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## **LETTERS**

### **REPRESENTATIVE**

Francis Bennion refers to our "representative Government" in his defence of the Falkland adventure. In fact a large number of British people were opposed to or had serious doubts about the exercise even before they realised the long-term cost.

How many of those who were caught up in the initial euphoria generated by the worst elements in Westminster and newspaper offices actually believed that hundreds of men would die over a handful of islands, the distant remnants of an Empire? How many defenders of freedom, like Mr Bennion, had a word of reproach for the military dictatorship in Argentina before the Falklands dispute?

The latter-day Empire loyalists were quite ready to join in the flag-waving and in sending others to their deaths. Meanwhile, the "patriots" were safely sleeping in their beds 8,000 miles away.

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