

TODAY SUMMARY APRIL 5

FALKLANDS

United Kingdom

Elements of task force sail today for what could be the " biggest naval action since World War 11".

Falklands governor and two officers from the islands marine detachment to see Mrs Thatcher today.

A Sunday meeting of the Privy Council at Winsor discussed Falklands developments.

Lord Carrington feels he is personally responsible for the failure to read Argentine intentions correctly but Mrs Thatcher is not looking for any resignations at present.

Dockside reports from Portsmouth describe the task force's preparations.

Falklands

Argentine military government impose restrictions on the movement of islanders. Sixty days in jail for those showing disrespect for occupying forces. Indications that islanders may have to learn Spanish and lead a more Argentine way of life.

Daily Mail eyewitness says invasion came "out of the blue" for most islanders. Describes "very heroic" defence of government house by marines.

Argentina

Argentines plan port blackouts as defence against RN attack. British in Argentina become increasingly worried about their position in event of an armed conflict.

Elsewhere

Australia breaks off diplomatic relations with Argentina. At UN Costa Mendez says British action in putting together task force is an anachronism in the modern world. Argentina was prepared to negotiate but would fight if attacked.

OTHER ITEMS

TUC special conference to co-ordinate opposition to Employment Bill opens. Low Pay Unit says positive discrimination needed to ensure proper representation of women in higher paid jobs.