

How to repopulate Scotland

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OF THE 5,000 identifiable islands in the British Archipelago, about 2,000 are not inhabited. Hundreds of these were inhabited in the past but became depopulated in the seventeenth, eighteenth, nineteenth and twentieth centuries. And yet, many of them are more hospitable than the Falkland Islands, as far as sheep pasture and climate – are concerned.

I make the following suggestions for the settlement of the differences between Britain and the Argentine Republic:—

1. The British Minister for the Environment should survey the habitable islands in the British Archipelago and draw up plans for their development – and the resettlement of the Falkland Islanders under the New Towns Act.

2. The plans should be exhibited to the Falkland Islanders and a referendum held to see whether those who do not wish to accept Argentine rule would agree to be

transferred to the British Archipelago and re-settled there.

3. Compensation should be paid by the Argentine Government for disturbance of the Falkland Islanders occasioned by the transfer of sovereignty.

4. A treaty should be entered into between Great Britain and the Republic of Argentina for the joint exploitation of the South American continental shelf and the for the provision of a suitable naval and military base and civil airfield to keep open British lines of communication between the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans.

My suggestion that the islands in the British Archipelago should be repopulated would lead to an enormous increase in their land-value. This would afford an excellent opportunity for creating an experimental economy based on land-values as the sole source of revenue, but it would require special legislation to do this.

No advantage would be likely to be gained unless all subsidies on

land-value taxation or rating and all allowances of tax on rent and taxation or rating were abolished.

Labour Land Campaign

A NATIONAL conference entitled 'Land Abuse in Britain – The Socialist Case for Reform' is being held in London on June 15.

The conference is organised by Labour Land Campaign, which advocates the taxation of land values.

Speakers will include MPs such as Tony Benn and Frank Dobson.

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