

MR. GOW

Mr. Maxwell-Hyslop telephoned from Ayrshire last night (2130) and spoke at some length about his grave concern on the Argentinian crisis. Drawing on his thirty years experience of the country's history, he was anxious to pass on some thoughts to No.10. Briefly these were:

- after 5 years of anonymous political rule now sees the same pattern developing as adopted by Peron; follows that this is the only possible outcome in view of the economic problems.
- recalled that when he visited Brazil as part of the IPU delegation (in 1975/76) the then Argentinian Chairman of the equivalent of our House of Commons expressed fears that his country could become a Russian base.
- he envisaged President Galtiere trying to be democratically elected as President.
- doesn't personally know the President, but his assessment is that he is trying to emulate Peron and will want to form a united civil regime.

Mr. Maxwell-Hyslop will return to the House on Wednesday but may in the meantime be contacted at Dalry, Ayrshire on 2494.

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Duty Clerk
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