

Mr Kinnock ^{has} announced he is

meeting President Aylousin from

Paris on September 18

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~~interest of no one. Election of~~

~~democratic government in Argentina~~

~~must influence as relatively well~~

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MEETING BETWEEN MR KINNOCK AND PRESIDENT ALFONSIN

1. MR KINNOCK AND MR HEALEY THIS EVENING MET ALFONSIN AND CAPUTO IN A PARIS HOTEL. THE MEETING WAS ARRANGED WITH THE HELP OF THE SOCIALIST INTERNATIONAL.

2. THE PASSAGE IN THE JOINT COMMUNIQUE ON THE FALKLANDS ISSUED AFTERWARDS READS:-

BOTH AGREED ON THE NEED FOR A RE-ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC AND COMMERCIAL RELATIONS BETWEEN ARGENTINA AND THE UNITED KINGDOM. TO THIS EFFECT, THEY EXPRESSED THEIR DESIRE THAT NEGOTIATIONS SHOULD BE INITIATED TO EXPLORE THE MEANS OF RESOLVING THE OUTSTANDING PROBLEMS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES, INCLUDING ALL ASPECTS OF THE FUTURE OF THE FALKLAND ISLANDS.

THEY ALSO JOINTLY STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE FOR THE INHABITANTS OF THOSE ISLANDS OF EFFECTIVELY GUARANTEEING THE PRESERVATION OF THEIR CUSTOMS, THEIR WAYS OF LIFE AND TRADITIONS, AS WELL AS THE RESPECT FOR FORMS OF ADMINISTRATION, EDUCATION AND SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC ORGANISATION: IN THIS RESPECT, MR KINNOCK STRESSED THE ESSENTIAL IMPORTANCE OF TAKING INTO FULL ACCOUNT THE INTERESTS OF THE INHABITANTS OF THE ISLANDS AND PRESIDENT ALFONSIN POINTED TO THE RANGE AND THE EXTENT OF THE RIGHTS GUARANTEED BY THE DEMOCRATIC ARGENTINIAN CONSTITUTION.

3. IN ANSWER TO QUESTIONS AT A PRESS CONFERENCE AFTERWARDS, MR KINNOCK SAID:- (THE POSSIBILITY OF THE ISLANDS BECOMING PART OF ARGENTINA) WAS NOT THE BASIS ON WHICH ANY DISCUSSIONS THAT WE WERE PARTY TO WOULD TAKE PLACE, CERTAINLY NOT THE BASIS ON WHICH WE WOULD SEEK TO INAUGURATE SUCH DISCUSSIONS. THE STATEMENT THAT YOU HAVE BEFORE YOU MAKES IT PLAIN THAT THERE ARE CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS THAT WE HAVE AND ANY VIEW WE TAKE COULD INCLUDE AN AGENDA THAT INVOLVED ALL MATTERS RELATING TO THE FUTURE OF THE FALKLANDS, BUT SO FAR AS PARTICULAR ISSUES WERE CONCERNED WE WOULD WANT TO ENSURE AS AN ABSOLUTE ESSENTIAL FACTOR THAT THE INTERESTS OF THE FALKLANDS ISLANDERS ECONOMICALLY, POLITICALLY AND SOCIALLY WERE INCLUDED AND UPHELD.

THERE COULD NOT BE A SATISFACTORY CONCLUSION WITHOUT (THE ISLANDER'S) INTERESTS BEING FULLY ACCOUNTED FOR. BUT AS SIR GEOFFREY HOWE HIMSELF HAS POINTED OUT THE QUESTION OF SOVEREIGNTY IS ONE FOR THE HOUSE OF COMMONS TO RESOLVE...

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IN ANY DISCUSSION BETWEEN A BRITISH GOVERNMENT AND AN ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT ALL MATTERS RELATING TO THE FALKLANDS WOULD HAVE TO BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT. THE COMPLEX QUESTION OF SOVEREIGNTY WOULD BE A LONG WAY DOWN THE AGENDA, SO FAR AS BOTH THE ARGENTINIANS AND THE BRITISH ARE CONCERNED. THE PRIORITY SHOULD BE GIVEN TO THE RESOLUTION OF THE PRACTICAL QUESTIONS RELATING TO THE FUTURE OF THE FALKLAND ISLANDS. IT IS OUT OF THAT, IF IT COMES AT ALL, THAT CONSIDERATION OF ISSUES LIKE SOVEREIGNTY MUST COME.....AND I THINK DISCUSSION OF SECURITY COMES A LONG WAY AND FOR A LONG TIME BEFORE ANY QUESTIONS OF SOVEREIGNTY.

(BOTH CAPUTO AND ALFONSIN) MADE IT VERY CLEAR THAT IF THE QUESTION OF A FORMAL CESSATION OF HOSTILITIES WAS THE FACTOR WHICH WAS INHIBITING MOVEMENT TOWARDS DISCUSSIONS THEY WOULD HAVE LITTLE DIFFICULTY IN MAKING SUCH A FORMAL MOVE.... WE HAVE INCIDENTALLY NEVER CEASED HOSTILITIES (WITH EGYPT AFTER SUEZ) ON A FORMAL BASIS.

(NEGOTIATIONS WILL BE INITIATED) WHEN IT BECOMES APPARENT THAT BOTH SIDES WANT TALKS ABOUT TALKS ABOUT TALKS ABOUT DISCUSSIONS ABOUT NEGOTIATIONS. I THINK THERE IS SUFFICIENT INDICATION FOR THEM TO BE INITIATED ON THAT BASIS IF BOTH PARTNERS WILLED IT.

WE WOULD BE PREPARED TO HAVE DISCUSSIONS IN AN OPEN AGENDA, AND THEN NATURALLY WE WOULD HAVE TO PROCEED PRAGMATICALLY TO SEE WHERE THE POSITIVE AREAS WERE AND WHERE THE DIFFICULTIES LAY, BEARING IN MIND THAT THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT IS NOW A SECURE, DEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENT.....AND THAT THE PRESENT POLICY CONCERNING THE FALKLANDS, THE SO-CALLED FORTRESS FALKLANDS POLICY, IS OFFICIALLY ESTIMATED IN BRITAIN TO BE COSTING POUNDS 1.6 MILLION A DAY.

(WHEN ASKED WHY THE ARGENTINES DID NOT DECLARE A CESSATION OF HOSTILITIES IF IT WAS SO EASY) THAT IS SOMETHING THAT IS GOING TO HAVE TO BE ADDRESSED TO THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT. SINCE IT HAS NOW BEEN APPARENT FOR 2 MONTHS THAT THAT IS THE ATTITUDE THAT THEY HAVE, IT IS ALSO A QUESTION THAT COULD BE FAIRLY ADDRESSED TO THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT.

4. AT THE END OF THE PRESS CONFERENCE, MR KINNOCK, ASKED ABOUT SELF-DETERMINATION FOR THE FALKLAND ISLANDERS, SAID THAT THE SUBJECT OF SELF-DETERMINATION HAD NOT BEEN DISCUSSED WITH ALFONSIN, ALTHOUGH IT HAD BEEN MADE VERY CLEAR TO HIM THAT IT WAS ESSENTIAL FOR FULL ACCOUNT TO BE TAKEN OF THEIR INTERESTS. THEY HAD NOT DISCUSSED "FORTRESS FALKLANDS" AS SUCH EITHER, ALTHOUGH IT WAS OBVIOUSLY PRESENT IN THE BACKGROUND AND WAS ONE OF THE FEATURES WHICH MADE IT /ALL

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ALL THE MORE NECESSARY FOR DISCUSSION TO TAKE PLACE. HE CONCLUDED THAT HIS WILLINGNESS TO TALK TO ALFONSIN REPRESENTED A VERY WIDESPREAD VIEW IN THE UK. THE FALKLAND ISLANDERS SOUGHT A DEMOCRATIC AND STABLE LONG-TERM FUTURE, AND THAT WAS ONLY POSSIBLE BY A PROCESS OF DISCUSSION AND EVENTUALLY AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE UK AND ARGENTINE GOVERNMENTS.

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