



New revelations on fishing boats

The Government has admitted that seven fishing boats, sunk since 1979, may have been in submarine exercise areas. These are from a total of 17 unexplained sinkings. This information comes from answers to parliamentary questions by George Foulkes MP. Four of the boats lost were known to have been in submarine areas — two off the Scottish coast, one in the Irish Sea and one in the Channel. Three more may have been in such areas.

The list may not be complete — for example, it does not include the case of the *Mhari L*, where there are strong suspicions of an official cover-up after its sinking in 1985. A damaged submarine arrived at Faslane 24 hours after the sinking.

The Celtic League in the Isle of Man says that 28 fishermen have been drowned in suspicious incidents in the Irish Sea since 1982. They have set up links with Faslane Peace Camp to monitor submarine movements at Faslane.