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stood that any development of Scatsta will be funded by the Sullom Voe consortium, and that the Isles Council will be able to add it to the valuation roll for rating purposes. The field will also siphon off a large proportion of the fixed-wing charter traffic currently clogging Sumburgh, and could pos-sibly be used by scheduled flights when fog disrupts air services at the south end of Shetland. With this in mind, it is difficult to see how any Scatsta development could have any-thing but a beneficial effect on the islanders themselves.

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More unhappy landings
SIR—My company operates an Aztec extensively within Europe and also to a lesser extent in the UK. Criticisms of the high landing and parking charges extracted by the BAA from the owners of private aircraft have already been well aired in the past. On a recent trip to Europe I made use of Stuttgart' and the main Geneva

airport, taking particular care to ob-tain receipts for the services given. At Geneva the landing charge for a night approach was just over £9, and parking for four days cost about £1 -50 per day. At Stuttgart the landing fee was £10 and parking £1-50 per day. If on the same trip I had used Gatwick Airport, the cost would have been about £12 for landing, plus £28-80 for each day's parking. Only slightly lower charges could have been ex-pected at Prestwick and Edinburgh. It is becoming more and more obvious that the BAA intends to freeze out private aircraft from its airports. The final straw must be the current exorbitant navigation and en route charges incurred while one is still airborne. What are we going to do about it?

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IN BRIEF

No 233 OCU is holding a reunion on April 28, 1978, to celebrate its silver anniversary. All former staff and

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students of the unit, and past and present members of the Harrier force, are invited to an informal weekend at KAF Wittering to mark the occasion. Contact Fit Lt W. L. Whyte (No 233 OCU, RAF Wittering, Peterborough PE8 6HB) for details.

From muscular dystrophy fund-raiser Leslie Hunt comes news of the possibility of a unique double for aviation philatelists. Flight for Decem-ber 10 carried details of a number of postal covers which travelled with Uncle Roger on the first-ever British Airways supersonic service to New York. Now Mr Hunt is offering four of the very first regular North Atlantic Imperial Airways airmail envelopes. Carried on Flight NAW.l (North Atlantic Westward No 1) by Short 30 G-AFCV in August 1939, the covers were signed by the commander of the aircraft, Capt J. C. Kelly-Rogers, and bear his story of the flight and a brief biography. Please address bids (a mini-mum of £5, made out to the Muscular Dystrophy Group of Great Britain) to Leslie Hunt, 90 Woodside, Leigh-on-Sea, Essex SS9 4RB.

British Airways replies: While appreciating that Mr Rodwell obvi-ously had a trying morning because of the icing problems with his British Midland Airways flight, we feel sure that a writer and broadcaster of his experience does not really believe we indulge in "commercial spite." In fact we have an excellent rapport with BMA at Aldergrove.
On the morning of November 30 one of our two pieces of de-icing equipment was unserviceable. The h remaining unit was required to cover our six scheduled departures of that morning. Our total effort that morn-< ing, as on any other morning, was directed at maintaining our own schedules for the benefit of our pas-sengers, and not at hatching some method of crippling our competitors.

Another fine mess got out of SATISFIED Troubleshooter customer B. M. S. Beale writes: "I would like to thank you for dealing with my IR/IMC Rating problem (November 26, 1977) and for obtaining a satisfac-tory ruling from the CAA. The Flight Crew Licensing Division of the CAA has in fact now written to me on the subject, confirming the reply printed in Flight.
This matter was being followed closely by a number of instructors and examiners at my flying club, and the results show once again the influ-ence which Flight can bring to bear in protecting the interests of those engaged in aviation."

WHAT'S ON

Jan 11 RAeS Astronautics and Guided Flight Section: all-day symposium, "Telemetry systems"; 9a.m., 4 Hamilton Place, London W1V 0BG; telephone 01-499 3S1S-9.
•Ian 12 Regional Studies Association: one-day conference, "Airports: time for decision"; Elvin Hall, University of London, Bedford Way, Russell Square, London; telephone the Executive Secretary, 01-240 3424.
Jan 19 RAeS Test Pilot's Group: "Techniques for brief assessment," by Hugh Field (Flight); 4 Hamilton Place.
Jan 23-28 Helicopter Association of America: Helicopter Operators Management Course VIII; Town and Country Hotel, San Diego, Calif; telephone HAA, (202) 466-2420.
Jan 24-26 Second International Symposium on the Effects of the Ionosphere on Space and Terrestrial Systems; Stouffers National Centre inn, Arlington, Va, USA.
Jan 25 RAeS Management Studies Group: "A contribution to European engineering standard-isation for the aerospace industry," by S. A. White (HSA); 6.30 p.m., 4 Hamilton Place.
Jan 26 Airport Associations Co-ordinating Council: 26th Meeting; Host Airport Hotel, Tampa, Fla, USA; telephone Sandra Preston AACC Permanent Secretariat), Geneva (022) 98 4141.

Jan 28 Helicopter Association of America: Safety Officers' School; Town and Country Hotel, San Diego, Calif, USA.
Jan 29-Feb 1 Helicopter Association of America: 30th Annual Meeting, Convention and Industry Showcase; Town and Country Hotel Convention Centre, San Diego, Calif.
Jan 31 RAeS Graduates' and Students' Sec-tion: "Soaring prophecy," by Frank Irving (Imperial College); 6.30 p.m., City University, London.
Feb 1 RAeS Agricultural Aviation Group: all-day symposium, "Practical crop protection from the air"; 9.30 a.m., 4 Hamilton Place.
Feb 1-3 AIAA: Sixth Biennial Strategic Sys-tems Conference; Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, Calif, USA; telephone AIAA, (212) 581-4300.

Feb 7-9 IEEE/Optical Society of America: Second Biennial Conference on Laser and Electro-optical Systems; Town and Country Hotel, San Diego, Calif, USA.

Feb 8 RAeS Rotorcraft Section: all-day sym-posium, "Maintenance aspects of helicopter operations"; 10 a.m., 4 Hamilton Place.
Feb 14 RAeS Graduates' and Students' Sec-tion: St Valentine's Day Ladies' Evening, "Forty years in aviation," by Sir Peter Masefteld; 6.30 p.m., 4 Hamilton Place.
Feb 16 RAeS Light Aeroplane Group: all-day presentation by the Popular Flying Association. Details from Lectures Secretary,4 Hamilton Place. Feb 21 RAeS Historical Group: "Military assault gliders 1939-45," by Dr K. G. Wilkinson (British Airways); 7 p.m., 4 Hamilton Place.
Feb 22 RAeS Air Transport Group: all-day symposium, "Future airport policy." Details from Lectures Secretary, 4 Hamilton Place.
Feb 22, 23 20th Israel Annual Conference on Aviation and Astronautics. Contact the Secre-tary, Organising Committee, 20th Israel Annual Conference on Aviation and Astronautics, c/o Department of Aeronautical Engineering, Tech-nlon-lsrael Institute of Technology, Haifa, Israel; telephone Haifa 221505/230260.
Mar 1 RAeS: Society Lecture at Christchurch Branch, "Flight refuelling and the world of the 1980s," by J. E. McCormick (Boeing).
Mar 1 RAeS Graduates' and Students' Sec-tion: half-day symposium, "Do I want to be an engineer?"; 2 p.m., 4 Hamilton Place.
Mar 2 RAeS: Society Lecture at Southend, by Freddie Laker.

Mar 6-19 ESA/CNES: International Conference on Earth Observations from Space and Manage-ment of Planetary Resources; Toulouse, France. Mar 7 RAeS Graduates' and Students' Section: "The history and development of Heathrow Airport"; 6.30 p.m., Kingston Polytechnic, Kingston-upon-Thames, Surrey.
Mar 7-9 Nasa/USAF: International Spacecraft Contamination Conference; USAF Academy, Colorado Springs, Col, USA.
Mar 7-19 RAeS/IEE: International Conference on Maritime and Aeronautical Satellite Com-munication and Navigation; IEE, Savoy Place, London WC2R 0BL; telephone Annemarie Cunningham-Swendell, 01-240 1871, extension 272 or 280.
Mar 19-19 25th International Exhibition of Electronics, Nuclear Energy and Aerospace Technology; Palazzo dei Congressi, Rome; telephone Dr Giovanni Benvenuti, 06/6569343/4/5. Mar 15-17 11th Annual Simulation Symposium; Tampa, Fla, USA. Contact Annual Simulation Symposium, PO Box 22621, Tampa, Fla.