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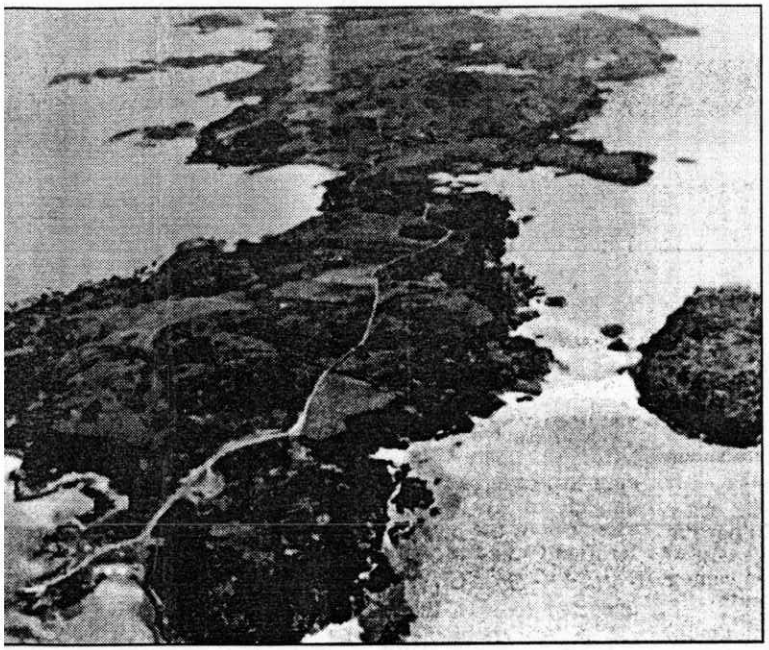

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adding that the island was being sold as a whole and the buyer was based in Scotland.

They confirmed it was not the former owner, business man Malcolm Potier, who bought the island in 1989 for more than £5 million. When his empire was hit by the recession a Swiss bank repossessed Gigha, which he had used to secure loans.

The offers for the island were believed to have come from around the world.

Seumas McSporran (54), whose 14 occupations on Gigha include postman, fireman and shopkeeper, said, "I would like to be in reliable, honest, trustworthy hands and this is something no-one can guarantee.

"It seems incredible that part of the UK is being sold and anyone can come in."

Pollution concern of Euro MP at nuclear submarines

By our Scottish political editor

EURO MP Alex Falconer is pressing the European Commission to investigate claims of a pollution threat from nuclear submarines.

Scottish CND say the present Polaris fleet is so old and dangerous that it poses a risk to safety through fires and nuclear leaks.

Now they are warning that 10 decommissioned nuclear submarines could be laid up at Rosyth by the end of the decade and nuclear waste may be stored on site.

Alex Falconer, who includes the Rosyth naval base in his Mid-Scotland and Fife Euro constituency, has written to the European Environment Commissioner in Brussels asking for an investigation.

He wants to know what effects leaks caused by alleged defects on the submarines could have, particularly for those living in and around the final resting places of the atomic fleet.

"Although military activity is outwith the remit of the EC, the environment is not," said Mr Falconer.

"When a country's tools of defence threaten the safety of its own citizens it is only right that they should be kept informed.

"I have asked the commissioner to investigate, with a view to obtaining a full report from the UK Government. Information of this sort is notoriously difficult to obtain from our own authorities; that is why I am asking the commission to examine the matter."

The CND report, entitled Cracking Under Pressure, claims there have been at least 45 serious incidents involving the navy's nuclear-powered submarines, ranging from fires to collisions and encounters with fishing boats.

"A submarine is not a safe place to put a nuclear reactor," says the report.

Scottish CND recognise the difficulties raised—particularly over questions of continued employment at the Rosyth shipyard—but CND spokesman John Ainslie says the claims made in the document deserve close consideration.

"We are concerned about the increasing number of subs being decommissioned at Rosyth," he said.

"Dreadnought was the only one there from 1982, but Churchill arrived in 1990, Swiftsure and Revenge in April this year. It's difficult to project the future ones, but there will be future ones. The Polaris subs will go to Rosyth.

"The Government sometimes talks about running them until the end of the 90s but that's hard to believe. We understand that 10 or more subs are expected at Rosyth."

Submarines laid up in the Fife dockyards have their reactor cores—the uranium fuel—removed but the rest of the reactor, containing intermediate-grade atomic waste, is left behind.

Scottish CND claim that even this operation is now in jeopardy because the containers used to ship the fuel to Sellafield for reprocessing have been condemned under new regulations.

"Now they are investigating a number of options," said John Ainslie.

"They could try to use containers meant for the civil atomic industry or they could just store the waste at Rosyth."

But the heart of the Cracking Under Pressure report is more concerned with the present operations of the submarine fleet.

It alleges that faults are appearing more and more frequently and uses the observations of Faslane peace camp campaigners to back that up.

"We can count how many days the Polaris submarines are out on patrol," said John Ainslie.

"There is now only one out at a time. In one case they had the same sub out on a four-month patrol; another turned round in seven days."

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At the end of a day of evidence, including two expert tyre witnesses, Sheriff C. Burns found Mrs Scott not guilty.

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