

MYSTERY OF THE ANGLING PC's TEN LOST DAYS

A POLICEMAN who vanished on a fishing trip has turned up alive and well.

The policeman, Wilfred Southgate, 55, was missing for ten days before returning home at the weekend.

Cliffs

He mysteriously disappeared while on a sea-angling holiday at Porthcurnow, Cornwall.

Passing Coastguards saw him fishing from the beach below cliffs.

Some time later the same Coastguard passed

By JACK McEACHRAN

by again—and saw that he had vanished. His fishing tackle, anorak and one shoe were found at the spot where he had been fish-ing

where he had been usning.

Another shoe was later found in the water.

Pc Southgate's car was still parked nearby.

Coastguards and police launched an intensive air and seasearch for the missing man.

The hunt involved the use of frogmen and a Navy helicopter.

Saturday, Then, on Saturday, PC Southgate turned up at his semi-detached home in Dovedale Avenue, Clayhall, llford, Essex.

He is to be interviewed

by senior police officers

by senior police officers later this week.
Pc Southgate, who is married with four children, is employed in the juvenile bureau at South Woodford police station, Essex.
He has been in the Metropolitan Police since 1953.
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At his home last night the door was answered by one of his children who said that the family had nothing to say.

Scotland Yard said they could not comment on his re-appearance because he had not yet been interviewed.

EASTER FUNNIES

SCHOOL cook Mrs. Erith Stables is hiring a theatre at Sheringham, Norfolk, to show comedy films for a "brighter Easter."

Smith 'out in cold' hint

BY PETER PRENDERGAS T. Political Correspondent

RHODESIAN Premier Ian Smith could find himself out in the cold in any new talks over his country's

future.

Britain's Foreign Secretary, Dr.
David Owen, said yesterday that Mr.
Smith was not the only person who
could speak for Rhodesia's whites.
Speaking on ITV's "Weekend
World," Dr. Owen said: "I don't think
we should think that the only person
who can deliver a solution in Rhodesia
is Ian Smith. is Ian Smith.

He's one aspect of white Rhodesian

opinion — he's not the sole aspect."

Dr. Owen was speaking on the eve of a six-day visit to southern Africa.

He is to hold separate talks with Mr. Smith and South African Premier Vorster. He may also see some black nationalist leaders.

Dr. Owen also spelt out the Government's position on President Amin and the Commonwealth conference in Lon-

the Commonwealth conference in London this summer.

He said: "We've made it clear he won't be welcome—we don't want him to come."

JIM FACES FURY OVER BUILDING confront Premier James Callaghan today over soaring unemployment in the build-

ing industry. They fear that the number of construction workers out of a job—already more than 200,000—could rise to 300,000 later

this year.

And leaders of the major building workers' unions want the Government to do more to halt

the slide.

They say that the £100 million of additional million of additional money being put a side to reconstruct inner-city areas over the next two

areas over the next two
years is just not enough.
The arguments will be
put to Mr. Callaghan
today by transport union
boss Jack Jones and
building workers' leader
George Smith.

Warned

The National Economic Development Council has already told

Council has already told the Government that the building industry could suffer permanent damage unless it gets more aid.

And TUC General Secretary Len Murray has warned that lack of business is forcing craftsmen to leave, and breaking up many design up many design

teams. THERE is no doubt that

Jobs Crisis

By ALAN LAW

Mr. Jones will also raise the pay issue at today's meeting

TUC leaders are not expected to meet Chancellor Denis Healey until next week over the next pay deal.

But there is a growing belief that one of the most likely solutions for a new agreement would be "kitty-bargaining."

This would allow groups of workers to

wage deals — within an overall percentage increase for an individual plant or company.

In BIRMINGHAM

yesterday, Yorkshire miners' leader Arthur Scargill called for an end to the Social Contract and a return to free collective bargaining.

He told a conference

He told a conference called by British Leyland shop stewards that he was sick and tired of people whining about the need to sustain the Labour Government.

Plug switch is slammed

CONSUMER watchdogs blew a fuse yesterday at plans to switch Britain over to the international plug and socket system. The system, which uses 16 amp plugs instead of our present 13 amps, will be debated at a conference today.

But the National Consumer Council yesterday slammed the changeover as "chaotic." It says in a report: "Nothing we have heard so far convinces us that switching to the new plug is worth the time and money involved."