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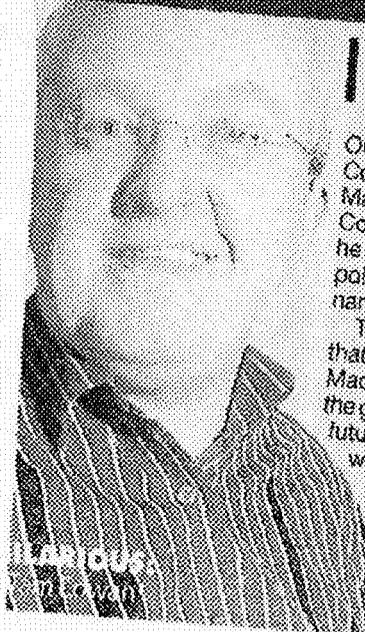
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# George Galloway

## I had a Gael of a time at the Beeb



ON Off The Ball on Saturday with Tam Cowan, I had an aside with Kenny MacIntyre - standing in for Stuart Cosgrove - in which I asked Kenny if he was the son of the late, great BBC political newshound of the same name. He is.

Tam, riskily but hilariously, opined that the BBC had no choice but to hire MacIntyre junior after he mooched at the graveside that there was "no future in crofting" and the family would starve.

Which led me to ask Tam if he was the only person from mainland industrial Scotland who actually had a job at BBC Scotland?

Isn't it amazing how many

Highlanders and islanders pop up on screen and on the airwaves at the Beeb.

Crawfords and Farquhars are also everywhere backstage. And they've got BBC Alba, too!

Perhaps given the current fad of re-locating to the "north" - Salford - BBC Scotland could do the same. Stormaway's nice a couple of weeks a year. And the staff must be homesick.