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MY TELNO 276: FALKLANDS CEASEFIRE

FURTHER BRAZILIAN PRESS COMMENT

1. THE PRESS ON 16 JUNE CONTAINED SOME INTERESTING REMARKS BY THE ITAMARATY PRESS SPOKESMAN ON THE ROLE BRAZIL MIGHT PLAY IN THE FUTURE OVER THE FALKLANDS CRISIS. PERICAS IS REPORTED AS SAYING THAT BRAZIL COULD ONLY CONSIDER PARTICIPATING IN A FUTURE ADMINISTRATION OF THE FALKLANDS (REFERRED TO IN LOCAL PRESS REPORTS AS A POSSIBILITY BEING MOOTED IN LONDON) IF THE ARRANGEMENT HAD THE AGREEMENT OF BOTH BRITAIN AND ARGENTINA, OR WAS ORGANISED UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE UNITED NATIONS. HE ADDED THAT THE BRAZILIAN POSITION "WOULD BE DETERMINED BOTH BY THE SUBSTANCE OF THE PROBLEM AND BY OUR (IE BRAZIL'S) GENERAL POSITION IN RELATION TO THE SOUTH ATLANTIC". THIS IS INTERPRETED BY THE CORREIO BRASILIENSE TO MEAN THAT BRAZIL, WHICH HAS ALWAYS SUPPORTED THE ARGENTINE CASE FOR SOVEREIGNTY, WILL DO NOTHING WHICH COULD PREJUDICE THIS

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2. YESTERDAY'S PRESS ALSO INCLUDED FURTHER EDITORIAL COMMENT THAT REPORTED IN OUR TUR. THE MAIN THEME IS THAT THE GALTIERI REGIME HAS NOW GOT WHAT IT DESERVED. THERE IS NO CRITICISM OF THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT'S POLICY IN THE WAKE OF THE CEASEFIRE, AND IN PARTICULAR, NO CALLS TO EXERCISE MODERATION OR TO INVOLVE THE UNITED NATIONS. THIS IS PARTICULARLY NOTEWORTHY IN THE O GLOBO EDITORIAL - A PAPER WHICH NEVER STRAYS FAR FROM HIGH LEVEL GOVERNMENT - OR AT LEAST MILITARY - THINKING. O GLOBO NOTES THAT BRITISH POLICY IS NOW TO OFFER THE "KELPERS" SELF-DETERMINATION AND SUBSEQUENTLY INDEPENDENCE. THIS, THE PAPER COMMENTS WITH IMPLIED APPROVAL, IS IN LINE WITH THE TRADITIONAL BRITISH POLICY OF DECOLONISATION. BRITAIN, IT IS NOTED, HAS FOUGHT AN "ETHICAL WAR", DELIBERATELY LIMITING CASUALTIES AND MEANWHILE OFFERING PERSUASIVE WAYS OUT FOR ARGENTINA. THE MAIN THING NOW, THE EDITORIAL ARGUES, IS FOR FENCES TO BE MENDED ON THE AMERICAN CONTINENT AND FOR FELLOW SOUTH AMERICAN COUNTRIES TO HELP ARGENTINA RETURN TO NORMALITY AND OVERCOME THE TRAUMA PROVOKED BY DEFEAT IN A SENSELESS WAR.

3. A MAJOR EDITORIAL IN THE ESTADO DE SAO PAULO IS EVEN MORE FORCEFUL (FULL TEXT BY BAG ON 18 JUNE). LOOKING TO THE FUTURE IT NOTES THAT THE RULES OF THE GAME WILL NOW RIGHTLY BE DETERMINED BY MRS THATCHER. VICTORY, IT SAYS, CONFERS THIS PRIVILEGE. ABOVE ALL, THE FUTURE WILL NOW DEPEND, THE EDITORIAL CONTINUES, ON THE REACTION OF BUENOS AIRES - PEOPLE, ARMED FORCES AND GOVERNMENT - TO THE SURRENDER. LATIN AMERICA CAN ONLY EXPRESS AUDACITY AND RECOMMEND PRUDENCE. BRITAIN, BY DEFENDING A PRINCIPLE WITHOUT WHICH INTERNATIONAL LIFE WOULD BECOME IMPOSSIBLE, HAS DONE THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY AN EXEMPLARY FAVOUR.

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