

# Carrington to speak on Falklands

By Denis Taylor

Lord Carrington is flying back to London from the EEC summit meeting in Brussels today to make a statement in the House of Lords on the crisis with Argentina over the British South Atlantic territory of South Georgia. A parallel statement will be made in the Commons.

The Foreign Secretary had originally intended to travel direct from Brussels to Israel on an official visit. He will now go via London, arriving a couple of hours later than planned.

Intensive diplomatic negotiations continued yesterday to try to find a formula capable of resolving the crisis. The dispute was sparked by the British discovery that a party of about 50 Argentines had gone to South Georgia without official authorization and had raised the Argentine flag. The territory is a dependency of the Falkland Islands 800 miles away, which Argentina claims.

The Argentines have a commercial contract to remove scrap from the old whaling facilities at Leith Harbour. Most of the party who arrived there on March 18, left after a British protest. The flag was also lowered.

But the British Government estimates that between six and 10 of the scrap merchants are still in South Georgia.

No official comment was

available in London yesterday about the position of several Argentine vessels. A supply ship, the Bahia Paraiso, and two missile-carrying corvettes were said on Sunday to be in the area of South Georgia. Two other Argentine naval vessels were said to have left port for the south Atlantic during the weekend.

The Ministry of Defence in London denied yesterday that the dispatch of 42 Marines to Port Stanley in the Falklands meant a doubling of the garrison. A spokesman said that they were a replacement for the present detachment.

Nevertheless, there will be some overlap. The relief detachment is on its way from Montevideo on the Antarctic survey vessel, the John Biscoe.

Normally, the Marines would have travelled on the Royal Navy patrol ship *Endurance*. But she is off South Georgia with about 12 Marines from the Port Stanley garrison on board.

□ **Buenos Aires:** The Argentine General Confederation of Labour has decided to hold a mass rally here today in protest against the Government's economic policies in spite of the mounting tension over the Falklands (Andrew McLeod writes). Observers here believe the Government may be using the South Georgia incident to divert attention from the country's growing labour unrest.