

# Another Argentine Dispute — 3 Tiny Islands And Channel

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It could easily have been a preview of the Falkland Islands crisis: Argentine warships moving into position in the cold waters off the South Atlantic to press their claim to some tiny, desolate islands near the bottom of the world.

That state of near-war occurred just 3½ years ago on the border between Argentina and Chile over three islands that are so small they don't appear on any maps. Even more isolated and less populated than the Falklands, they had been declared Chilean by a British-sponsored international arbitration panel.

Gunfire was averted only when the Pope agreed to mediate the century-old controversy between the rival neighbors. It was the first time since 1493 that the Vatican had to step into a South American land dispute.

**In Papal Hands**  
The papal emissary shuttled across the Andes between Buenos Aires and Santiago, but the conflict over the islands in the Beagle Channel is still unresolved. Considered one of the most serious threats to peace on the South American continent, it is now in the hands of Pope John Paul II. Representatives of both countries have been meeting with the papal mediator in Rome to try to

end the standoff. Until the Vatican was called on to intervene, the two nations had, since the days of Queen Victoria, usually turned to the British as the trusted arbiters of their differences.

In this latest tug of war over the islands, Argentina had initially resisted this path, fearing bias because of its own dispute with Britain over the Falklands. In 1971, however, both Argentina and Chile agreed to the binding arbitration of the five-member international panel, whose findings were subject to Queen Elizabeth's veto power.

The panel decision, approved by the Queen and announced six years later, was denounced by Argentina as violating its national interests.

Like the Falklands 300 miles away, the Beagle Channel seems an unlikely spot for conflict, situated at the southernmost tip of South America below Tierra del Fuego. Naturalist Charles Darwin, who sailed through the channel in 1833 aboard its namesake H.M.S. Beagle, likened it to "the valley of Lochness in Scotland, with its chain of lakes and friths...."

**Sea Around Them**  
Most people haven't heard of the three disputed islands: Lennox, Nueva, and Picton. Rocky, windy and treeless, they are inhabited only by a handful

of Chilean fishermen and shepherds. "It's the sea around them that's important and the 200-mile economic zone that comes with them," said political geographer Dr. Martin I. Glassner of Southern Connecticut State College, a specialist on the law of the sea. Possession of the land, he said, means control of surrounding waters.

The islands are looked upon as stepping stones to potential deep-sea oil and minerals and to future

claims to valuable Antarctic territory. Ownership of them also is a matter of intense nationalistic pride to the two nations, who share a bitter history of conflict over their 3,298-mile common border. The Beagle Channel is their final boundary dispute.

The problem stems from the interpretation of an 1881 boundary treaty that drew the line between the two nations. It gave Chile all the islands "south

of the Beagle Channel up to Cape Horn," but it didn't actually spell out the channel's course, which forms the international border at this point.

Chile sets it on a totally east-west course, north of all the islands. Argentina contends the channel veers south at a certain point and then stops, placing the islands to the east and in the Atlantic Ocean.

Argentina points to an 1893 treaty to back its claim that Chile is considered a Pacific Ocean country and should stay out of the Argentinian-controlled South Atlantic waters.

History, however, has been on the side of Chile. Successive mediation efforts in the 20th century have pronounced the islands Chilean. But Argentina has just as persistently said they're not.

Finally in the 1970s the five-member international panel was to settle the issue once and for all. But once again Argentina rejected another ruling in favor of Chile.

**Final Earthly Authority**  
That led to the near-war situation in late 1978 and the eleventh-hour papal



intervention. Both predominantly Catholic countries agreed to put down their arms while the Vatican pondered the matter. The Pope's proposal, given to the two countries in secret in late 1980, was immediately accepted by Chile, but

questioned by Argentina. While the mediators meet in Rome, periodic border closings and incidents have continued in the Beagle Channel itself. Earlier this year Chile accused Argentina of sailing a military vessel into Chilean waters.

Argentina claimed the area wasn't Chilean. Last year, warning of the possibility of armed conflict, Argentinian President Leopoldo F. Galtieri, then commander in chief of the army said: "Chile will know how far it can stretch the rope."

## Sanitation Can Aid In Plant Protection

There is no substitute for good sanitation in keeping plant diseases from becoming problems in your home landscape, so start a prevention program with a good cleanup.

N. C. Agricultural Extension Service specialists suggest that sanitation can be effective when used alone or in combination with such things as chemical sprays, resistant plant varieties and disease-free starter plants.

Here are some important steps in an effective sanitation program:

Dead or dying leaves, flowers and branches should be pruned off as soon as they are observed.

A common disease in North Carolina, gray mold,

starts in old flowers, dying leaves and injured plant parts. Remove these diseased plant parts promptly to prevent gray mold from spreading to healthy tissue.

Several of the fungi that cause apples to rot during summer survive between crops in dead apple tree branches. If you will remove and destroy these branches, you will reduce the fungi.

You should also prune out branches in apple and pear trees which have developed fire blight. In this way, you can help to prevent fire blight from spreading to the main trunk of the tree.

As soon as annual plants stop producing fruit or flowers, remove them from the garden and put them in the compost pile. This prevents disease-causing fungi from continuing to live on these plants and building up to attack succeeding crops.

In the fall, all annual plants should be removed from the garden and put on the compost pile as soon as they are killed by cold weather.

The common root knot nematode attacks many garden plants. The nematodes live through the winter in the soil and infested roots. If these roots are plowed up and exposed in the fall, the nematodes can be killed by freezing and thawing and by drying winds.

Roses often retain some green leaves through the winter in North Carolina. The fungi that cause black spot and powdery mildew continue to infect these leaves and are ready to attack new leaf growth in the spring. The black spot fungus also overwinters in the old rose leaves on the ground. Therefore, before new growth starts in the spring, rake up all old leaves and remove all green leaves from the plants.

There are many beneficial fungi in a compost pile and most disease-causing fungi are not good competitors. Also the heat developed in a good compost pile will kill most disease-causing organisms.

### THOUGHT FOR FOOD

Whole Wheat Nut Biscuits

- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- 1 cup whole wheat flour
- 2 tsp. baking powder
- ½ tsp. salt
- ¼ tsp. baking soda
- 6 tbsp. butter
- ½ cup chopped nuts
- ¾ cup buttermilk
- 1 egg, slightly beaten

Butter

Preheat oven to 425°F. Combine flours, baking powder, salt and baking soda. Cut in butter until mixture resembles coarse crumbs. Stir in nuts. Combine buttermilk and egg. Stir into dry ingredients, stirring just until dough forms a ball. Turn out onto lightly floured surface and knead gently 1 minute. Roll out to ¼-inch thickness. Cut into 2½-inch diameter biscuits using a floured biscuit cutter. Bake on unbuttered cookie sheet 12 to 14 minutes, or until golden brown. Serve warm with butter. Serves 12

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### Who Is Frank W. Ballance, Jr.?

A progressive young, black attorney who has been in the forefront of the struggle for equal rights and equal justice in North Carolina for the past 20 years. The son of a Bertie County farm family who learned early the values of hard work. A resident of Warren County for the past 15 years who has been deeply involved in community affairs. A member, trustee, and Sunday School teacher at Greenwood Baptist Church, Warrenton, North Carolina. A strong believer in and supporter of elementary, secondary, and higher education. Married to Attorney Bernadine S. Ballance, and the father of three children - Garey, Angela and Valerie, who attend the Warren County public schools

### Educational Background

Juris Doctor Degree, North Carolina Central University Law School, with honors-1965  
Bachelor of Arts in Political Science, North Carolina Central University-1963  
Graduate of W. S. Etheridge High School, Windsor, North Carolina-1959

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