



nal part of his round-Scotland sponsored walk, Dunfermline, in aid of the Scottish Episcopal Ministry of the Church, walked about 520 miles

...teachers who were meeting in Cardiff.

He went on: "The Scottish education system is the bedrock of our society. We have a tradition of progression through consensus which has had, even in the early Thatcher years, sup-

...the system of education in any country belongs to its people and is only administered by governments. Governments come and go, as do fashionable policies, but a successful education system requires long-term stability to generate public confidence," said Mr Martin.

## Submarine incident 'shocked' Minister

ARMED Forces Minister Archie Hamilton has said he was "shocked and concerned" by the incident in which the American nuclear submarine USS Sturgeon snagged the nets of the Ulster fishing boat Lupina in the North Channel.

It is said to have come close to repeating the event two years ago when the four-man crew of the Carradale trawler Antares drowned after its nets were snagged by a Royal Navy submarine.

The Lupina would almost certainly have been sunk if the wire hawsers to her nets had not broken.

Mr Hamilton expressed his feelings about the incident on September 16 in a letter to Labour's defence spokesman George Foulkes, who had asked Mr Hamilton to ban all submerged operations in recognised fishing areas.

However, he rejected the call

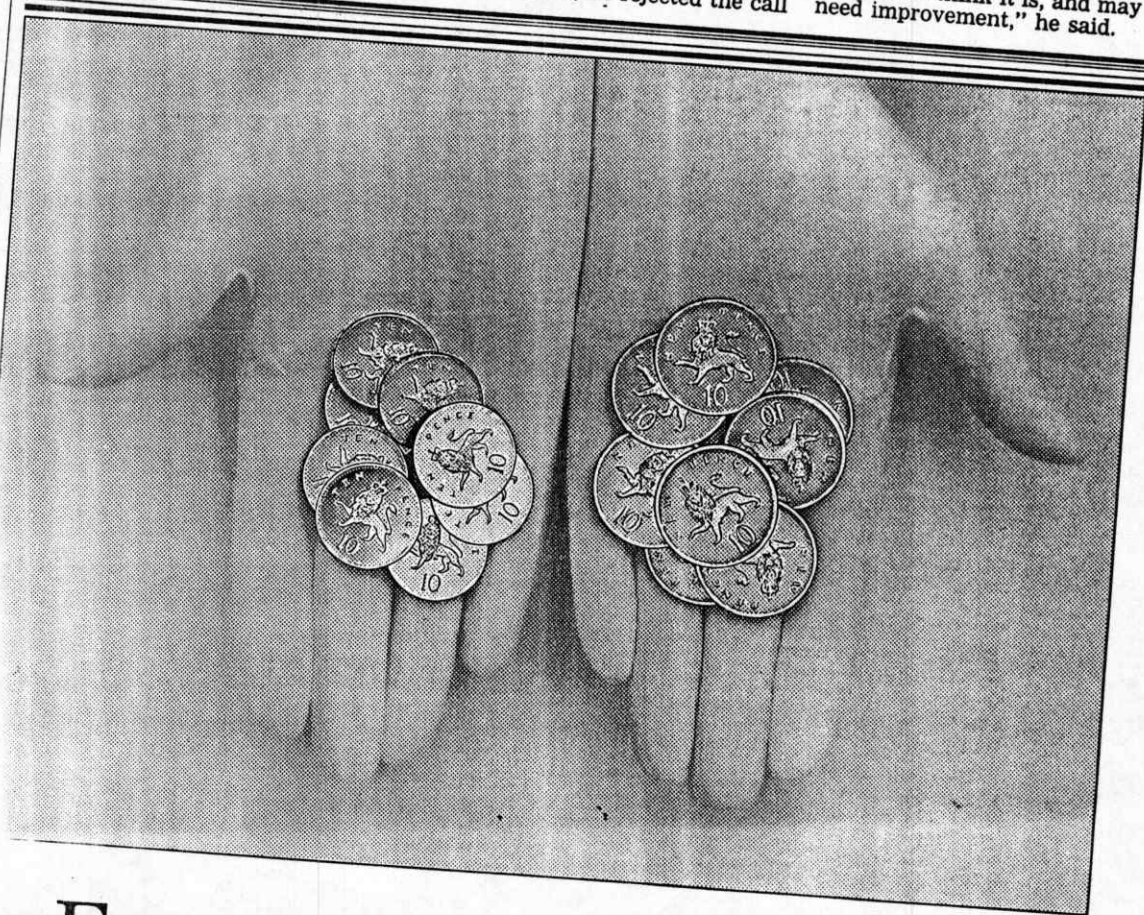
for a ban by the Carrick, Cumnock, and Doon Valley MP, who is an honorary president of the Clyde Fishermen's Association.

In his letter to Mr Foulkes, the Minister said the submarine's presence in the exercise area had been properly notified to fishermen under the Clyde SUBFACTS arrangement, introduced following the Antares sinking, and the submarine had been told of the procedures to be followed in UK waters when in the vicinity of fishing boats.

"I can assure you that I shall be taking a close interest in the circumstances which led to it, to try to ensure that they are not repeated," Mr Hamilton added.

Last night Mr Foulkes said he was unhappy about the Minister's reply. "Investigation into the Lupina incident could yet show that the system isn't as good as we think it is, and may need improvement," he said.

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