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MY TEL NO 323: VISIT OF PRESIDENT OF ARGENTINA TO SPAIN: PRESS COVERAGE

1. ALFONSIN'S VISIT CONTINUES TO DOMINATE THE SPANISH MEDIA. HIS SPEECH TO THE SPECIAL JOINT SESSION OF THE CORTES IS REPORTED IN DETAIL. HE REFERRED AT LENGTH TO THE PROBLEMS FACING ARGENTINA AND HOW HIS GOVERNMENT PROPOSED TO OVERCOME THEM. ARGENTINA WAS READY TO MAKE MANY SACRIFICES, BUT NOT TO GO HUNGRY IN ORDER TO PLEASE THE IMF. HE ALSO CALLED FOR DEMOCRACY AND UNITY IN LATIN AMERICA AND AN END TO THE ARMS RACE.
2. IN A MEETING WITH GONZALEZ, ATTENDED BY FOREIGN MINISTERS, A JOINT REVINDICATION OF SOVEREIGNTY OVER THE FALKLANDS AND GIBRALTAR IS REPORTED TO HAVE BEEN DISCUSSED, TOGETHER WITH THE PROBLEMS OF ARGENTINE INDEBTEDNESS.
3. AT A WORKING BREAKFAST WITH JOURNALISTS ALFONSIN IS QUOTED AS SAYING THAT HIS RELATIONS WITH MRS THATCHER WERE BAD BECAUSE BRITAIN REFUSED TO DISCUSS SOVEREIGNTY OVER THE FALKLANDS, AS SHE DID OVER GIBRALTAR. WHILE FORTIFYING THE ISLANDS SHE ALLOWED OTHER COUNTRIES TO FISH IN ARGENTINE WATERS WITH IMPUNITY.
4. THE LONDON CORRESPONDENT OF YA (CATHOLIC, RIGHT WING) REPORTS ALLEGED BRITISH FEARS OF THE CREATION OF A 'COMMON FRONT' BETWEEN SPAIN AND ARGENTINA TO 'ELIMINATE THE COLONIAL REMNANTS OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE FROM THEIR TERRITORIES'.

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