was found for The Eightsome, The Dashing White Sergeant and Hamilton House.

Shortly after midnight, most had retired to the bar and many were looking the worse for wear. The official photographs, of course, will show that the affair was carried off with our usual sense of decorum, but I wish that I'd had my camera with me when the "fifth" man (see photograph in Outpost August 1981, p.37) was led reluctantly from the bar by two close female relatives.

A LETTER FROM H.E. MR. H.A.J. STAPLES - BRITISH AMBASSADOR, TO THE CLUB CHAIRMAN.



BRITISH EMBASSY,
BANGKOK.

4 August 1981

Charles Stewart Esq
Chairman
The British Club
189 Suriwongse Road
Bangkok

Dear Charles,

My wife has written separately to thank both of you for so kindly including us in your party at the British Club Ball, to celebrate the Royal Wedding, on 31 July. It was an occasion that we both greatly enjoyed.

The purpose of my present letter is to send you my congratulations on the holding of this event. It seemed to me that the Ball was a great success, excellently organised, and in every way a fitting method of marking here in Bangkok the great occasion which the Wedding of TRH the Prince and Princess of Wales represented for Britain and for British communities all over the world. I am happy to have supported the celebration by our own British community here, in the form of the Ball, and of course to have had the opportunity of taking part in it myself.

Yours sincerely,
Justin Staples

Children's Royal Wedding Tea-Party

On 30 July a tea-party was held for the children of members to celebrate the Royal Wedding. It was going to be a sit-down tea at the Poolside Sala but two days before the event the numbers suddenly swelled from 45 to 60 and in the twenty-four hours before the party increased suddenly to over 80. Mild panic set in among the organisers led by Christine Tyrie and including Jennifer Tittle and Val Conway because that sort of number has simply not been envisaged.

However, as they say, it was all right on the night. On arrival, the children were given a patriotic rosette and invited to "attack" the tea-table (which for reasons of numbers had become a buffet) in three age groups starting with the youngest.

The very nice tea of sandwiches, sausages, cakes, crisps etc. had been organised by the Club and was supplemented by large trays of delicious looking cakes from the Rama Tower Hotel who also provided the delightful wedding cake. As the recording of the National Anthem borrowed from the British Council proved to be inaudible, community singing of the Anthem, led by Christine took its place. Charles Stewart then kindly presented the prizes for the painting and writing competitions and then presented each child with an extremely attractive commemorative mug, specially flown from England and provided by British Airways (very many thanks). Unfortunately, due to a technical hitch, some of the mugs got stranded at Singapore, so the last ten children to buy tickets had to wait a few days to collect theirs. Louis T. Leonowens donated a box of Smarties for each child.

Finally Charles (aptly named) Stewart cut the wedding cake and the children were invited to come and collect their piece.

A good, if chaotic time was had by all. One three year old was heard to remark on leaving, "Where do you go to be sick".

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

"Maintenance" -- "Repainting, maybe", we thought, as many of us looked up at the space where the high diving board used to be. And then the rumour began to get around that the Committee had seen fit to remove it on the grounds that such a facility could be a danger, and that it was very little used for 'real diving' anyway. Jumping doesn't count.... But the children love to jump! This is the British Club, not a professional swimming training establishment. Yes, the children may occasionally use the board carelessly. They may also run in front of a moving swing. Are we going to have those taken away as well?

What about a more positive approach to ensuring the children's happiness and safety! What about employing a lifeguard at the poolside, instead of a rule keeper? What about a cordon to separate the diving area from the main pool? What about an explanation to the membership as to why such a facility has been removed?

The British Club should be a happy place for all the family to relax and enjoy themselves. A more positive attitude extended to all members of the family could make it work.

Yours sincerely,

Ruth M.T. Sherwin (S22)

P.S. May I ask support from anyone else who would like to see the high diving board reinstated, in the form of an entry in the Suggestions Book, which is kept at the Reception Desk, and is available at all times.

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August 13, 1981

Dear Sir,

By the time that this goes to press the Hamill family will have departed from Bangkok back to the U.K.

However, we thought it appropriate to thank the British Club for providing for us, what has been one of the most enjoyable aspects of Bangkok life. We have enjoyed the friendly courteous attention of the staff, and also the opportunity of making new friends in the relaxing atmosphere of the club.

I have particularly enjoyed the lively friendship in the Squash Club, and while I lost many games I did win a few. Even though I never won a game (or was it a point?) off Steve Balme, I did help Bernie Grogan to break a racquet. Khun Prasong also improved my (Good???) looks with a neat bit of Slazenger Surgery one Saturday afternoon. All in all it was good fun and it kept my figure a little trimmer.

As well as the general good and easy style at the club, we were fortunate to attend some excellent special evening entertainment, including the Old Time Music Hall night, and the Royal Wedding Ball which will provide good memories in the future.

We hope that the pleasant well balanced style of tradition with relaxed social atmosphere continues in the future at the club for the benefit of expat families, and take this opportunity of sending good wishes to friends in Bangkok and those at present on leave. If any of you should be passing Retford in future and travelling northwards on the A1 then please drop in to 116 Bigsby Road, Retford Notts.

Regards

June, Frank & Julia Hamill

Ah yes, I Remember It Well

Frank Muir recalls the days before holidays were designed to wear you out

It was the perfect holiday. I remember packing my suitcase with tremendous care, emptying it out and beginning again until everything lay in neat and unruffled order. I was travelling alone so I planned the journey carefully and rehearsed it endlessly in my mind. When the day came, I bade farewell to my loved ones and set off. I had four days of bliss and returned home, safely, with my memories, I was aged six, and I had gone to my grandmother's house, four doors down the road.

No holiday since has quite lived up to that one.

As a matter of fact, I did not go away on holiday again until I was grown-up. As I lived at the seaside there was nowhere better to go away to, I was once taken into the countryside for a day and I was appalled. We lived at Broadstairs and I sang in the choir at the parish church. Or, to be more accurate, I turned up but did not actually give voice. The lure of the choir was the five shillings a quarter that the job paid. My only hope of hanging on to this bonanza was to conceal from the authorities the fact that I could not sing (a fact only too clear to Radio 4 listeners) and so I developed a technique of lurking in the background at all times and, during hymns, miming.

Another bonus to being a songster was the Annual Choir Outing. The vicar laid on a horse-brake. This was an ancient Edwardian vehicle which had plied between Ramsgate and Pegwell Bay until it became so unroadworthy that no horse could be persuaded to pull it. We all sat on plank seats facing each other, I and two other voiceless delinquents on the uncovered top deck, and proceeded in a light, warm, summer drizzle towards the Kent village of Pluck's Gutter (what magic names these old hamlets have, to be sure).

We arrived at our picnic spot very late, at the horse turned petulant just north of Sandwich and showed to one mph but the vicar soon had us deployed in a circle on the meadow grass, clutching our brawn sandwiches. "We are now," he announced with a ring in his voice, "in the midst of Nature!"

In which case, was the choristers' unspoken thought, the sooner this holiday is over and we get back to smelly seaweed and damp sand, the better.

If your bottom is uncomfortable on sand you merely have to wiggle a bit and the sand conforms to your shape. Nature does not do this. You sit on a tussock and what happens? A sharp piece of long grass goes up the leg of your shorts causing brief agony, you are tilted sideways, causing you to drop your brawn sandwich into a small but active community of black beetles, and the suspiciously warm patch on which you are now sitting is a reminder that this is pasture on which sheep have safely grazed.

Nature, of which there is a considerable quantity in the countryside, is full of fauna, as well as prickly flora which scratches your ankles. The seaside has little bits of fauna but these are mostly harmless and frequently edible, e.g., shrimps. Insect life at the seaside is benign, mostly a few little hopping things in the sand. Nature, on the other hand, offers whole regiments of malevolent predators whose tiny little teeth do damage far in excess of the beast's height and fighting weight. For anybody collecting this kind of scientific data, I am able to state that during 40 minutes spent in a meadow adjacent to Pluck's Gutter, Kent, sitting half on a tussock and half on firmish sheep spoor, the following happened: a very large shiny, black bug, clearly in wine, flew erratically in front of me and then thudded into my forehead. A weal arose. A colony of frantic, maladjusted, and very tiny ants invaded my sandals and scurried about, biting. About two hundred thousand very small red marks arose. A cricket levitated in front of me and dropped down the front of my shirt causing me to utter a long, thin, girlish scream. A squadron of large flies with hairy legs and, by the sound of them, jet engines, strafed me and my brawn. A number of ugly lumps arose on forehead and forearms. I threw the brawn away.

How much more preferable to this holiday was my normal, beach non-holiday. Just mucking about. No stresses and problems of time. Nothing to do but do nothing and enjoy non-action.

When I grew up and put away childish things (except my Swiss Army knife with five blades and a saw which is still invaluable) and begat a family, I found that a non-holiday is not enough for other people. Effort has to be made. One has to Go Away or it is not a real holiday. Furthermore, the more effort and action that the holiday demands, the more real the holiday.

The British have always been world leaders in holiday-making and the British have -- since Henry VIII -- been driven by the Protestant ethic that only work is real. Thus, the nearer to work that we can make a holiday, the more our consciences will

allow us to enjoy ourselves. Take skiing. The Swiss used to ski sideways; that is to say, they went from village to village -- on the same level -- on skis when the ground was covered with snow. Along came Mr. Lunn who invented the idea of skiing downhill! As a holiday sport! The Swiss villagers-held their sides and ho-hoed with mirth at the sight of earnest British holiday-makers whizzing downhill for a minute and a half and then having to spend an hour laboriously clambering back up again. We then went on to invent tobogganing. This had an even better ratio of work over fun because after whizzing down even more quickly you had to drag the toboggan back up after you.

This philosophy soon spread to the Continent. Regard the French on a camping holiday: no labour-saving lightweight equipment do you see but a mansion in blue and orange nylon, which must have taken a week to put up, with a patio for the barbecue, a verandah, wine-cellar, dining-room for eight, and a loft. And non-campers are even worse, tending to the sportif. A young French family will happily motor non-stop from Lyon to Oslo, don scuba gear, fire spears at fish and motor back to Lyon as a little weekend divertissement.

I gave way, of course. We bought a mediaeval slum in Corsica and, for the last 16 years, my family and I have spent our summer holidays stripping paint, replacing roof tiles, hauling up vast cylinders of butane gas and so on, glowing with righteousness and nearly fainting from exhaustion.

But all is not lost. The dear dead days of doing nothing in a timeless world are not gone beyond recall. I still have the occasional non-holiday. I have it by travelling long distances by air. Oh, those wonderful eleven hour legs! Time goes by the board; no phone calls; no responsibilities. Oh, those little refuelling stops at weird places. And then the return to one's home; the little nest of squalor that has developed around one's seat -- crumbs, scrunched-up plastic bags, paperback books, one's shoes.

This I can say: If you want to relax and let the world spin by, a seat on a plane which is going on a long journey wins hands down over sitting on a sheep's pat in Pluck's Gutter.

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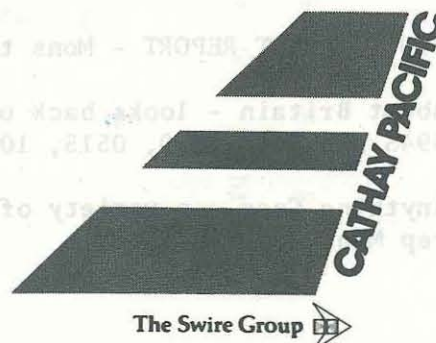
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LADIES' LIAISON GROUP

We are holding a Coffee morning in the Thai Sala on Monday September 21st at 10 a.m. All ladies are very welcome.

SPORT - BBC World Service

Golf

The Ryder Cup is being played this year at Walton Heath, near London, on what is arguably one of the finest heathland courses in Britain. James Braid, one of the legendary names in golf, and five times winner of the British Open, was the professional at Walton Heath for 45 years until his death in 1950 at the age of 80.

The Ryder Cup is named after Samuel Ryder of St Albans and was inaugurated in 1927. It is principally a contest between the professionals of Britain and the United States though in 1977 other players from Europe were included in the British team to strengthen the competition, Britain having only won three times in the history of the tournament. Coverage 19th Saturday Special, 20th Sportscall.

European Open at Royal Liverpool, Hoylake 5th Saturday Special, 6th Sportscall; Haig Whisky T.P.C. at Dalnaboy, Edinburgh 12th Saturday Special, 13th Sportscall.

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Racing

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Football

World Cup Qualifying Matches: Norway v England, Scotland v Sweden, Czechoslovakia v Wales, Holland v Republic of Ireland 9th International Soccer Special. Highlights 10th 0430 and 0815.

Commentary on a top English and Scottish League match each Saturday with classified results at 1615. Also in Sports Round-Up and Sports Review.

Cricket

The Australian cricketers end their 1981 tour of England on the 1st of the month at The Oval in London. They meet England in the final day's play in the sixth and final Test. Commentary 1st 1330 - 1345 and 1430 - 1445.

This month also sees the culmination of the cricket season in Britain with the final of the National Westminster Bank Trophy at Lord's. Commentary 5th in Saturday Special John Player League results 6th and 13th Sportscall.

Rowing

The World Championships in Munich 5th Saturday Special, 6th Sportscall.

Cycling

World Championships in Brno 5th Saturday Special.

Tennis

The United States Open at Flushing Meadow, New York 12th Saturday Special, 13th Sportscall.

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SQUASH

32nd Squash League

After Len Alexander's "fun" tournament last month we have now settled down to the more serious aspect of squash as the league programme is now well under way.

The competitive spirit and eagerness to complete all games within the allotted period was nowhere more evident when two of our more illustrious Div. 1 players actually played their first league match before the official starting date. Well done Len and Jimmy Finnegan. An example to all. However it was rumoured the reason for this was that Jimmy thought he had "PEAKED" a bit prematurely, although this was neither confirmed by him nor by the result of the game.

A special thanks to the two excellent coaches who visited the Club recently. Those who managed to participate had a very enjoyable and instructive afternoon, which will obviously become more evident as the league progresses. Now - a word of caution to future opponents of the Faint duo. You are advised to keep a candid eye on their progress, as their original flamboyant style has now been arrested, streamlined and modified to that of a more scientific and aggressive nature, (you have been warned).

Departing Members

We bid a fond farewell to all our departing squash players, and in particular to Steve and Sue Balme. Steve has done a lot of excellent work in Thailand for squash in general and for the BC in particular. We will certainly miss the exhibition games he so willingly played against visiting opposition.

Also congratulations and farewell to Frank Hamill who staggered his way through all opposition within nine days to win Div. 6. He was last seen staggering through the traffic in the general direction of Don Muang - a Maxply in one hand, his winners cup in the other, and his "Y" fronts as usual around his knees.

Snippets

The squash section state quite categorically that there is no truth in the malicious rumour that Don (the Squashfather) Goodin requested to be relegated to a lower division, just to win a cup.

A late piece of news for Div. 9 fans. Jim Simpson advises us that he must reluctantly withdraw from the current league due to circumstances beyond his control. (It has not escaped our notice that his wife has just arrived). See you next league Jim.

With the absence of our lunch time revellers Goodin, Younger and Blanc, the wee hairy Ocker, all currently on home leave, there is not much mid-day action to report. In fact it has become so quiet that our other lunch time reveller Jimmy (yes the same one) was recently observed playing with himself on Court One. Hurry back Chaps!

Finally - congratulations to Dave Hayes on his recent engagement, and to Clive & Wendy Miller on their recent marriage.



SWIMMING

Gala Day on 2 August was a little thin on numbers but very competitive swimming in some of the older age group races made it a successful day. It's a pleasure to see the powerful and stylish swimming of some of those out on holiday from school.

The Improver of the Month award goes to Simon Tyrie for improving his personal records in all three events of the day -- Butterfly, Breaststroke and Individual Medley.

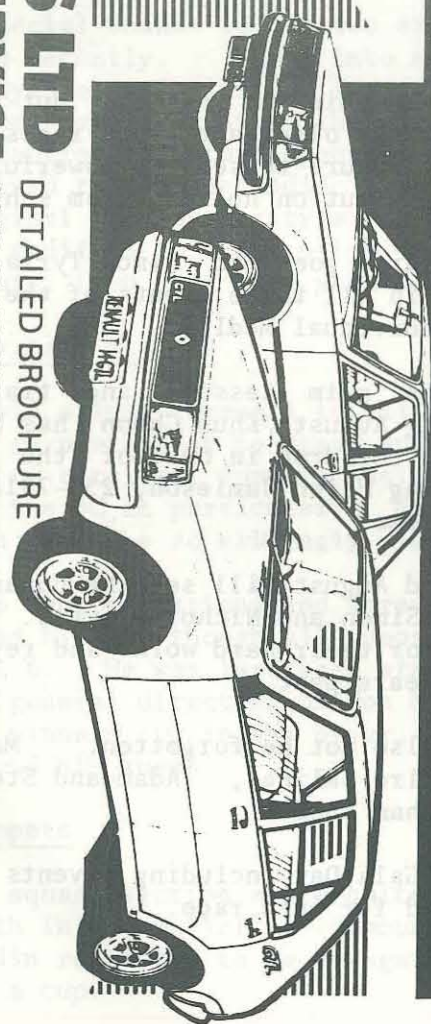
Progress on the revision to the swim lessons and training sessions is going well. During August Khun Choon has begun the task of grading and placing children in one of the five new ability groups. Please ring Helen Jamieson, 233-7918, if you have queries on the new scheme.

As ever, old friends move on and August will see the departure of Mark and Sandra Duncan, and Simon and Nicholas Tyrie. Mark and Sandra will be remembered for their hard work and regular appearances at Galas for many years past.

Those who left in July should also not be forgotten. Mathew and Katy Sill, David and Claire Salinas, Adam and Stephen Betteridge, and Chris and Jonathan Shomo.

Sunday 6 September, is Family Gala Day including events for parents and prizes being awarded for each race.

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GOLF

Such is the enthusiasm of the golfing section of the British Club that again we are bound to report another fun packed month of golfing activity.

The weekend of July 16th to 19th saw an ad-hoc group of B.C. golfers hitting the Pattaya circuit. As to the golf, Bang Phra faired the worse with a visit on the Thursday and Friday. Sattaheap was the Saturday fixture and Siam Country Club was the Sunday event. Pat Beston was the celebrated golfer of the weekend, single putting on no less than twenty-five occasions, Bon Voyage! Tom Alderton who can get his ball out of any bunker for twenty baht was found taking putting tuition from big Pat but Dave Frost found conditions crowded. Bang Phra honours went to Mike Ryan, Sattaheap to John Salter and Siam Country Club to Brian the chip Lewis.

At 7.48 a.m. on the following Sunday July 26th, when some B.C. members were running around Lumpini park and others were flat on their backs snoring, the hard core of golfers headed for the Rose Garden in an effort to win the Colgate (Thailand) Ltd.'s second prize of John Salter's little slammer. Ever lively at this time in the morning Don Goodin bagged the slammer and in case there be any confusion, a little slammer is a two faced club about one foot long (in the shaft) and is used for when you get into tricky situations like in the trees when a full swing is not possible. The winner of first prize A flight was Tom Ford with thirty-eight stableford points and now a new putter to his credit. B flight was cleaned up by Tony Blanc, wearing his squash gear, with thirty-six points and second was George Walck with thirty-five points. George recently left for the States and we are all pleased to hear his operation was a full success.

The next outing of the month was again at the Rose Garden being the final round of the Thai Glass/Gestetner competition. A full compliment of twenty-eight golfers made the occasion trying to improve on their previous two rounds. Trying is the operative word as the scores were somewhat poor with a mere thirty stableford points winning the day. Don Goodin, who must surely be in line for the handicap chop, consolidated whatever one consolidates on these occasions and emerged as the overall winner of the eclectic with a nett 61. Second place is yet to be established dependent upon the old score-board. All interested parties should address cheques made

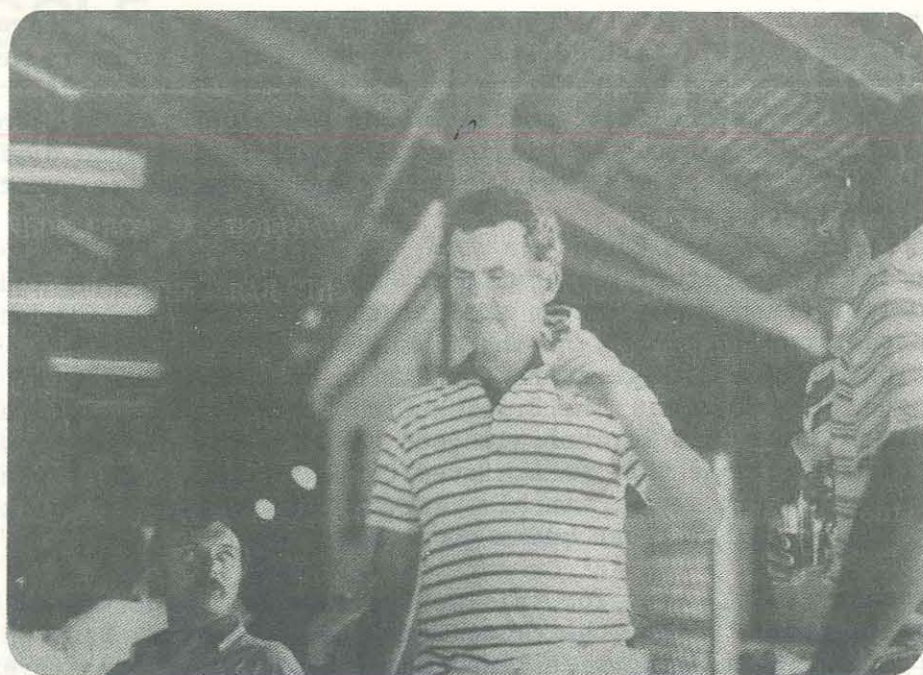
out to cash and sent to "whom it may concern", care of, "Farang department" ICI Thailand Ltd. The days best performers were Ernie Jergens and Derek Watson in the A and B flights respectively and for the front and back nine Derek Johnson and Joan Jergens. Closest to the pin in exceptionally windy and difficult circumstances was Ernie Jergens and (yes you're guested it) Derek Johnson.

The following Saturday at Hua Mark saw a revival of the long-time forgotten annual match against the Old English Students Association (O.E.S.A.). The fixture was ably organised by Ian Halliday and there is no foundation in the rumour that he scored 148 (clue!). The British Club hosted the occasion and lost. True this is what all good hosts should do but it was rather noticeable that we achieved this without even trying. Charles Stewart stood, in his shorts, to deliver the prizes and speech and everyone had a good time.

The next event, even for this active section, promises to be a real goodie being the Tate and Lyle sponsored Bang Phra match. Interesting side line prizes are for driving nearest the tree on the second (the one in the middle of the fairway), getting furthiest from the pin on the Seventh (but on the green) and getting nearest the water in two shots on the fifteenth (but not in it).



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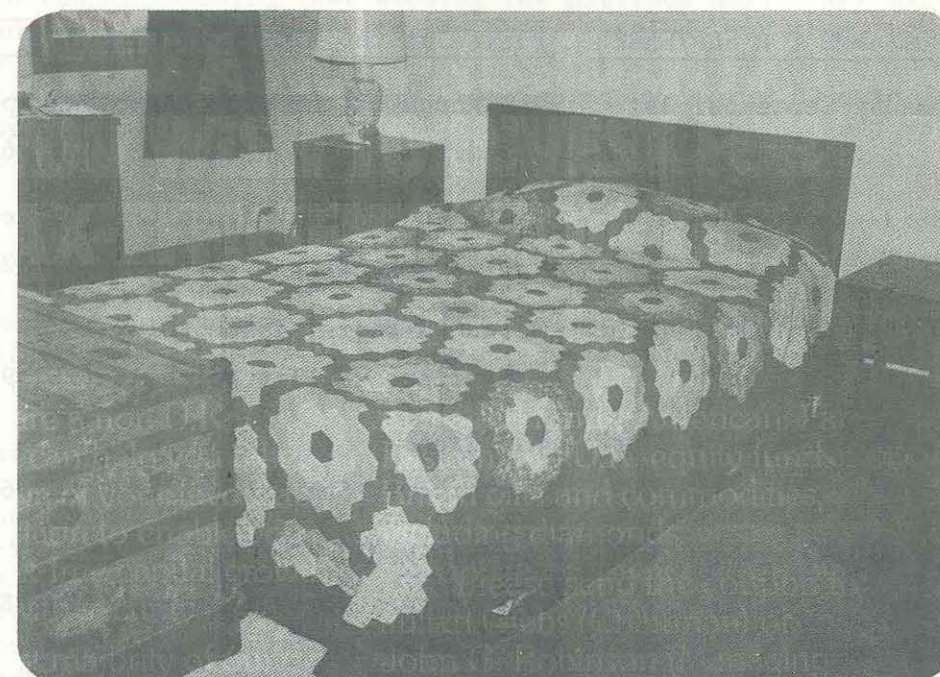
LADIES' GOLF

The date of the 'Kitchen Sink' Competition has been changed to Saturday October 10th tee off time 8.54 a.m. at the Rose Garden Golf Course. We look forward to seeing as many of the Men's Golf Section as possible, this is an Annual Event and always proves great fun with lots of prizes to be won. A list will go up on the B.C. Golf Section Notice Board so remember to put your name down if you want to play.

The Queen's Cup was played over two days on the 11th and 12th August at the R.B.S.C. and four of the British Club Ladies' Section Golf took part, i.e. Eileen Ford, Joyce Lumsden, Millie Marshall and Sheila Kerr, whilst none of us achieved the highest honours, we all enjoyed the two days despite fairly heavy rain, and were there to congratulate M.R. Napasri who won with (64-64): 128 a very good score indeed.

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Tuesday September 8th	Plate and Finals Stableford (as well) Starter: Eileen Ford (252-2074)
Tuesday September 15th	Blind Partners Bisque Bogey Starter: Millie Marshall (251 9558)
Tuesday September 22nd	All Irons Starter: Sheila Kerr (252-6517)
Tuesday September 29th	Monthly Medal Starter: Joyce Lumsden (252-8402)



DARTS

A big turnout at the Club bar on 27th July, failed to defeat high flying Lever Bros. Having Roy Regan in our team always guarantees a few points from these opponents, and this time to avoid redundancy notices on Friday, they let the Lilly Whites have 4 whole points, John Sill flew back especially to bolster up your favourite team with a five singles win, in which he scored 2 consecutive 100's, and Bryan Baldwin, newly returned from home leave won our other singles point after opening with 110. Our only remaining points came from James and Roy (naturally) in the doubles. Although the British Club were 4-13 losers, we got 6 tons through John Sill (3) Bryan (110 and 111) and Dave Wallace 101.

The following week a visit to Hobson's Choice at the British Embassy found the club team overwhelmed by Amarit and the emotion of watching that wedding the previous day. Roy Regan and Peter Prince managed to win their singles and then teamed up for our sole doubles victory. The remaining 2 points in an 11-6 defeat were James Kelly, partnered by Ingrid Baldwin and Roy, closed the triples with a double 8. James doesn't seem to have seen the wedding at all! He scored our only 2 tons.

A home game against UDO's on 6th August brought the third defeat in a row, again by 11-6, Singles wins from James and Peter were followed by a doubles victory by Bryan and Roy. Then Peter, partnered by Dave Wallace and Chris Andrews, closed double 1 to give us one of the triples. Bryan notched 2 tons.

The next match however, a bottom-of-the-table duel with Alex's, was a different matter. Bryan, Ingrid, James and Arthur Hawtin (back from leave in the Ginza and Chipping Sodbury) built up a 4-0 singles advantage, and we then doubled our points to take an 8-4 lead when the Family team (Bryan and Ingrid - both rather pregnant), and Arthur and Roy won their respective doubles. The triples were also taken by the Lilly Whites when Ingrid and Arthur each closed with double 8's. Being flushed with our first win for some weeks, we naturally let the visitors take the 1001 team game. Sporting, eh? Tons were scored by Bryan, Arthur, Roy 110 and Peter. The latter, by the way, was off on leave to check the house and mow the lawn. Asked if he always mows the lawn on home leave Peter retorted in true expat fashion "No, only if it needs it!"

On Thursday 20th August our intrepid dartists visited City Bar on Soi 3 to play Charles Passport & Visa, where we lost 16-1 last time. Dave Wallace and Arthur Hawtin played well to score singles wins, and when Bryan and Ingrid won the first doubles the scores were level 4-4. Unheard of against the second best team in the entire league. Bryan's 174, followed by Ingrid's 122 seem to have unsettled our hosts. However at the end of the doubles they were even more unsettled because the score was level at 6-6 after Arthur and James won their match too. That was all we got, I'm afraid but 11-6 was a great result for the Club. Tons were scored by Ingrid (134 and 122), David Wallace (109 and 132), Arthur (134 and 100) Bryan (174) and James (116).

The next four games are all in the Club bar. See you there on Thursday.

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BILLIARDS

Hamilton Cup

The intermediate rounds have been completed this month and at the time of writing the four semi-finalists have emerged. Tom Watson disposed of Simon Brewin and Ian Hill and is ready to meet Steve Balme who beat Jeremy Watson in the first round and John Salter in the second - John's win over Peter Adcock was a very close game, Peter losing by three points in the third game. In the other half of the table Brian Lewis meets Ron Armstrong. These two have been stalking each other round the premises for some while like the gun-fighters at the OK Corral. We expect them to make contact soon.

Snooker Ladder

The ladder was opened on the 24th of July, players having been listed by chance draw except for the first and last positions - Mr. Armstrong was placed last by unanimous request of all present at the draw. Mr. Ure was elected for first slot, as a penalty for making a particularly outrageous pun, we understand.

Two grand challenges have been played, one successful and one unsuccessful. These are the only events at the time of writing but we hope to see more activity as players return from holiday. A chart has been devised to show the progress or decline of individuals and this will be updated every week or so. Players are requested to post their results slips in the box provided so that the records can be kept straight and the ladder adjusted.

Players not on the ladder challenge any of the last five on. Those last five need to work their way out of the danger area. Name cards for successful new entries will be printed on receipt of the results slip or by direct request to the Snooker Section, the Club Manager, or the talented Mr. Sakdep who is often on duty at the Reception Desk.

O'Connell Cup

The next competition will be started in early September. Please sign the entry list early. The O'Connell Cup is for Volunteer Snooker (singles) so those not familiar with the Rules should study them (they're on the wall!) A local rule is that one cannot volunteer out of a snooker.

Billiards (Cont'd)

General

Where have all the Ladies gone? Still on holiday, maybe. Any Ladies interested, please see the August "Outpost".

Players who did see that issue may have noticed a terrible crime caught in action by the timely cameraman. The culprit, we're sure, would not want anyone to follow his example. We suspect that he also wishes to keep his identity unknown. No prizes for guessing!



SOCCER

What's this, a soccer section report before the season starts? Yes readers and fans we actually have some news to report.

Due to the team's poor performance last season it was decided that changes had to be made. Consistent with current practice therefore, we decided to sack the manager. Then realised we didn't have one. There was only one other course of action, players had to go. Steve Balme and Dave Mulligan have therefore been released to play in Australia and England respectively.

To show our gratitude for their past efforts however, the testimonial sub-committee arranged a gala evening at the Oriental Hotel, inviting some of the great names in world football to celebrate the event. Unfortunately, due to some last minute technical problems, the venue had to be changed to Col. Cobbett's house.

A great evening was had by all. Steve and David were presented with their trophies and we take this opportunity to wish Sue & Steve, David and Alison all the best in the future (Remember to hand back your jerseys). Thanks to Mr. & Mrs. Cobbett for the hospitality.

The 1981-82 season will start around November and anyone interested in playing should contact either:

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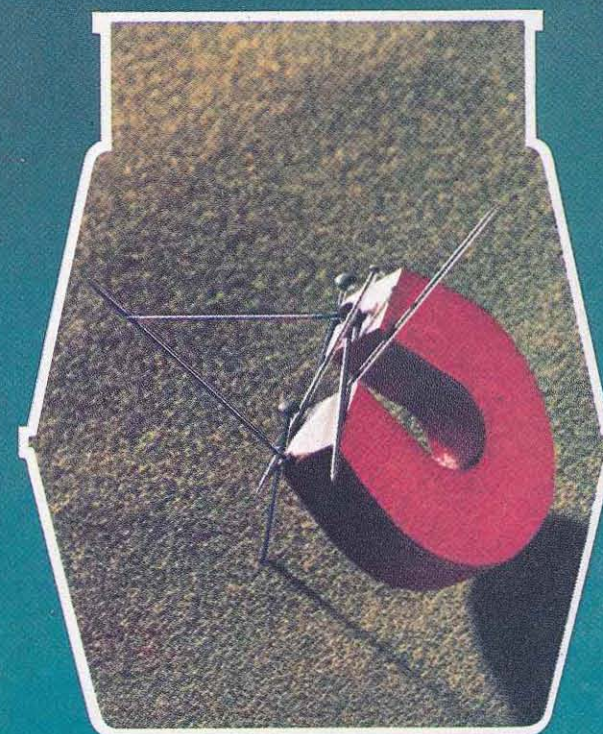
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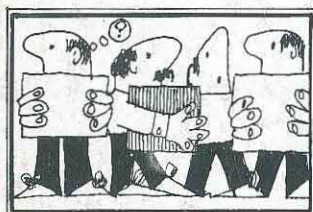
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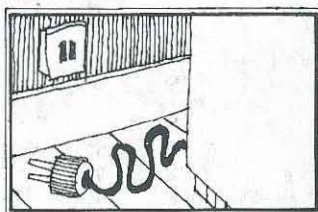
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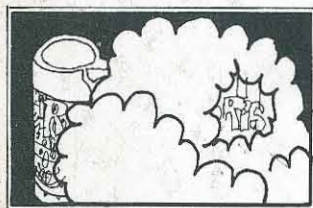
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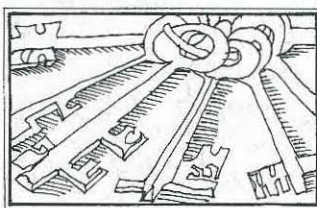
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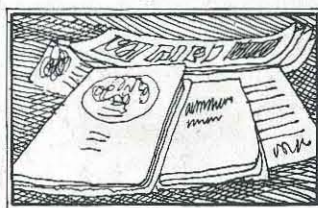
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