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A. INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

1. GENERAL AND WESTERN AFFAIRS

British "Nuclear Blackmail" of Argentina

"Radio Peace and Progress" in Spanish for Latin America 0130 gmt 12 May 82

Text of commentary:

The Anglo-Argentine conflict in the South Atlantic is arousing increasing concern amongst the international community, in particular because the British Navy, in its punitive expansion, has not hesitated to carry nuclear missiles. The analysts are wondering: Are the present British leaders thinking of starting a so-called limited nuclear war in the South Atlantic? Does not the mere presence of such arms aboard the British naval vessels constitute nuclear blackmail of Argentina?

There are indeed grounds for such questions. Who could believe that Great Britain's powerful and modern ships and planes would be used against a non-aligned country? [words indistinct] satellites - another invention of the military technology which was developed by the [word indistinct] totalitarian circles with the aim of intimidating Eastern Europe - are at present being used in the South Atlantic. This has not prevented the US and British press from suggesting once again that it is possible to use tactical nuclear weapons in some peripheral areas of the Third World.

Let us recall that the Pentagon was determined to drop atomic bombs during the course of its aggressive wars and in Vietnam. One might also recall that the Pentagon's position regarding a limited nuclear war is fully shared by the current Tory government. We cannot disregard the reluctance on the part of the USA and its totalitarian allies to agree not to be the first in using nuclear weapons.

The presence of nuclear weapons in the fleet of the British aggressor in the South Atlantic also draws our attention. This represents a flagrant violation of the Tlatelolco Treaty which proclaimed the entire Latin American continent to be a nuclear-free zone. Since the USA, among others, has ratified the corresponding protocols, it has violated the treaty. London also agreed to respect the treaty, but has suddenly appeared in nuclear weapons. Moreover, military operations are being carried out against a Latin American country.

The possibility of a nuclear explosion occurring - with all the consequences which that implies - if one of the sailors of the British fleet loses his head, is not excluded. Who can guarantee that such a thing will not happen? This [word indistinct] represents a grotesque violation of the treaty and because of its importance goes beyond the framework of the refrains from referring to this possibility. Moreover, the USA in every way approves the aggressive operations carried out by its NATO ally and may even suggest that Britain should prove that a nuclear war is feasible.

As we can see, there are more than enough causes for concern, for Latin Americans above all.

British "Propaganda Machine in High Gear"

Moscow in English for Great Britain and Ireland 1900 gmt 13 May 82

Text of commentary in the series "Glance at the British scene" by Yuriy Ustenko:

On Tuesday [11th May] the House of Commons was turned into a kangaroo court of sorts over the mass media, and the chief culprit in the dock happened to be the British Broadcasting Corporation, the BBC.

You will wish to be aware that Soviet propaganda is now indulging in the far-fetched nuclear scare-mongering

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