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1. AT A PRESS CONFERENCE THIS AFTERNOON PRIME MINISTER ANNOUNCED THAT NZG HAD DECIDED TO BREAK OFF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH THE ARGENTINE AND THAT HE HAD SUMMONED THE ARGENTINE AMBASSADOR AND REQUESTED HIM TO LEAVE WITHIN SEVEN DAYS. HE HAD ALSO TOLD THE AMBASSADOR THAT NO FURTHER APPROVALS WOULD BE GIVEN FOR ARGENTINE AIRLINES TO LAND IN NZ. INANSWER TO A QUESTION MR MULDOON SAID THAT THIS ACTION HAD NOT BEEN TAKEN AT THE REQUEST OF THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT.

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