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FALKLANDS: PRESS COMMENT 13/16 APRIL

1. IN THE PAST FEW DAYS EDITORIALS IN THE MAJOR PAPERS HAVE BEEN LOOKING, WITH INCREASING ANXIETY, AT THE WIDER AND LONGER TERM IMPLICATIONS OF THE CRISIS. CONCERN IS BEING EXPRESSED AT THE POSSIBILITY OF SOVIET INVOLVEMENT, AT THE GROWING EAST/WEST DIMENSION OF THE CRISIS AND THE POSSIBILITY OF CLOSER ARGENTINE LINKS WITH THE EASTERN BLOC. IN THIS CONTEXT THE GALTIERI

DIMENSION OF THE CRISIS AND THE POSSIBILITY OF CLOSER ARGENTINE LINKS WITH THE EASTERN BLOC. IN THIS CONTEXT THE GALTIERI REGIME IS COMING IN FOR A LOT OF CRITICISM AND THE BRITISH CASE IS GETTING A NOTICEABLY MORE SYMPATHETIC HEARING.

2. THE ESTADO DO SAO PAULO, THE MOST WIDELY RESPECTED BRAZILIAN PAPER, WHICH UNTIL RECENTLY HAS ADOPTED A CAREFULLY NEUTRAL LINE, HAS NOW PUBLISHED AN EDITORIAL HIGHLIGHTING THE HISTORICAL LESSON THAT Dictatorships, whether of the right or the left, always end up basing their foreign policy on the law of the jungle, AND IN THIS CONTEXT COMPARES THE GALTIERI REGIME WITH THOSE OF HITLER, STALIN AND CASTRO. IN ANOTHER EDITORIAL ON 16 APRIL, IT SCATHINGLY ATTACKS THE OPPORTUNISTIC OFFERS OF SUPPORT FOR ARGENTINA MADE BY SOME LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES WHICH IT SEES AS BASED ON NOTHING MORE THAN A NEED FOR AN ESCAPE ROUTE FROM INTERNAL PROBLEMS AND A POSSIBLE DESIRE TO USE SIMILAR TACTICS TO RESOLVE THEIR OWN TERRITORIAL DISPUTES. IN PRACTICE, HOWEVER, THE PAPER ARGUES, THESE GESTURES WILL ONLY HAVE THE EFFECT OF SPLITTING THE LATIN AND ANGLOPHONE AND AMERICAN COUNTRIES INTO TWO IRRECONCILEABLE BLOCS. IT ARGUES THAT BRAZIL MUST NOT BE TEMPTED TO FOLLOW SUIT.

3. MEANWHILE, THE JORNAL DO BRASIL CONTINUES ITS VIGOROUS CAMPAIGN AGAINST ARGENTINE POLICIES. ON 14 APRIL, ONE CORRESPONDENT ARGUED THAT THE MAIN POINT AT ISSUE WAS NOT THE QUESTION OF SOVEREIGNTY, BUT THE TWO MOST IMPORTANT PRINCIPLES OF THE UN CHARTER - THE RIGHT OF SELF-DETERMINATION AND THE DUTY OF GOVERNMENTS TO PUT AN END TO COLONIALISM, AND WENT ON TO QUESTION THE RIGHT OF BUENOS AIRES TO REPLACE BRITISH COLONISATION WITH ARGENTINE COLONISATION OF A TERRITORY MORE THAN 600 MILES (SIC) FROM THE MAINLAND WITHOUT ANY INDIGENOUS ARGENTINE POPULATION.

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