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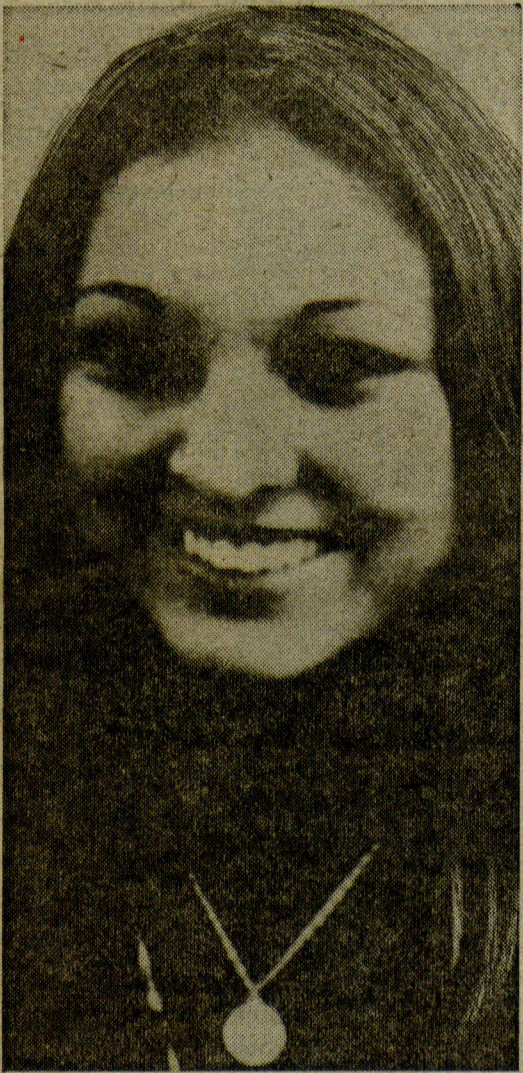
# WARN ON

# BUDGET



From The Sun yesterday

## 'Never again' snub for Maggie



Linda Drummond-Hay... she dressed as a sailor.

**PREMIER Margaret Thatcher faced open revolt from the Cabinet last night over the Budget.**

It was a political disaster that could threaten the stability of the Government.

In secret meetings, top

By WALTER TERRY

Ministers have decided they will never again allow Chancellor Sir Geoffrey Howe to spring such a shock on them at such short notice.

Startled Ministers first heard the Budget secrets at 10.30 on Tuesday morning—only five hours before the Commons

statement and too late for argument.

Outbid by the hard-line money men of the Treasury, the rest of the Cabinet had to squirm in embarrassment as the Government ran into its biggest crisis after 22 months in office.

Now the rebels insist that in future the entire Cabinet must discuss economic strategy before Sir Geoffrey is allowed on the rampage.

It is a decision that amounts to a vote of no confidence in the Chancellor's judgment and a snub for the Premier.

### SOFT

But as the row went on 100 Tory backbenchers signed a Commons motion praising the Budget.

They congratulated the Chancellor on "a bold package of measures designed to stimulate investment in small and medium-sized businesses."

The MPs included senior Tories like Edward du Cann, chairman of the Right-wing 1922 Committee, Sir John Eden, former Postmaster General, and Maurice Macmillan, former Employment Minister.

In the Cabinet row, Mrs Thatcher pitched in hard at Sir Geoffrey's

## THE SUN SAYS: BE TOUGHER, MAGGIE

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side, implying that some of her closer colleagues were going soft.

But the rebels retort that Sir Geoffrey—helped in pre-Budget discussions by the Premier—simply had no right to bounce the Cabinet into a controversial Budget that looks like doing far more harm, politically and economically, than good. Seven Ministers—some close confidants—led the mutiny.

### LEADER

They were Home Secretary William Whitelaw, Foreign Secretary Lord Carrington, Commons Leader Francis Pym, Employment Secretary Jim Prior, Farm Minister Peter Walker, Lord Privy Seal Sir Ian Gilmour, and

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## LIFE ON AN OCEAN RAVE FOR SEXY STOWAWAY

By HILARY BONNER

A PRETTY girl stowed away aboard a warship to be with her sailor boyfriend.

And for a month 23-year-old Linda Drummond-Hay dodged detection by officers.

She enjoyed romantic dinners and long evenings in the ship's paint store with her handsome lover, bosun's mate Steve Blyze. Linda even posed as a

sailor—and was not spotted among the hundreds of men on board.

But her amazing life on the ocean waves came to an end when she became violently ill with food poisoning... and Steve confessed to the captain to save her life.

The incredible floating love story began when Linda spotted Steve on a nudist beach near her home in Perth, Australia.

"I thought wow, what a body! I'll have to check that out," she said.

It was love at first sight and the couple decided they could not be parted.

### Smuggled

So they hatched an amazing plan to hide Linda aboard the landing assault ship USS Barbour County for the nine-week

voyage to San Diego, California—where Steve was due to be discharged from the navy.

Two days before the ship sailed, Steve smuggled Linda aboard and locked her in a below-water-line cabin used to store dangerous fire-risk liquids.

During daily security checks,

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## Be tougher, Maggie!

### WHAT has gone wrong?

The Sun put that question in its editorial on Tuesday's Budget, and made these comments:—

*The Chancellor, and indeed the whole Government, has failed to deliver the goods.*

*They have accomplished — their biggest failure — only relatively minor cuts in State spending.*

*They have actually achieved an INCREASE in Government borrowing.*

### Hope

The Sun makes no apology for returning to this crucially important theme.

Until the Government wins its battle to curb its own spending, it will keep getting — and will DESERVE to get — abuse from the voters.

What hope is there that the tide can be turned?

The so-called "wets" inside the Government have prevailed over those, like the Prime Minister and, we believe, Sir Geoffrey Howe, who wanted to honour the pledges given to the nation at the last Election.

*Now a new stage in the battle is about to open.*

### Lost

Mr. Leon Brittan, Chief Secretary to the Treasury, has signalled "a very careful look" at State spending, which is "higher than we would like."

He can say that again!

If Mrs Thatcher and the Treasury cannot impose their will on their more timorous colleagues—some of whom are demanding a bigger say in what future Budgets should

contain—the whole economic Battle of Britain will be lost. Forever.

This time she **MUST** prevail.

She **MUST** do what her own sound instincts tell her is right.

She herself has identified the real enemy. It is not the divided, derided Socialists, who are in a minority in Parliament.

It is the flat-footed Heathites in her own Party and even within her Government.

As she has said, those who are squealing loudest about tax cuts are the very people who want not less but **MORE** spending.

They should be treated with contempt.

No one should underestimate the daunting task of reconstruction that faced the Government when it took office.

Twenty years or more of national complacency, for which both the major parties should hang their heads in shame, cannot be rectified overnight.

### Choice

*The Sun has always admired Mrs Thatcher's courage and vision.*

Our faith in her is unshaken.

Her task now is to breathe a little of those qualities into her colleagues.

She has been too patient for too long.

The moment has arrived when she must tell the wets that spending **IS** going to be cut and that taxes **ARE** going to be brought down in the next Budget.

And that if they do not like it, then they will have to go.

The choice is theirs.

# CABINET WARN OVER BUDGET

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Leader of the Lords, Lord Soames.

The mutineers' message is simple but brutal: The price of Thatcherism is too high.

*Something has got to give. Industry needs more help to survive the slump.*

A Cabinet revolt over the Budget is unknown before in British politics.

Mrs Thatcher put total trust in herself and Sir Geoffrey. Now the issue has backfired into a furious crisis that undermines the value of the Budget.

And it will put the Chancellor on the spot next Monday night when he winds up the Budget debate.

## Unpopular

His decision to slap 20p on petrol has brought the strongest protest from MPs.

Some now forecast Sir Geoffrey will have to go — and that a rattled Premier will have to try new policies to keep her Government afloat.

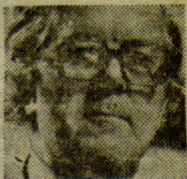
A delegation of Scots Tory MPs met Sir Geoffrey yesterday to warn of the "disastrous" effect the petrol in-

creases would have on rural areas

Eight are expected to abstain in Monday's vote.

Government business managers fear they could be joined by more MPs from rural areas in other parts of Britain.

A handful of Tories are expected to vote against the price rise



*Sir Geoffrey Howe . . .  
under fire over 20p*

because of its impact on isolated homes and villages.

But Sir Geoffrey last night made it clear he would not budge over the 20p rise.

Appearing on the Robin Day Question Time programme on BBC TV, he said: "I recognise it is an uncomfortable and unpopular tax increase to have to make.

"But so are all increases to different groups of people in different ways."

*Can Mrs T survive?*

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