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1. IN AN EDITORIAL ENTITLED QUOTE AN UNNECESSARY WAR UNQUOTE THE POST SAYS THAT THE PRIME AMERICAN POLITICAL AND MORAL REQUIREMENT INDISPUTABLY IS TO STAND WITH THE BRITISH AGAINST ARGENTINE AGREESION. ARGENTINA MUST YIELD ON ITS DEMAND THAT SOVEREIGNTY BE GRANTED EVEN BEFORE SOVEREIGNTY NEGOTIATIONS BEGIN. BUT THE POST CONTENDS THAT WHILE THE BRITISH MUST DEFEND THE INTERESTS OF THE ISLANDERS, THEY SHOULD NOT BE ALLOWED AN EFFECTIVE VETO OVER NEGOTIATIONS ON SOVEREIGNTY. THE CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR WONDERS WHETHER THE TIME HAS COME TO ENLIST THE UN SECRETARY-GENERAL'S HELP IN A FINAL EFFORT TO AVERT A WORSENING OF THE CONFLICT.

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RESOLUTION SUPPORTING OUR POSITION, WITH THE PROVISIO THAT THE
RESOLUTION DID NOT COME UNDER THE WAR POWERS ACT AND DID NOT
AUTHORISE THE PRESIDENT TO GIVE DIRECT MILITARY ASSISTANCE.
THE POST ADDS THAT SOME SENATORS WISHED TO GO FURTHER. SENATOR
TOWER (CHAIRMAN, ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE) SAID: QUOTE OUR SUPPORT
SHOULD TAKE THE FORM OF ECONOMIC SANCTIONS, SHARED INTELLIGENCE,
LOGISTICS SUPPORT AND CONSIDERATION OF ANY REQUESTS FOR ASSISTANCE
OR SUPPORT THE BRITISH MAY SUBMIT TO US UNQUOTE.

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