

QE2 IS SET TO SAIL FOR WAR



Liner may be turned back from a cruise

We told you first

NINE days ago The Sun said that the QE2 was to be called up. Everybody denied it. Yesterday the Ministry of Defence confirmed it. If you really want to know what's going on in the war buy The Sun. We try harder. See Page 1.

GOTCHA



SUNK

AN Argie patrol boat like this one was sunk by missiles from Royal Navy helicopters after first opening fire on our lads



CRIPPLED

THE Argie cruiser General Belgrano . . . put out of action by Tigerfish torpedoes from our super nuclear sub Conqueror

Our lads sink gunboat and hole cruiser

From TONY SNOW aboard HMS Invincible
THE NAVY had the Argies on their knees last night after a devastating double punch.

WALLOP: They torpedoed the 14,000-ton Argentinian cruiser General Belgrano and left it a useless wreck.

WALLOP: Task Force helicopters sank one Argentinian patrol boat and severely damaged another.



The Belgrano, which survived the Fleet Harbour attack when it belonged to the U.S. Navy, had been asking for trouble all day. The cruiser, second largest in the Argz fleet, had been skirting the 200-mile war zone that Britain has set up around the Falkland Islands.

MAJOR

With its 15 six-inch guns our Navy high command were certain that it would have played a major part in any battle to retake the Falklands.

But the Belgrano and

its 1,000 crew needn't worry about the war for some time now.

For the nuclear submarine Conqueror, captained by Commander Richard Wright, let fly with two torpedoes.

The ship was not sunk and it is not clear how many casualties there were.

HMS Conqueror was built at Cammell Laird's shipyard in Birkenhead for £20 million. She was launched in 1969 and

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UNION BOYCOTTS WAR

A UNION chief is telling seamen on two ships taken over by the Government: "Don't go to war—the union can't protect you." The astonishing advice comes from George Cartwright, the Communist leader of the National Union of Seamen at Felixstowe Port in Suffolk. The Government has

just requisitioned the Townsend Thoresen roll-on, roll-off vessels Baltic Ferry and Nordic Ferry.

'Folly'

The ferries will carry troops and battle equipment in support of the QE2.

Mr Cartwright told the 153 seamen: "Our advice

is that it would be folly to go off on a dangerous adventure.

"I'm old enough to remember that one in three merchant seamen were killed in the last war.

"It is not a case of being unpatriotic. We are not at war and our advice is based on union practicalities.

"What we are saying is that if seamen put themselves under military command, they will no longer have our protection.

Question

"There is no question of politics being behind the recommendation. We were asked for our view

and gave our best advice."

He believes the majority of crew members will decide not to sail to the South Atlantic.

So far I have heard from three seamen who want to go, the rest are non-committal or against joining the task force," Mr Cartwright said.