BT prepares to offshore last UK call centre jobs to South Africa

BRITISH Telecom is preparing to outsource their remaining UK based call centres to South Africa.

Ebrahim Rasool, premier of South Africa's Western Cape province, disclosed that BT were amongst a number of UK firms seeking to relocate to the province, attracted by a cheap labour force and smaller time zone difference than Asia.

British companies are looking to South Africa as an alternative to India because a better standard of English is spoken. Customer research has shown that the heavy Asian accent and limited vocabulary of telephonists from cities such as Mumbai, or Karachi in Pakistan has proved difficult for the British public to understand.



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Skylark - the space programme sunk by Labour in 1977

SKYLARK, an innovative and highly successful part of the British space programme has finally drawn to a close after the launch of its final mission.

The Skylark sounding rocket programme began in 1955 and in its heyday employed more than 250 scientists and engineers.

The first Skylark, carrying scientific experiments into suborbital space, flew in 1957 establishing Britain as Europe's leader in the space race in direct competition to the Americans and Russians.

Early development work on Skylark was done at the Royal Aeronautical Establishment at Farnborough and the Rocket Propulsion Establishment at Westcott.

Despite its success the Labour Government ended public funding for the programme in 1977 but fortunately sufficient motors were left to continue research flights.

The 441st and last Skylark blasted off on its final mission last April carrying experiments to investigate the muscle protein, actin, and turbulence in evaporating liquids. So from now on, what's left of Britain's science and research industry will have to conduct their experiments using the more expensive American-built Oriole range of sounding rockets.



RESISTING THE CHINESE INVASION:Manufacturing is the basis of every healthy economy and if we are to protect what remains of our 'made in Britain' industry we need to start introducing import controls immediately.

BNP is right to warn over economic threat from China

by Steve Johnson

FOR OVER a year now the British National Party has been warning of the economic threat to Britain from China because of its massive resources of cheap labour and high-skill economy.

Now top economic and business experts are agreeing that our concerns are well-founded, vital, and being ignored by establishment politicians. Writing in the *Sunday Times*, business editor, William Lewis, laid it on the line in words that *Freedom* couldn't have put better:

"The rise of the Chinese economy is . . . the single most important public policy issue facing the UK. Should we let Chinese companies buy our best and biggest corporations when we are not yet allowed to buy theirs?"

"What are we doing to ensure that the exodus of manufacturing jobs to China is matched by the creation of new higher-end jobs in the UK?" William Lewis went on to warn:

"Remember that the flip side of the *Made in China* deflation is serious industrial dislocation," (and expensive petrol, as *Freedom* reported last month).

What this all means is that if China is given unrestricted access to our home markets and industries, the next generation of Britons graduating from our universities will be competing with millions of well

educated Chinese engineers, chemists, designers and so on.

Using his extensive business contacts, the *Times* business editor warned of a specific dark cloud on the horizon:

"Insolvency experts tell me that the only real impediment to the vast majority of cars sold in Europe and the US being made in China is shipping capacity – in other words actually being able to transport cars for sale here. That is being addressed, so much so that a leading bankruptcy lawyer said to me recently that he couldn't think of any good reason why there will be any mass production of cars in Europe in 10 years time".

That means the closure of Rover will be followed in a few years by that of every Peugeot, Vauxhall, Ford, Nissan and other vehicle plant in Britain. With all the job loses that will go with it.

Meanwhile the Director of Economic Policy Studies at the Hudson Institute,

"There is much to admire in what the Chinese are doing because they are rejecting the globalised capitalist system and using expertise and hard work to build a nation state able to provide for its people."

Irwin Stelzer, has warned that the threat from China is not just economic. He listed a string of buyouts of key firms by the Chinese in recent years.

"China has bought 40% of Sinopec's Northern oil sands project in Canada at an ultimate cost of \$2 billion; taken a 10% stake in an Azerbaijan field and pipeline; and invested in Venezuela's oil industry in return for President Hugo Chavez's promise to divert some of his nation's crude from America to fuel-hungry Chinese factories. A few months ago Lenovo, a Chinese computer manufacturer, bought IBM's PC business for \$1.7 billion" - (again reported in *Freedom*).

There is much for British Nationalists to admire in what the Chinese are doing because they are rejecting the globalised capitalist system and using their expertise and hard work to build a nation state able to provide for its people.

If we were Chinese, we would fully support the Chinese Government's wise and far-sighted nationalist policies, but we are not, we are British and we need to defend our home markets from foreign predators.

Manufacturing is the basis of every healthy economy and if we are to protect what remains of our 'made in Britain' industry we need to start introducing import controls immediately.

Employing nurses from India proves race relations blunder

HEALTH chiefs in Oldham have been slammed for making a race relations blunder by signing up nurses from India to work at the town's hospital.

But it's not Oldham's beleaguered white residents who are complaining, but the town's rapidly growing Pakistani community.

Razia Shamim, a non-executive member of the Pennine Acute Hospitals NHS Trust and race relations adviser explained:

"The tension and military conflict between India and Pakistan makes this decision dangerous.

"The predominantly Pakistani ethnic minority community, which the trust serves, are unhappy about this recruitment drive. Employing Indian nurses is politically insensitive. The nurses would find themselves in a difficult situation working with the ethnic minority community."

The BNP believes it is fundamentally wrong to poach nurses from India or Pakistan, countries where they are desperately needed. The Government should be funding a massive training scheme for British nurses so that they can meet the needs of our hospitals.



ROCHDALE: There's been textile printing in the town for 140 years.

Cheap imports close Rochdale's last textile mill

OVER 140 years of textile printing in Rochdale ended last month when Alexander Drew stopped production at its Mellor Street depot.

Managers at Drew's, which also dyes and finishes textiles, said the flood of imports from abroad had hit the company's order books and made the decision to cease trading inevitable.

David Lean, the managing director, said Drew's had fought tooth and nail to retain a viable share of the market but couldn't compete with cut price imports from China.

At its peak in the mid-1990s the company employed about 350 workers after it carried out a £21 million investment programme, but still couldn't compete with cheaper imports.

The job losses are a big blow to Rochdale which now has the second highest unemployment rate in Greater Manchester.

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MORE THAN 100 jobs at a Wolverhampton company making components for showers are to be shipped overseas.

The Kohler Mira factory in Bushbury is to close with the work being switched to China and Germany.

Mira made the first ever thermostatic showers back in 1937 which were extensively used in factories, hospitals and schools. In 1959 it developed the first thermostatic mixer shower designed to cope with the unique UK

domestic water supplies, which made Mira a household name.

Staff at the plant in Shaw Road were told they were being made redundant because of a restructuring of the company's operations.

One worker at the factory, which is due to close in April next year, emailed *Freedom* with the news:

"I've read for the last six months in *Freedom* about British jobs going to China and now it has happened to me. I have been with Mira for eight

years and never missed a day's work. But once we were taken over by the German firm everyone knew the writing was on the wall.

"Isn't it sickening, German bosses taking over a British company and then exporting jobs to China.

"Unless something is done there won't be any manufacturing jobs left in the West Midlands for the next generation. I hope the BNP are standing a candidate in Bushbury in May, there's a lot of support here."