THE INDEPENDENT NEWSPAPER:

THE MAN FOR THE

JOB

WHERE is Sir Geoffrey Howe? He is the man whose duty is to protect the consumer. Who has had a special department created for him. Who has a seat in the Cabinet. But who, incredibly, is not in charge of the Covernment's the Government's prices freeze.

Instead this task is shared by the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food and by the Department for Trade and Industry.

It is said that a burden shared is a burden halved.

In this case the burden is doubled for the public. For when two Ministries are involved there is twice the opportunity for muddle, confusion, and double standards.

NOW, come along, Sir Geoffrey, show your mettle.

You are supposed to be the Housewife's Friend. Go to battle on her behalf.

Make an issue of this with the Prime Minister.

One man, with one lepartment, is needed to héad the Government's campaign against Mr. Rising And that man

should be you, the Minister for Consumer Affairs.

Else why are you getting £13,000 a year?

WORTH WAITING

MARVELLOUS! Marvellous! Another eight Trident aircraft are to be sold to the Chinese on top of the 12 they have already bought.

China is proving a superb customer for British aviation. She is rightly getting first-class treatment from the manufacturers who are delivering the first planes two months ahead of schedule.

The success of the Trident is a reward for patience, no less than for engineering expertise.

For years this splendid plane did not achieve all the overseas acclaim it deserved.

OW China is more than making up for earlier disappointments.

For politicians there is a lesson to be learned in the time it has taken for the Trident to make good its promise.

The lesson is this: it is worth waiting for a good investment to yield results. And British aviation is a great investment for the country.

TALKING POINT

And learn the luxury



"She'll give you 'Sportsman of the Year' if you miss."

The Daily Express Sportsman the Year TODAY IS YOUR LAST CHANCE

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FOR THE FINAL

BALLOT FORM

The man they still find irresistible

by KATHARINE HADLEY

"IT'S a Bates Boom." The words are

Bates. He says them a lot, each time his face spread with delight.

'Yes, definitely a Bates Boom," he repeated carefully from one of the chintzy chairs at his home in Little Chart. Kent. It's a satisfactory feeling specially when I've de-voted nearly 50 years to writing. Good to feel that today not only people of the older generation want to read me, but the young

ones too."
Suddenly this elderly gentleman has caught everybody with the charm of his writing. And those other writers who try to catch attention with hard sex, have got their noses twisted.

BUZZING

It's not them but Mr. Bates who trundles up from Kent with his white hair and pink face to go on telly and to attend film

premieres.
First he got the country buzzing when his stories, buzzing when his stories, written in 1935, were televised in ITV's "Country Matters." Now he's to attend the London premiere of his new film "The Triple Echo." next Thursday, starring Glenda Jackson and Oliver Reed.

It's about a P.O.W. wife, a deserter she hides disguised as her sister and a sergeant who discovers

guised as her sister and a sergeant who discovers "she" is a he in the course of womanising.
He dreamed the plot up in 1943, wrote it in 1968 because it took him 25 years to get exactly right. At 67, H. E. Bates, author of "Fair Stood The Wind For France." one of the Second World War's finest novels, is among England's great masters. He's, a father, and a grandfather, the kind of gentleman who dresses in tea-coloured suits and has porcelain on the window sill.

window sill. **JEALOUS**

"Why are my works popular now?" He thought care fully. "We've reached a stage when there's an awful lot of rubbish being produced. People writing for money and going away to their villas and being unhappy with all their money because that's not what a because that's not what a writer should write for. My works are considered. I'm jealous of every word. People get pleasure from well-written descriptions. We've got this marvellous language you know, capable of infinite complexities and writers

today are too often out to

shock and not bothering about the language." obviously music to Not that H. E. Bates is the ears of H. E. purely an academician of words. His stories, set in purely an academician of words. His stories, set in the English country he observed as a boy in Northamptonshire, have all the passionate excite-ment of a good tale. He can evoke, by the simple caress of a brown man's

throat, more sexual allure than pages of detailed

hand on a woman's

BLONDE He knows a lot about women—a woman's writer. His heroines are always feminine, alluring and simple. The kind you quite like to identify with

you quite like to identify with.

Rather like his blonde wife.

Madge, he says, who has been married to him for 41 years.

We looked out into a garden which recently inspired his book "A Love of Flowers," where he sits and dreams up stories.

"I never made myself yery "I never made myself very rich, but I don't mind" he smiled. "I never wanted 15 fast cars. I just said what I wanted to say in my own way."

GAIRWAY ()

A N E W immigration control point will be opened at London Airport on January 1.

It will cater exclusively for he residents of Common Market ountries, allowing their entry nto Britain with as little fuss as

The three existing control points Il still operate—one for United ingdom passport holders, one for iens, and one for Commonwealth

Pilot

From that day a former title of Britain pilot from w Zealand will have no re claim to settle in the ited Kingdom than, say, Japanese soldier who illeated British prisonerswar on the notorious illway of Death. Worse still, that same of who, fought to stope German bombers from aching London knows at the German who loted the Heinkel he was ying to beat off will be the to enter Britain withit any problems. New Zealand provided 101 lots for the Spitfires and Hurricanes that lattered the Luftwaffe ver Southern England. Another New Zealander so played a key role—that Lord Dowding's right-and man. He is Sir Keith

who was to become Lord Rutherford of Nelson, the brilliant physicist, who in 1918 split the atom for the smashed the power of the Luftwaffe. Before returning ic- to New Zealand after the ts. war Sir Keith said: "I shall come 'home' again." Sir Keith, now 80, lives in Auckland. From January 1 he will have the same rights in Britain as an allen.

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by LESLIE DIVER

A NEW ZEALANDER WHO HAS LIVED IN BRITAIN FOR 18 YEARS

Would Low have been turned back at the docks? Then there is the pioneer

M.P.s voted themselves a 38 per cent rise last December. I wonder if they could set an example to the trades unions by accepting a reduction of five per cent in their very adequate salaries?

YOUR LETTERS!

Three cheers

for the freeze

'Home'

HERE'S A BLOW TO nasal congestion ALTHOUGH I am a skilled farm worker who, with my fellow men on the land, must mark time for our £2.60 pay rise, awarded recently, I welcome Mr. Heath's 90-day notice of hundreds of price increases. Later this year, when it becomes necessary to order new stocks, we shall be obliged to charge the new "pre-freeze" increased prices. Having served the public for over 40 years I know, without doubt, what the reaction will be! that DOESN'T need a handkerchief!!!

BLOWING, SNIFFING, aspirin or hot lemon just AREN'T going to shift that miserable sticky CATARRH of NASAL CONGESTION—whatever the

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