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PRESS SUMMARY

1. PROMINENCE IS TODAY GIVEN TO UNCONFIRMED REPORTS FROM HIGH LEVEL JUDICIAL SOURCES THAT A FEDERAL JUDGE HAS ORDERED THE ARREST OF FORMER JUNTA MEMBER ADMIRAL EMILIO MASSERA IN CONNECTION WITH THE DISAPPEARANCE OF FERNANDO BRANCA, AN ALLEGED BUSINESS ASSOCIATE. MASSERA, HOWEVER IS PRESENTLY OUT OF THE COUNTRY AND MAY NOT RETURN UNTIL HIS LEGAL SITUATION HAS BEEN CLARIFIED. HE HAS ALREADY MADE DECLARATIONS AT A PRELIMINARY HEARING ON THE BRANCA CASE LAST OCTOBER.
2. ACCORDING TO "LA NACION" THE ARGENTINE MFA TODAY BEGAN PREPARATIONS FOR PRESENTATION OF THE MALVINAS CASE TO THE UNGA AND THE OAS. APPARENTLY, ONE OF THE POINTS TO BE CONSIDERED IS THE POSSIBILITY THAT PRESIDENT BIGNONE WILL TRAVEL TO NEW YORK IN SEPTEMBER TO SPEAK AT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.
3. AT A CEREMONY YESTERDAY TO MARK THE DEPARTURE OF THE NAVY TRAINING FRIGATE "LIBERTAD", NAVY COMMANDER RUBEN FRANCO CALLED ON ARGENTINES QUOTE NOT TO YIELD BEFORE ANY POWER WHICH OPPOSES THE RECOVERY OR DEFENCE OF THOSE TERRITORIES WHICH LEGITIMATELY BELONG TO US UNQUOTE. TODAY, VARIOUS UNOFFICIAL CEREMONIES ARE BEING ORGANISED TO COMMEMORATE THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE ARGENTINE SURRENDER ON THE FALKLANDS.
4. PRESIDENT BIGNONE IS REPORTED TO HAVE APPROVED THE GENERAL GUIDELINES FOR STATE WAGE INCREASES FOR THE NEXT QUARTER BUT SHOULD TAKE A DEFINITE DECISION ON THE MATTER TODAY. ACCORDING TO ECONOMY MINISTRY SOURCES THE GOVERNMENT IS PROPOSING AN INCREASE IN THE MINIMUM WAGE TO 1,100 PESOS IN REPLY TO STATE WORKERS UNION (CGTE) DEMAND FOR 1,300 PESOS. MEANWHILE, THE CGT-RA HAVE CONDEMNED PRESENT SALARY LEVELS AS BELOW SUBSISTENCE LEVEL AND THE CGT-AZOPARDO ARE DEMANDING A MINIMUM SALARY OF 1,350 PESOS.
5. THE LEFT-WING PERONIST DAILY "LA VOZ" WAS YESTERDAY RAIDED BY POLICE REPORTEDLY INVESTIGATING UNSPECIFIED QUOTE ECONOMIC CRIMES UNQUOTE. NO ARRESTS WERE MADE AND THE PAPER APPEARED NORMALLY TODAY. THE PAPER'S DIRECTOR SPECULATED THAT THE RAID WAS CONNECTED TO THE JUNTA'S ALLEGATIONS LAST MONTH THAT IT IS MONTONERO-FINANCED.

6. YESTERDAY'S JUSTICIALIST PARTY MEETING WHEN THE PARTY'S PRESIDENTIAL TICKET SHOULD HAVE BEEN DISCUSSED WAS POSTPONED BECAUSE OF THE PRESENCE OF JOURNALISTS AT THE SECRET RENDEZ-VOUS.
7. THE EXECUTIVE YESTERDAY LIFTED RESTRICTIONS IMPOSED DURING THE FALKLANDS CONFLICT ON THE REMITTANCE ABROAD OF DIVIDENDS AND CAPITAL BY FOREIGN COMPANIES. THIS DOES NOT HOWEVER AFFECT CURRENT LEGISLATION AGAINST BRITISH COMPANIES.

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