

MASS-OBSERVATION SPECIAL

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THE FALKLAND ISLAND CRISIS

So many Observers have written in already about this that I thought it would be well worth asking for a wider reaction on what is the gravest development in our international affairs since Suez.

Was it mishandled from the start? If negotiations fail, should we act? And if so, how? If negotiations are to succeed, what do you think is the best solution? Is there a threat to world peace if we take any sort of military action, or is there a threat if we don't?

How does it affect domestic politics? How much support is there for the views of Tony Benn and Judith Hart? In general what do you think of the statements of politicians and other public figures on this matter?

Apologies for this barrage of questions. They should only be taken as suggestions.

As always I would be very grateful for your reactions. Please feel free to write in as your-views develop or keep a separate diary of your reactions which you could send in later:

Because of all this: and also because Dorothy will be on holiday in the first three weeks of May, I shall hold back the Summer Directive until the end of May.

Best wishes,

David Pocock