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*Galtieri whipping
up his people -
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1. Following ~~departure~~ helicopter departure of Secretary from roof of Casa ~~Rosada~~ Rosada at about 1240 PM local, President Galtieri went to the ~~balcony~~ balcony of the national palace to address what national TV is calling the "Argentine convocation." Text follows:

2. "People of Argentina want to know what's going. In May of 1810, the people of our nation gathered together in a town meeting to ask what was going on:

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It was the birth of nation . ~~Today,~~ Today, millions ~~of~~ of Argentines are gathered together in this plaza de Mayo as well as in plazas throughout the country to ask the same question.

3. Circumstances have made me president of the nation, and so I am here representing all of you. Ypu may all be certain that I have represented all Argentines and that with pride and satisfaction that in our first meeting with representatives of the US Government we have maintained the dignity and honor of Argentina which cannot be negotiated by anyone. (SIC)

4. The government of Great Britain, Mrs. Thatcher, and the people of Great Britain have yet to hear a single word impugning their honor and reputation -- until now. But now, as president of this nation I ask the government and people of Great Britain for moderation in their words and in their deeds. The government and people of Argentina, are beginning to feel deep emotions because of offensive words from their adversary.

5. Gathered together here are workers, businessmen, intellectuals, everybody in a spirit of national unity in the search for welfare and dignity. The people of the ~~world~~ world and of this hemisphere should be aware of the firm will of our people. We have received expressions of solidarity from several countries of the hemisphere who are willing to give battle together with us (chants of

"Peru-Peru!"). With ~~the~~ a spirit of nobility, the people of Argentina in this historic plaza de Mayo and throughout the country extend their hand to our adversary. ~~Let~~ Let this not be interpreted as a sign of weakness. the will of the people, which I interpret as president of the nation, is open to peace with nobility and honor but at the same time anyone who dares to touch one square meter of our soil will regret it.

6. Tomorrow is Easter Sunday and ~~the~~ the People of Argentina, who have a deep religious and catholic faith, will pray to God ^{for} peace.. I repeat that it must be peace with dignity ~~because~~ because we are prepared to face our adversary (cries of ~~the~~ "War-War!").

7. I want to thank all of you for your support and ask you to join me in singing the national ~~anthem~~ anthem. Unquote. (Crowd intones the national anthem with camera on Galtieri, singing-)

8. Galtieri spoke without notes.

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by: *[Signature]*

Press reports also of call for Beron + State Dept personnel send cries of "Cala, Cala!"

Speech by President Galtieri

April 10, 1982

Faded
*AFTER meeting with ANN
on balcony before 100,000 people++*

The people want to know what's going on (this was the slogan of the town meeting when the people of Argentina asked their local representatives for independence from Spain). In May of 1810 the people of our nation gathered together in a town meeting to ask what was going on: it was the birth of the nation. Today, millions of Argentines are gathered together in this Plaza de Mayo as well as in plazas throughout the country to ask the same question.

Circumstances have made me President of the nation and so I am here representing all of you. You may all be deeply sure that I have represented all Argentines and that with pride and satisfaction that in our first meeting with representatives of the U.S. government (some boos and whistles) we have maintained the dignity and honor of Argentina which cannot be negotiated by anyone.

The government of Great Britain, Mrs. Thatcher, and the people of Great Britain (prolonged boos) have yet to hear a single word impugning their honor and reputation -- until now. But now, as President of this nation I ask the government and people of Great Britain for moderation in their words and in their deeds. The government and people of Argentina, gathered in this town meeting, are beginning to feel deep emotions because of offensive words from their adversary.

Gathered together here are workers, businessmen, intellectuals, everybody in a spirit of national unity in the search for welfare and dignity. The people of the world and of this hemisphere should be aware of the firm will of our people. We have received expressions of solidarity from several countries of the hemisphere who are willing to give battle together with us (chants of Peru, Peru). With a spirit of nobility the people of Argentina in this historic Plaza de Mayo and throughout the country extend their hand to our adversary. Let this not be interpreted as a sign of weakness. The will of the people, which I interpret as President of the nation, is open to peace with nobility and honor, but at the same time anyone who dares touch one square meter of our soil will regret it.

Tomorrow is Easter Sunday and the people of Argentina, which has a deep religious and Catholic faith, will pray to God for peace. I repeat that it must be peace with dignity because we are prepared to face our adversary (cries of "war, war").

I want to thank all of you for your support and ask you to join me in singing the national anthem.