

MEET THE STARS IN THE No 1 SUN



Heida Steindorsdottir (BBC 1)



Peter Sellers (BBC 1, 11.30)



Miriam Makeba (BBC 2)

A cold-comfort spy finds romance!

By TIM EW BANK

STAND BY for more snow tonight.

The BBC is launching an exciting new series set in Iceland.

It is called *Running Blind*, a three-part chiller of a thriller about a former British secret agent who is blackmailed by his old boss into doing one more job.

The spy, Alan Stewart, played by Stuart Wilson, goes into the cold of Iceland on what looks like a straightforward mission — simply to collect and deliver a parcel.

TOUGH

Wilson and the other stars had to put up with tough conditions, including long stretches living in tents in the remote north of the country. But there were compensations.

The story has Wilson, 31, falling in love with 25-year-old blonde beauty Heida Steindorsdottir, Iceland's top actress.

"She's a smashing girl," Wilson says. "Her only drawback is her name. Most of us can't pronounce it."

In tonight's opening episode (BBC 1, 9.25), our hero leaves for Iceland — only to find that the mission is far from simple.

TELLY

A PHONE call leads to a crisis in the career of a student nurse (Emily Moore) in *General Hospital* (ITV, 8 pm). Alone on the ward one night, she is distracted by the call. When she returns she finds a patient has fallen out of bed.

SPOT

apture of the Great Train Robbers.

In 1973 he organises the security arrangement for Princess Anne's wedding.

● **THE TERROR** campaign in English cities is far from over. Scotland Yard chief Sir David McNer warned yesterday.

In a New Year message to the Metropolitan Police, "The Hammer" warned everyone to be on guard in case the Provos plant more bombs in London.

HOT SHOTS

Forty teenagers are keeping warm and raising money for hospital equipment in a 45-hour badminton marathon at Duxton Northants, at the weekend.

A Kennedy wife in row over dinner

ETHEL KENNEDY, widow of murdered Senator Robert Kennedy, is in the soup over a family Christmas dinner. She is being sued by a catering firm after refusing to pay the £270 bill for the meal at a ski resort where she is on holiday. The firm, in Aspen, Colorado, says Mrs Kennedy's housekeeper ordered "a grand feast" for 20 people at only a few hours' notice.



STUART WILSON Dangerous Mission

NEWS, NEWS, NEWS IN YOUR No 1 SUN

DIVER DISCOVERS A £200,000 FORTUNE

AN AMERICAN has discovered what is believed to be the greatest hoard of sunken treasure ever found.

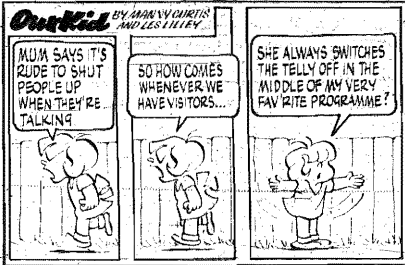
Bert Webber, who has spent his life treasure hunting, has found the haul of Spanish gold and silver off the coast of the Dominican Republic.

Galleon

He said yesterday: "I've struck it rich." How rich he would not say — although some estimates put the total value at £200,000. The treasure is from the galleon *Concepcion*, which foundered on the Caribbean coral reefs 85 miles off the coast in 1642. The galleon was en-route to Puerto Rico with Mexican treasure. It has lain fixed the reefs ever since. Webber, aged 36, yesterday showed slides some of the hundred coins and other precious artifacts he has recovered.

CUTTING RIPOS

Newly bankrupt grocer Willi Berger put a police in the dock of his shop in Innsbruck, Austria. Will you believe prices were the low



HIT SPOT FOR HARRY

SINGER Harry Belafonte had a big hit nearly 20 years ago with a catchy song called *The Banana Boat Song*.

Yet, he has never sung the song on television — until tonight.

Kermit and Co have persuaded him to include the song in *The Muppet Show* (ITV, 7pm).

Belafonte, 51, notches up another telly first tonight.

He appears with several new Muppets, made specially for the show, and based on authentic African masks.

Brave

A NEW series about the brave pioneers of aviation takes off tonight.

The seven-part series, presented by former *Tomorrow's World* man

William Woolford, is called *Up And Away* (BBC 1, 10.15).

It traces the amazing development of aviation, and includes film clips never seen before on British television.

Beauties

PETER SELLERS is surrounded by screen beauties when he plays an oddball psychiatrist in the 1965 film *What's New Pussycat?* (BBC 1, 11.30).

The girls include Romy Schneider, Capucine, Paula Brentiss and Ursula Andress.

The zany comedy features Peter O'Toole as a young man with too many gorgeous girls in his life. Woody Allen co-stars.

ANTI-TERROR COP NEVILL TO QUIT

COMMANDER Jim Nevill, the man spearheading the fight against the IRA in mainland Britain, is to quit his job as head of Scotland Yard's Anti-Terrorist Squad.

He will swap jobs next week with Commander Peter Duffy, aged 51, who is head of CID for a large area of South London.

Mr Nevill, also 51, has been in charge of the Anti-Terrorist Squad for five years and has dealt with scores of bombings and shootings.

Siege

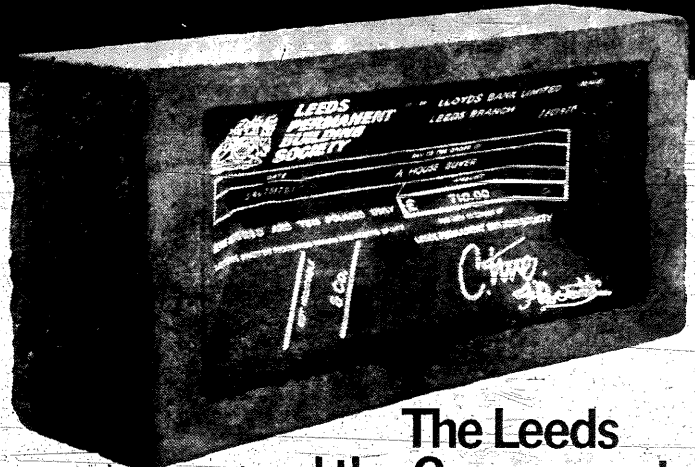
He was in charge of police operations during the Balcombe Street siege in 1975 and the recent IRA Christmas blitz in London.

Mr Nevill joined the police in 1948. He has served on the Flying Squad and helped in the



Jim Nevill in charge at Balcombe Street siege

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