

Twins shot dead on peak

By COLIN MYLER

TEENAGER James McIlroy turned a holiday into an orgy of death when he blasted his two best friends with a shotgun — then shot himself.

The 18-year-old A-level student killed twins Mark and Michael Otter also 18, with his 12-bore pump-action shotgun.

Then he walked a quarter of a mile up a mountainside and turned the gun on himself.

The twins' father stumbled across the bodies of his sons — and a friend pulled him away from the horrific scene.

The bizarre tragedy happened at a popular beauty spot in the Snowdonia national park.

Killer

And last night detectives were trying to piece together the riddle of why the happy-go-lucky teenager turned killer.

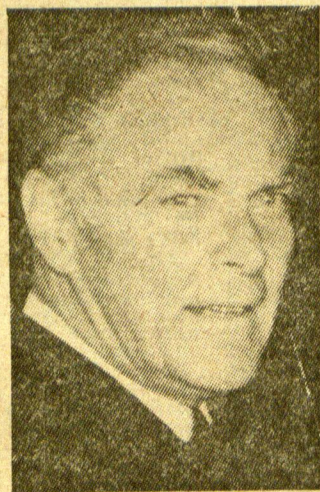
The three pals had set off on Sunday night for a rabbit-shooting trip in the mountains above Trawsfynydd Lake, Gwynedd, where their holiday caravans are berthed.

When they failed to re-

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NO

DEAL!



Mr Haig . . . leaving No 10 last night

By CHRISTOPHER POTTER

BRITAIN and Argentina were last night facing total war over the Falkland Islands.

Peace talks at 10 Downing Street between American Secretary of State Alexander Haig and Premier Margaret Thatcher collapsed after 11 hours.

Iron Lady Mrs Thatcher insisted: No talking until all their soldiers get off our islands.

A shaken Mr Haig left No. 10 and prepared to return to Argentina — carrying Britain's "no deal" answer to the proposals he had brought to London. He flies to Buenos Aires today.

He said: "A number of substantial difficulties remain. We shall be

'Time is slipping away'
Mr HAIG LAST NIGHT

returning to Buenos Aires as time is slipping away."

Asked if he was more hopeful, Mr Haig replied gravely: "Not at all, not at all."

He added that the British naval task force bound for the Falklands had not been told to turn back — and there was no "truce, hesitation or pause" in military preparations.



TALKS BREAK DOWN AS IRON MAGGIE SAYS: GET OFF ISLANDS

Earlier, Mrs Thatcher recalled Parliament for tomorrow so that MPs can be told of the latest developments.

When this was announced there were hopes that a peace deal was on the way.

In the plan Mr Haig brought from Buenos Aires, Argentina's ruling junta offered to withdraw its invasion force from the Falklands if Britain pulled back its naval force.

VICTIMS

But Mrs Thatcher dug her heels in. Time after time she told Mr Haig that Britain was required to do **NOTHING** as a condition for Argentina's withdrawal, which was called for by a United Nations resolution.

She told Mr Haig that the 1,800 Falklanders were the victims of unprovoked aggression — and this was recognised by the rest of the world.

Britain's fleet, said Mrs Thatcher,

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REDS' SKY SPIES SNEAK ON OUR TASK FORCE



Lombardo... he is kept informed by Russia

Russia aids junta

From DAVID GRAVES in Buenos Aires
RUSSIAN spy-in-the-sky satellites are feeding vital secrets to Argentina about Britain's naval Task Force.

The Soviets' growing involvement was revealed last night as Communist Cuba pledged backing for President Galtieri's brutal fascist regime.

The Red spacecraft, passing high over the Atlantic, are keeping the junta's war leaders fully informed about the fleet's progress south.

They carry sophisticated surveillance cameras capable of spotting a newspaper from orbit, more than 80 miles up.

The top secret information is being passed directly to Admiral Juan Lombardo, the man commanding Argentina's naval operations.

Avoid

Britain's ambassador to Washington, Sir Nicholas Henderson, told U.S. TV viewers last night: "You can't underestimate the importance of the Soviet role."

"They have bases in Angola and Cuba from which they can conduct surveillance of the whole South Atlantic."

Cuban envoy Emilio Navarro arrived in Buenos Aires yesterday after the sudden restoration of diplomatic links frozen for a year.

He told Argentina: "Cuban support is unflinching."

Anglican Bishop of Argentina the Rev. Richard Cutts was allowed to broadcast to the Falklands by radio yesterday.

Attack

He also sent a telegram to Mrs Thatcher urging her not to use force.

In the long term, the islanders could be better off under Argentine rule, he said.

A military spokesman in Port Stanley said yesterday: "The islanders are



WAR BABY

● **AHOY** there, Royal Marine Peter Burns, you can stand at ease at last... you've got a bonny young son! Little war baby James was born as his daring dad sailed with the British Task Force to the South Atlantic.

● Mum Joanne, 19, from Plymouth was due to give birth a week before Peter left... but sleepyhead James arrived 11 days late.

becoming more pro-Argentine every day."

As the talking went on in London, Argentina completed the withdrawal of all its warships from the Falklands waters to "safe" areas.

The retreat was to avoid being sunk by British nuclear submarines shadowing their movements.

As the deadline for the naval blockade passed, Peru made a last-minute appeal to both countries to agree to a 72-hour truce while negotiations went on.

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would continue to steam towards the Falklands to liberate the islanders — knowing that it had total UN backing.

And the Government could not go into diplomatic talks until the last Argentinian soldier and civil servant had been



The guns that wait... Argentine troops on guard in the Falklands

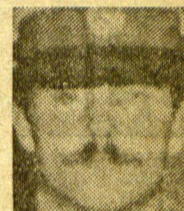
Dad's fear for hero prisoner

By DOUGLAS WATSON
A FATHER spoke yesterday of his fears for his Royal Marine son—a prisoner on an Argentine warship.

Stephen Thomsen, a 24-year-old corporal in the crack Special Boat Squadron, was captured nine days ago after the brave battle to defend the Falklands outpost of South Georgia.

His father Albert was told that Stephen and a dozen other Marines were taken aboard an Argentine aircraft carrier and then transferred to the warship Maria Pedez.

But Mr Thomsen, 54.



Stephen... was taken prisoner

of Northwood Court, Sunderland, said: "My fear is that those lads are being held hostage in the event of a full-scale war breaking out."

"They could be used as live bait aboard an Argentine ship which would be a prime target for the British guns."

The Argentine foreign ministry said the captured Marines were on a ship heading for neutral Uruguay.

A spokesman added: "They are perfectly safe."

NO DEAL! THE PEACE TALKS CRASH

Foreign Secretary Francis Pym, who was with her at the talks, said:

"Difficulties do still remain, but we are very anxious to solve this problem by peaceful means and we are very grateful to Mr Haig for the trouble and time he has taken."

"I hope his mission will prove successful."

CRISIS

Meanwhile, the British naval task force was steaming steadily south, and last night it was beyond the half-way point

BRITAIN'S Ambassador in Washington, Sir Nicholas Henderson, took a tough line on the Falklands crisis yesterday.

He said: "The Argentines can't occupy a country, commit aggression, and then say: Let's go from there."

"You've got to go back to the starting point."

withdrawn from the islands.

At one stage of the talks Mr Haig broke off to phone Nicanor Costa Mendez, the Argentinian Foreign Minister, in Buenos Aires.

In a half-hour conversation, Mr Haig presented Argentina with Britain's counterblast to the proposals.

In effect, it was this: No surrender — the fleet's on the way.

After all his efforts, Mr Haig appeared stunned that his peace bid had been so resolutely tossed aside by Mrs Thatcher.

When the talks ended, the Prime Minister said goodbye to him on the steps of No. 10.

Then the American peacemaker told the anxious world that there had been some progress, but substantial difficulties.

He added his remark about "time slipping away."

Mrs Thatcher made no statement. But

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