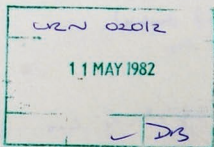


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DUTCH ATTITUDES TO THE FALKLAND ISLANDS CRISIS

The Dutch have been most forthcoming in their support for the UK over the crisis. The press have been united in their approach, condemning Argentina as the aggressor. Dislike of Argentina, particularly over its lamentable human rights record, is as much a factor as sympathy for the UK. However, heavy casualties might swing opinion: 'the Falkland Islands are not worth a war' (Volkskrant, 3 May).

On 6 May the Dutch Foreign Minister, Mr van der Stoel, regretted in Parliament, the escalation of the conflict and loss of human life but robustly defended British actions. The UK had the right to take military measures though he hoped Britain would exercise the necessary self-control. Meanwhile the EC economic measures should remain in force.



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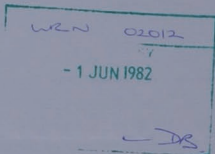
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Dear Mr. Armour

FALKLANDS PROTEST

Yesterday afternoon, we had a small demonstration outside the Consulate-General when about twenty people gathered with banners and leaflets calling for a ceasefire in the Falklands. A copy of one of their leaflets, together with a translation is enclosed.

This quite minor and peaceful gathering was the first demonstration we have had outside the Consulate-General since last Summer towards the end of the hunger-strike campaign.

L. A. Lawford

M B Eaden
P.P. (PA to Mr. Eaden)

copies:

D Goodsir Esq Security Dept, FCO
C Budd Esq British Embassy, The Hague



TRANSLATION OF LEAFLET DISTRIBUTED BY DEMONSTRATORS OUTSIDE
THE BRITISH CONSULATE-GENERAL ON TUESDAY 25 MAY 1982

CEASE-FIRE IN THE FALKLANDS

We are very concerned about the military developments in the Falklands.

The British/Argentine conflict is rapidly becoming a deadly threat.

If negotiations for a peaceful solution are not reassumed quickly, there will be many more victims, both soldiers and civilians.

Resolution 502 of the United Nations demanding the withdrawal of military from the Falklands should be implemented immediately.

After that, there should be an immediate cease-fire.

The United Nations should be given a new opportunity to start negotiations to resolve the conflict.

We are not choosing for or against Britain or Argentina.

We agree with all in Britain and Argentina who want an immediate stop to the fighting.

Their voices should not be drowned by the War Mongering Nationalism in both countries. We are extremely concerned about reports threatening the use of nuclear weapons.

It is a great worry that so quickly, in this war, mainly about the honour of nations, that a threat to use nuclear weapons has been made.

We ask the Dutch Government to maintain a strictly neutral position in this conflict.

Thursday 27 May - Protest meeting in Keizersgracht Church 8pm

Speakers: Candy Atherton, member of the national committee for CND

Gijs von der Fuhr, from the 'Stop the N-Bomb'
'Stop Atomic Weapons Race' Committee

+ Someone from SKAN (The Argentine/Netherlands
Solidarity Committee)

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STAAKT HET VUREN ROND DE FALKLANDEILANDEN (MALVINAS)

We zijn ernstig verontrust over de bloedige militaire ontwikkelingen rond de Zuid-Amerikaanse Falklandeilanden (Malvinas). Het Engels-Argentijnse conflict dreigt in snel tempo uit te groeien tot een omvangrijke dodelijke botsing.

Als de onderhandelingen voor een vreedzame oplossing niet snel worden hervat zullen nog veel en veel meer slachtoffers vallen; zowel soldaten als burgers. Resolutie 502 van de Verenigde Naties, waarin terugtrekking van de militairen op de Falkland-eilanden wordt verlangd, dient daarom onverkort te worden uitgevoerd.

Daarnaast moet zo snel mogelijk tot een "staakt het vuren" worden besloten. De Verenigde Naties moeten opnieuw de gelegenheid krijgen via de weg van onderhandelingen het conflict op te lossen.

We kiezen niet voor of tegen Groot Brittanie of Argentinië.

We zijn wel solidair met allen in Engeland en Argentinië, die directe stopzetting van de gevechtshandelingen eisen.

Hun stemmen mogen niet door het oorlogszuchtig nationalisme in beide landen worden gesmoord. Bijzonder verontrust zijn we over de berichten waarin zelfs met kernwapens wordt bedreigd.

Het is beangstigend dat zo snel in deze oorlog, waarin voornamelijk de eer van naties op het spel staat, met het gebruik van kernwapens wordt bedreigd.

We vragen van de Nederlandse overheid een strikt neutrale opstelling in het conflict!

Kom donderdag 27 mei naar een P R O T E S T M E E T I N G

Keizersgracht Kerk

Keizersgracht 586

Aanvang 20.00 uur

- Sprekers :
- + Candy Atherton, landelijk hoofdbestuurslid van de Engelse beweging voor nucleaire ontwapening (CND).
 - + Gijs von der Fuhr, namens het Samenwerkingsverband Stop de N-bom, Stop de Kernwapenwedloop.
 - + Iemand uit het SKAN (Solidariteits Comité Argentinië-Nederland) gevraagd.

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Political Unit, Emergency Unit

THE HAGUE TELNO 231540Z OF 23 APRIL: ARGENTINE ASSISTANT NAVAL ATTACHE IN THE HAGUE

1. The Hague TUR describes the intention of the British Service Attachés in The Hague to boycott meetings of the Attachés Association when they know that Captain Livraghi, who is not yet a member of the Association, is to be present. This seems to me short sighted and prejudicial to our interests both at the normal working level and in presenting our case on the Falkland Islands.
2. I attach a draft telegram which recommends a different policy. You will wish to clear it as appropriate.

WEN OLOIE
 28 APR 1982
 ✓ DBA/NTS Armour

N H S Armour
 Western European Department
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27 April 1982

cc: Mr Young, WED

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 P.S. Mkt
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 Mr Anon (WED)

Mr Anon (WED)

has spoke. Agree entirely
 with Tom draft bel
 P. Swan 28/4

This is quite right: and is the procedure
 we have proposed for Atlantic's subscription
 in dealing with this Argentine counterpoint

Political Unit, Emergency Unit

I am not sure which 'this' is quite right: The
 Hague's proposals or mine. May I send the draft
 telegram? NTS Armour 28/4

P. Swan 28/4