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PRESS SUMMARY

1. "CLARIN" REPORTS THAT THE LEGISLATIVE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CAL), ARGENTINA'S PRESENT MILITARY QUOTE PARLAMENT UNQUOTE, YESTERDAY DECIDED NOT TO CHANGE LAW 22.591 FREEZING BRITISH ASSETS AND CONTROLLING BRITISH COMPANIES AND THUS KILLED AN ATTEMPT TO CONCENTRATE RESPONSIBILITY FOR IT WITH THE MINISTER OF ECONOMY. (TRANSLATION FOLLOWS TO FCO BY TELEGRAM). THIS IS A SERIOUS SETBACK TO HOPES OF GETTING TRADE SANCTIONS LIFTED SOON.
2. IN THEIR QUOTE PEOPLE'S MARCH UNQUOTE SCHEDULED FOR THURSDAY EVENING THE MULTIPARTIDARIA (5-PARTY GROUPING) ARE EXPECTED TO CALL FOR ELECTIONS BY JULY 1983 WITH A HAND-OVER OF POWER TO AN ELECTED GOVERNMENT BY 12 OCTOBER NEXT YEAR AT THE LATEST, AND FOR AN IMMEDIATE CHANGE IN THE PRESENT GOVERNMENT'S SOCIO-ECONOMIC POLICY. THE MARCH ORGANISERS EXPECT ABOUT 100.000 TO ATTEND THE RALLY WHICH THEY ARE BILLING THE MOST IMPORTANT SINCE THE MILITARY ASSUMED POWER IN MARCH 1976.
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3. SOME 2,000 ("CLARIN") TO 5,000 ("B A HERALD") METALWORKERS PROTESTED IN FRONT OF THE LABOUR MINISTRY FOR HIGHER PAY YESTERDAY. THIS MORNING SAW A HEAVY BUILDUP OF TRAFFIC IN THE CITY AS RAILWAY SIGNALMEN Began A TWO-HOUR PER SHIFT PROTEST FOR HIGHER WAGES. PROVINCIAL JUDICIARY CLERKS ARE ALSO ON STRIKE TODAY. THE MODERATE CGT-AZOPARDO YESTERDAY CALLED ON THE GOVERNMENT TO REPLY TO THEIR DEMANDS FOR WAGE INCREASES, ANNUAL BONUS PAYMENT CHANGES, AND UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFIT OR FACE ANOTHER GENERAL STRIKE BEFORE THE YEAR-END. THE PERONIST "LA VOZ" SUGGESTS 23 DECEMBER AS A POSSIBLE DATE. GROWING SOCIAL UNREST IS REPORTED TO HAVE BEEN ONE OF THE TOPICS DISCUSSED AT A MEETING OF ARMY COMMANDERS WITH ECONOMY MINISTER WEHBE AND INTERIOR MINISTER RESTON YESTERDAY.

4. DETAILS OF THE ANTICIPATED INTERNATIONAL BANKS' BRIDGING LOAN TO ARGENTINA ARE PUBLISHED IN "AMBITO FINANCIERO" WHICH PUTS THE LOAN AT US DOLLARS 8.100 MILLION. "LA NACION" UNDER BANNER HEADLINES ANNOUNCES ARGENTINA WILL RECEIVE US DOLLARS 10,000 MILLION IN CREDITS DURING 1983. INCLUDED IN THIS FIGURE ARE THE IMF AND BRIDGING LOANS.

5. MOST PAPERS CARRY PRESS AGENCY REPORTS OF BRITISH INTENTIONS TO RE-EQUIP HER NAVY AND REPLACE LOSSES INCURRED DURING THE SOUTH ATLANTIC CONFLICT.

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