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GIVEN BY AMBASSADOR BRADEN ON SEPTEMBER 18, 1945, PRIOR TO HIS DEPARTURE
FOR THE UNITED STATES TO ASSUME THE
DUTIES OF ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE.

What happened Niebuhr? Braden: Don't know. Think he is one of the most valuable men we could get.

Braden: Von Therman was pretty flabby. I think he was one of those German ambassadors whom the local leaders told off.

"What I've told the opposition groups is that they've got to get the other nations on a sentimental basis so that to protect themselves they would even vote to kick Argentina out

"Did you hear about the speech of the Chilean Ambassador, Quintana Burgos? Perón has been making a big play for the Chileans. On the occasion of the O'Higgins anniversary the Chilean embassy suggested the military attaché but no they wanted the ambassador. Von der Becke lead off with a panegyric on O'Higgins. Then the ambassador, turning to P. addressed him as 'Mr. President.' He said that the greatest thing about O'H was that he refused to be a dictator and refused to keep power. He talked on that line for 5 minutes, looking at P. all the time. When they went to the statue of SM John wasn't there.

"I gave Cooke a formal note on LF. I told him that's the most important thing we've got. I told him I'm getting cables from Washington all the time. Cooke brought up the matter of Blanca Luz Blum. He said 1. she was not an employee of the government 2. Quijano said had not received any help from the government since his entry 3. the intervention of the press was decreed 11 p.m. Friday and various measures already taken are directly connected with removing every person who conspired against a friendly state. 4 Blanca Luz Blum violated 221 penal code whoever violates the immunities of the heads of state or representatives of foreign states. In general, Cooke said they were not omitting any effort to punish Blanca Luz for any excesses committed. I pointed out I hadn't asked anything about Blanca but I had about Freude.

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"I was also told I could now put two accountants in the Banco Germanico. I asked about the other one. I guess they haven't had time yet to clean up the records in it. Certainly the Germans cleaned out before the Argentines went in and the Argentines cleaned out later so we can't expect to find very much.

"Pauley is smart and knows Spanish but as an ambassador he has some other disqualifications. The Vernengo Lima letter rolled off de la Colina's back but at least all officers know that he's a liar.

"For non-commissioned officers the Arg. army has concentrated on getting the sons of Germans. General Harris (military attaché of US) said the discipline was splendid. The French military attaché said he had never realized how Nazified was the Argarmy--even the signs on the walls which were taken from signs on the German Barracks. The non-coms are hard-boiled; the recruits fear them and the discipline is excellent.

"I called in 40 American business men. I told them no contributions of money but as far as letting off their employees was concerned they should consider themselves Arg. firms. It was intervention if they did and intervention if they didn't. Certainly you couldn't prevent the people from going to the polls on election day and the parade was a civic movement. I felt, therefore, they should let their people off to join the parade.

Up to a year and a half ago the raw film came in distributed. The government then seized it, using it for its own news reels. We shut off. 4-5 weeks ago they threatened to refuse to permit American films. Ibarra Garcia was here. I told him they hadn't met their obligations and percentage time newsreels, etc. Fix these and I'll consider the question of raw stock.

"I'm not going to lack in self-respect to the extent of saying goodbye to P.

"I was told I'd have a fairly big send-off if the plane doesn't leave too early. The plane will spend the night in Montevideo gas and come over here as a precautionary measure. We'll leave from Moron at 10:30 or even as late as 11 if we can get through to Rio.

"At Lebreton's luncheon there were many people who were going to the street demonstrations. The fever is pretty high. Officers at Palomar approached the head of the air mission expressing regrets at my departure. The air officers and the navy haven't been able to get together. If some
civilians

civilians could get the Navy and Air Force together they might get somewhere.

"I don't know who'll come here. As I said Pauley has Spanish but other drawbacks. I have a telegram from Acheson saying that he thought he had a man who met the qualifications and that I could look him over when I got up here. If you get a man with guts he doesn't have the language. Or some other man, a thorough-going democrat, doesn't have the zip. We're going to have to have somebody who knows Spanish and who won't be taken in by P. P. will promise the stars and the moon.

"I don't see any leadership here. If only somebody with a little guts would pop up I think the situation is just about right. There might be a fight but anything would be better than letting P. continue on. Anything would be better than that. Peron has the bit in his teeth. We've got to face the situation where we've got to do more than make speeches. We've got to step and do things.

"Latin American affairs are in a mess and they'll be even worse when we stop our various buying programs. Wallace erred in saying that after the war we were going to keep them up. We've got to get down to brass tacks. The American taxpayers are not going to pay to see the living standards of the Chilean miners kept at a war-time peak. In Chile, for example, we were supposed to have a gradual easing off but each time we tried to ease off the Chileans raised ned and we gave them another six months.

"In Argentina if somebody started something we should recognize any revolutionary government and give them any help that we can--that would be my recommendation.

"There's no progress getting Nazis. I've cabled Nelson Rockefeller hoping to get a statement. Papal nuncio spoke to Ameghino about the incidents against me. Neither one mentioned my name but whole conversation was based on the assumption it was me. Just good clean fun. If we had a real dean of the corps he would have raised hell.

The nuncio and the Bolivian representative are playing the Nazi game. The idea was that since there was no plot but rather a simulation of a plot nothing could be done. It wasn't tar bombs but "atentado."

I had

I had a talk with Alonso Irigoyen on June 13. It was interesting because he is so Peronista. Very long and frank talk with him. He expressed great satisfaction. Told him necessary get in the democratic fold. Seemed to think they could do it. On the night of July 6 he told Sherry Davis he didn't like 'your ambassador' very much. The story of his resignation is that Avalos wanted the government to buy a stadium for Boca Juniors.

We could get them a little coal but I don't know whether I want to do it. If the shortage of coal is acute enough--and the light and power crippled enough--that might turn the trick and get rid of that guy.

The statement on the plot is pretty silly--something like the burning of the Reichstag. They're going to punish them AFTER the event. I've asked Cabot to see the nuncio, who can go to the foreign office and say what about this. It's intimidation--in line with P's threats about his fanatics. They're trying to scare me. I wouldn't put it past the megalomaniacs to try something. The nunvio could say: "Who is this? What have you discovered?" You notice the announcement said they are going to punish the crime but they say nothing about preventive measures. It's like some of the upsets in the Central American countries where rival parties would announce they were going to bump off the American minister in an effort to force US intervention. They're just trying to give me a scare. It's a good idea to try to pin Ameghino down. The investigation of the pamphlets is still in progress. He previously threatened to go after me and this is it. He's not going to make a graceful exit. He thinks he's God's gift to Argentina and that he's going to run this country come hell or high water. And if anybody tries to interfere he's going to get nasty about it. The only thing that might get him out is a sit-down strike, I think there's some chance of Arg. being brought up at Rio if we can only get something concrete. Demonstrations last week and the cynical comments of Velasco would be something--but at the conference we'd have to prove it. It would be their word against ours.

"The problem again is what about the Bolivians; Brazilians; Paraguayans, etc. The Uruguayans and Chileans are democratic but they don't want to stick their necks out. These countries, with Argentina, form a bloque of six and you wouldn't have any unanimous action.

"I saw

"I saw they released the nationalists. Nothing against them because they were unarmed.

"P's speech last night referred to 300,000 who demonstrated for him not a window broken. If he had that many why weren't they out demonstrating.

"It's a considerable disappointment that Britain not going to do anything about Franco. If Britain doesn't we won't. Every time you appease you pay a million-fold.

"It may be wishful thinking but I am wondering if P. isn't desperate as indicated by this announcement. They can declare an ambassador persona non grata if they don't like the color of your tie but actually have to have a reason and I've been watching that carefully. I think at a given point P. will break. His not showing up Saturday (Sociedad Rural) was important. It shows a let-down. He didn't have the guts to face it. He might have scowled them down. Gustavo Doran told me that Alfonso prolonged his reign about a year and a half by showing up for the Requiem Mass with hostile crowds around the Plaza. His advisors told him not to go. But he went. He got out of the car and looked all around in all directions and then walked across to the church. That display of courage kept him his job for another year and a half.

"I still get stories that something is moving. One of the former military foreign ministers is trying to send word to me that my speech was an estocado al fondo. He's so much against 'em he's co-operating against them. I expect to have a line on what is happening in the Radical party this afternoon. I'm going to see two Radicals this afternoon. Cantilo is trying to get a united front for a brazos caidos. He came over with Puerredon's son-in-law, Lastfa, yesterday afternoon and two of them are coming in this p.m. On Monday I'm going to a luncheon where there will be a dozen including Tamborini. It seems to me so perfectly apparent that American foreign policy is set by American public opinion and American public opinion won't stand QED for Peron.

"I'm hoping for action by the United Nations. A meeting of the foreign Ministers will start in London within a few days and it would be better if we could get this out of the Pan-American sphere and on the Big 4 plane because they are the countries that fought the war. And the war, as I said in my speech, was fought to end this sort of thing. The whole situation could be remedied so easily by a shift to democracy and I don't think P. can win a fair election.

Britain

Britain has been playing ball very well. Sir David felt strong enough to refuse five cases they have tried to send officers to England when we cut them off.

They should have declared me persona non grata at the cabinet meeting right after my speech if they were going to do anything about it.

I hope somebody will have the guts to get this fellow out. Hencould be tumbled if somebody had the guts. Maybe I'm hoping too much.

Sir David keeps coming back to the point that British investments are so much more important than American. My reply has been No matter--if this guy keeps on your investments will be worth nothing either through him or by a reaction to communism. Each time he brings this up Sir Davis says 'Maybe you're right' but the next time we've got to go over the same ground. I've seen no change in British policy since the Labor government took over. If it weren't for getting meat to eat might be in on it, too. Think we've got to go to a boycott eventually. They've got coal and boats now. Thought we had a lever with tires but now that's opened. We've got an agreement with Brazil to buy al excess. It carries through to the spring of 1947. I don't think we want these tires. Fine sell 'em to Argentina that's one less we've got to buy.

I've put it up to the department that if you need foodstuffs from Swifts you've got to give 'em coal. Any economic boycott on Arg. ought to include Brazil which is first place in purchases and third place in supplies. Big hurdle each time is the foodstuffs. There I've never got any encouragement. Minute they can prove the need of coal to get foodstuffs out they'll get coal.

My speech was carried by Mundo in chain. Somebody called me the second Liberator.

It remains to be seen how much good will be done. Enrique Gil said if that doesn't do good he doesn't know what will. I have gone as far toward intervention or inciting to revolution as an ambassador can go. The Bolivian, Brazilian, and Paraguay ambassadors congratulated me. The Chilean apologized because he couldn't go. He sent his counsellor. Kelly and the Mexican were sick. The Colombian wasn't present. There were some members of the foreign office, Podesta Costa--2 or 3 others. Gachi maybe out. By and large there was a pretty good representation of diplomats there. I wanted to bring in what was pulled and I thought that was the neatest way to do it.

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There's been no reaction from the government people because I haven't seen any. Don't take cognizance till time comes to leave when say goodbye to foreign minister and president. Juan Cooke just appointed. Story we got on Ameghino is Central Bank; run-in with P. and fact that when Ameghino returned to town he found everybody was being offered the job of foreign minister and he got fed up with it.

The implications of my speech were so evident that I don't see how the government can take it. May be they can't. In that event they have to declare me persona non grata and that to a man who's about to be subsecretary of state. In that event also the government says that the shoe fits and that the incident I mentioned in Spain also applies to them. I have no definite plans yet for leaving. I'm not going through the turmoil I did when I left Cuba. I'd rather go back with this guy out. I remain as ambassador till I take the oath as assistant secretary of state. I had a lot of fun on my speech. Someone said: "The only thing wrong with it was that it should have been delivered by an Argentine."

"The radicals get bogged down in petty politics. They forget the essential: that this government is out to run the country by hook or crook. Their are two weapons: ridicule and complete desprecio. It's within the realm of possibility or probability that I might go to the Conference in Brazil. It gives me very little time to get ready. It's better as far as I'm personally concerned to have it postponed. Whatever happens I think Inter-American relations are in a bad mess. When we stop buying as much coffee, copper and other products as we have been we'll have the repercussions.

I ought to get some reaction to my speech in the next two days. Picked out a paragraph in Hull's declaration referring to Argentina. I said in my telegram that this is just as true today as when it was written. I'm sending a telegram to Truman for Potsdam.

September 7, 1945.

Statement drafted with the intention to bring things to a showdown with Cooke. Either performs as promised or be forced out by the military. I spent 2 hours with him. Great cordiality. Same show of calling John William in. During the interview he told me about posters gone up papers SOBRE LA MARCHA and in my presence ordered John William to confiscate entire issue and to arrest Blanca Luz Brum, put her in the jug and apologize. I said I knew no Arg. would do such a thing but a Nazi or a foreigner.

He gave

He gave me a recitation of the political history of Argentina going way back. The only period of democracy was the first administration of Alvear. Otherwise no democracy. Far as fraud was concerned he said there was fraud in the campaigns even within the parties. Fraud was bad even among colleagues. To cure that situation he himself had drafted improvements and statutes.

Later on democracy and the subject of Peron being a candidate he said he didn't think that P. would be a candidate because he would go into convention of the Radical party and that convention wouldn't nominate Peron. 1. Immediate access to German banks. Cooke said had already communicated with the minister of finance.

2. Freude. He didn't seem to realize connections. He took notes and didn't seem to faze him. My hunch is that when he tried to book up F. he'll find it harder than Blanca.

3. Nazi program entirely in accord. He's calling in Podesta Costa instructing him to go over every step taken. Cooke said he was desirous to get Espil to go to Washington.

I told Cooke that every element of life in Argentina has characterized this government and that the American people agree with that characterization. It's going to be extremely difficult to have cordial relations as long as that government endures. This was in reply to his query: "What should be done to have cordial relations?" Cooke said he was ashamed to say it but that Arg. was thoroughly Nazi because of German military training. He was ashamed to say it as an Argentine. He said he was astounded at a luncheon to discover the Navy was Nazi, too. Had Germany won the war all that would have been needed to take things over would have been a telephone call from Berlin.

Cooke said there would be elections and honest elections-- otherwise he would get out of the government. On Nazi enforcement measures: Cooke said he had been given carte blanche to do whatever needed to be done by the military; otherwise he would get out. The elections were going to be convoked in December and held the last Sunday in March or the first Sunday in April, in accordance with the Saenz Pena law. Braden said he lacked confidence that the padrones would be ready.

On Nazi enforcement: Podesta Costa would make sure everything legal and couldn't be reversed. Siemens Baunion not lack desire but lack aptitude by police. Legal adviser wasn't there and no one to give a ruling. Hurdles would have put out additional decrees. Migone in charge all economic work including Nazi control which now under the foreign office. Migone brought back from Canada. I like him. He's very democratic. He apologized for some of the

delay

delay in follow-ups and he's find that there was a two or three delay in having translations made. He wants them back the same day. His successor won't know the foreign office when he gets through, Cooke said. "We make mistakes going ahead", Cooke said, "but you can't accuse me of delays. Cooke went all out; much stronger than his public statements. He apologized to me--said they's arrested Blanca Luz Blum and ordered the confiscation of the paper.

I don't know but I imagine she's still working for the government. She's supposed to be an intimate of Sunday. Later Cooke said an order had been issued for her arrest but that he didn't know if she had actually been arrested.

The Mexican ambassador congratulated me on my speech, and the amazing progress that has been made in 3 months. He said the speech was fuerte but that it may have resulted in Cooke's being made foreign minister.

I described my conversations with Sunday on June 1 and June 30 (when nobody expected me and I had to find my own way--it was an extreme discourtesy). I reviewed the conversation. His only comeback was that Sunday had told him substantially the same except that Sunday assured me in connection with fanatics and the press correspondents was giving warning with a desire to protect them and not as a threat.

There are a lot of radicals but no definite party. It goes from extreme left to extreme right. There are many factions and cross currents. Personalistas and Non-personalistas; Colaboracionistas and the Intransigentes. There's no leadership. The communist show is beautifully organized. The way they avoided a clash with the police to give the lie to the police that the Communists caused other disturbances was a fine thing.

It seems to me that if the tortures of the prisoners could really be brought out it would be helpful.

Cooke said the papers closed were on Bradens list. The principal protest we made were on the Japanese papers. The reply was that it was taken up with the minister of interior. "We are going to close any paper that doesn't have democratic tendencies," Cooke said.

We're going to ask for plenty and keep on asking to get things we need and because we might bring things to an issue.

Cooke is genuinely pro-ally whatever else he may be. I think he has political aspirations and thinks by com-

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pliance and cracking down on Nazis or pulling the wool over our eyes he can set up a semblance of performance that will block us at Rio. As far as democracy goes they could come out with a date for elections and while we know what these elections would be we can't come out in advance and say 'You're going to have dishonest elections.' You can do it afterwards but it's hard to prove. I think that's the game. Cooke said the American blood in his veins prevented him from doing anything against the Allies.

The only alternatives:

(Which I have tried through direct means without the point of intervention) Bringing out every political party in Argentina and uniting every element in accord that Sunday is definitely fascist and that if by fraud he were to stay in it doesn't look as though we're going to have cordial relations. If Cooke could sell to the Army (supposed 80 percent against him) go back to the barracks even go to the point of giving them military aid (I think it's damn shame to give 'em anything) at least could bring 'em even keel. It's one possibility--a long shot, 100 to 1.

2. Meeting foreign ministers were to come out and repeating in a strong statement what's been said by Truman, Stalin and Atlee that we fought for democracy and we don't like the situation in Arg. Something must be done quickly or otherwise we'll wind up with something that's completely favorably on Nazi performance and a promise of elections that we couldn't challenge in advance.

If the statement isn't enough then we'll have to consider economic sanctions, and if economic sanctions aren't enough what'll we do? Are we going to let Sunday keep on as a threat to the continent? I don't think this final stage will be necessary if Britain, Sweden and one or two others are brought into line.

One friend of mine is going to tell Sunday that they've got to complete that investigation and point the finger at so-and-so in the police department. It's an Argentine that's going to do that.

Ryan said the line is going to take Uruguay Colombia Paraguay by taking Olano's figures firms intervened 535 million pesos and saying that in any portion of national wealth is bigger than sold in the United States. He entirely ignores that we have such control that it isn't as necessary in the US as here. But try explain that intervention means nothing is a hard selling game.

We have such variation in enforcement. I was shocked to see the way we hadn't applied the black list. Compare that with other countries where we had thorough enforcement. If the person was influential he could be kept off. An

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An Anchorena kept me friend out. At the Radical luncheon Boite was talking to me about Sabatini who is playing P's game. None mentioned Sabatini's name but all were pretty concerned about collaboration. Sabbatini might be a candidate with P's backing. We stayed at the luncheon talking till 5 p.m. and ended with the same impression that something has got to be done quickly. Some thought they should work together up to the point of the elections. Sabbatini is pro-Nazi when Germany was winning then shifted to neutrality. I also had dinner with the Socialists Dickman, Repetto and Palacios.

The tentative date for my departure is Sept. 20-21. I hate to leave because my presence here is so very important.

At Radical luncheon were Solari; Boite; Vingani; Infante; Candioti; Mendez; Moreno; Lopez; Raguias (?) etc.

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It's important that I take something concrete to Washington with me. The performance on the Nazi part is hoped for before I leave. I was assured "positive and prompt action" by Cooke.

They didn't explain why they're waiting till December altho it will take some time to set up the machinery for the elections. Intimated might announce dates within a week or so. Assurances indicated would be early performance. Said padrones weren't ready but may be can be pressed in a bit and there's a possibility they'll come out in a few weeks. Neither referred to the presidential elections but the whole conversation centered around Sunday. The implication was perfectly clear.

I think Cooke will go ahead on a number of these things and get performance. I'm not encouraged about elections. Situation is that Sunday is not ready to get out unless the Army, a general strike or so much dissatisfaction he's forced out. Cooke thinks by playing ball; may get radicals with him and emerge as political candidate. I think he's sincere and doing the job--anti-nazi and democratic--yet a shyster lawyer type who is definitely against Sunday. Cooke doesn't think much of the foreign office.

Meanwhile Quijano and Cooke, although playing their own games, are getting some things through that no government before has ever done.

I telegraphed the dept. had a really cordial interview with the president Farrell. Coffee was brought in. He said he was a great democrat; that no one was more democratic. Changed the subject every time I mentioned Peron's threats. Finally brushed it off with "When two strong men meet there's bound to be a clash." Same thing was said by Quijano separately so obviously that's where F. got that remark. Farrell said explosives were manufactured for Great Britain here; USA and Argentina should be good friends because have the same

same products--iron, steel, copper--although not taken from the ground. Farrell was pleased with the white paper. As proofs of his democracy he cited the fact that his Mother was a widow and that somebody had stolen her money; and that when he was on maneuvers he slept with the soldiers. Made point of the linseed oil transport. Abarca--Army taking back trucks. Got 48 back. Farrell said evidence co-operation although we pressed for them. F. said July 6 promise to be fulfilled--I added without a government candidate. He said he'd give up and pack if there was a government candidate. The conversation was pitiful. He was parrot-like with no knowledge of the situation. He said he was a wealthy man and that the money he got from the presidency he gave to charity.

Cooke at his farewell luncheon admitted he could do nothing about Freude since the latter "had so many powerful friends and influences." Out of 100 cases of Nazis I'll put them through, 99, Cooke said, but not Freude. Quijano argued that Freude was an Arg. citizen. Mentioned to Farrell who said these cases all very different. Citizen lived here 40 years when arrested discovered he was a Jew. I said well Freude isn't a Jew.

Braden told Quijano, who argued that Braden didn't know the right people, that although he was in the social news he had been seeing all kinds of Argentines--if he lunched in society he might spend the p.m. with a laborer.

Cooke characterized Peron as "a dangerous and harmful man to Arg." Cooke said he hoped to compromise candidate. Yesterday Quijano returned to the subject of helping this government and request that I appeal to the American press to write nice articles. Braden said the US press had been accurately reflecting the opinion of the Arg. press. Quijano and Cooke said surely there was some way to tone the US press down to help the government. They said they were really pure and wanted to do away with Nazi influences. Cooke said he might see the US press. Braden said that would be fine; any time he had anything to say they would be happy to see him and if you can convince them of what you've told me that will be all to the good.

There were a million and a half pesos in the safe of the Tubor Masmen ? company when they went in to intervene it. The German manager wouldn't let them take it to freeze. When they returned 500,000 pesos were missing.

There were 13,000,000 pesos to be frozen in one particular company and when they got to it only 4,000,000 were left.

Cooke said complete democracy we going to elections delay to make up padrones and must guarantee complete honesty. First time really pure elections have been held here.

I told

I told Quijano March had made a terrific impression on the people at home. Quijano unsparked. White paper not mentioned by Cooke or Quijano but by Farrell.

Only alternative to transaction Peron would gain enough popularity win. Braden believes Peron will just hang on, recalling de la Colina's pese que pese, but Cooke said you shouldn't pay any attention to de la Colina.

Quijano asked me: "Why pick on Argentina?" "How about the other countries?"

I replied: "You mean Paraguay?" The reason is that when Argentina moves its little finger that's news. Paraguay could move her whole arm and nobody cares.

There was no mention of Peron withdrawing and beginning his campaign. Cooke was frank about Peron. Quijano never said any thing about Peron other than that he was a strong man. It was interesting to notice the deference with which Cooke treated Quijano. He was unshaven and explained that he didn't like protocol.

Major Contal, head on counter-espionage, is a decent chap and sold on the idea of getting the leading Nazis out here. We're not sure when can get them back to Germany. First they go to the States. Gave a list of 71--39 to go to states. Based on a request from him asked foreign offices--said would assign planes--suddenly last week Major Contal disappeared. Given a message he had been sent back to his troops somewhere. Don't know whether we'll get them or not.

The most desirable--and the one we're going in hard on--is Freude. We have plenty of evidence of Freude's activities--a photostat of a letter to another German signed by Freude in which he told Peron to cut out the intervention and don't do it again. We're going to press just as hard on F. because he might talk if Peron didn't protect. Sim situation about Staudt. Some allege he was born here.

JIMiller: Peron ought to know he can't be elected.

Braden: Can't tell with a man like that. They come out with these additional subventions for government employees 300 pesos down. He has got some labor support.

Capt. Webb estimated 300,000 in the parade.

Braden: That demonstration was a fine thing, better than I had expected. Well organized. I think leaders entitled to tremendous credit for way it was handled.

Cooke told me: I suppose you realize this demonstration is just a farewell to you. As a matter of fact 80 per cent of the ferment is due to your speeches. You've got the people steamed up and after you leave things will die down. At the Circulo de Armas somebody said the same thing when I said goodbye. I'm hopeful, however, the ball is rolling and will keep on rolling.

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The problem of leadership is still great but if the ball keeps rolling one may come out.

The economic policy is fixed but it depends on the British attitude. If we are to have any influence we've got to have British support. South Africa is offering 5 tons of coal for 4 tons of corn with South Africa furnishing the shipping. I don't think the deal has been closed but the Africans say we've got to have the corn. We're not going to bite off our noses to spite our faces. The Swedes have closed some stuff we could have sold. As long as the war was on we had certain things to work with. I told the staff to go after censorship on the radio. Article 27 is much stronger with the war off because before it provided for war censorship.