

British impose blockade in Falklands

War talk increases, Haig off to London



Graphic by Max DeRungs

BUENOS AIRES (AP) — A British blockade of the Falkland Islands went into effect early Monday as U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig flew to London in a last minute bid to head off war over the remote archipelago seized by Argentina.

There was no immediate word of British naval activity in Falkland waters.

The blockade went into effect at 11 p.m. EST Sunday, about 1½ hours before Haig's expected arrival in London. He was to discuss an Argentine proposal with British leaders in an attempt to settle the dispute over the South Atlantic islands 250 miles east of Argentina's southern coast.

The British government, with a 40-ship armada on the way and up to four British hunter-killer submarines reportedly in the area, vowed to sink any Argentine vessel within 200 miles of the islands after the deadline.

Haig said his 12 hours of talks with Argentine leaders Saturday produced "no agreement."

But Argentine Foreign Minister Nicanor Costa Mendez said Haig was carrying "a very interesting Argentine proposal" to discuss with British leaders.

Government sources, who requested anonymity, said Haig was told any future negotiations would depend on Britain halting its fleet and lifting its blockade order. Only then, they said, would Argentina consider withdrawing its estimated 6,000 troops from the islands.

Military sources were quoted by the newspaper Clarin as saying troops could be gradually withdrawn and replaced with a detachment of federal police or

border guards.

The government sources also said Argentina would be willing to offer "future island government" participation to the 1,800 Falkland residents, most of whom are of British descent. But they said the government maintained that Argentina's sovereignty over the Falklands and dependent islands is "not negotiable."

Argentine leaders told Haig, the sources said, that this country would be willing to discuss British participation in the development of the islands' natural resources. The islands, which lie on the edge of the continental shelf, are believed to contain valuable oil and gas reserves.

Costa Mendez, who accompanied Haig to the airport Sunday morning, declined to elaborate on the Argentine proposal, but said "it is not improbable" that Haig would return to Buenos Aires. "It depends on how he does in London."

Haig arrived in Buenos Aires on Friday night following initial meetings with British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher and Foreign Secretary Francis Pym.

In London, the Defense Ministry announced that all Argentine warships — except for a destroyer and a frigate whose positions were not disclosed — had returned to their home ports, but there was no confirmation in Buenos Aires.

"We noted that Argentina's aircraft carrier, their only cruiser, seven of their eight destroyers, two of their three frigates and all of their submarines are back in port," Defense Ministry spokesman David Bland said.

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Chancellor-designate gets whirlwind tour

New admissions requirements, Salem office on list of changes

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After visiting four state colleges and universities last week, the next chancellor of the State System of Higher Education did not appear dismayed by Oregon's budget crisis and its impact on higher education.

"Education is always in a time of crisis," said William "Bud" Davis, currently president of the University of New Mexico. "I've been in higher education since 1960, and I can't think of a time when it hasn't been in a crisis of some type."

Davis told reporters at the University Saturday that his four-day trip to Oregon made him feel like a "baton in a sprint relay" and left him with two briefcases of information to digest on the trip home.

"It's been a quick orientation," said Davis, who succeeds Chancellor Roy Lieuallen in July.

Unlike earlier candidates for chancellor, Davis said he wants to see the chancellor's office stay on or near one of the state universities.

"I like living in a university community, and as long as I have my choice I prefer to continue that type of affiliation," he said.

However, he said he plans to open an office in Salem and create a new vice chancellor's position to work more closely with legislators. Any other staff changes will be done gradually, Davis said. "I don't believe in coming in and making a clean sweep," he said.

Davis' visit included talks with higher education administrators and faculty, state legislators and Gov. Vic Atiyeh. He said his impression after talking with state leaders is that there is a need for "some kind of road map, analysis, rationale" for existing higher education programs.

Davis said he wants to make the people of Oregon "hungry and desirous" to support higher education.

Davis also expressed his support for reinstating admission requirements for high school students in English, writing, mathematics, science, social science and foreign languages. Stressing those requirements could help eliminate the need for remedial college courses, he said.

Davis said he is not yet involved in personnel and fiscal decisions, and that Lieuallen will be handling the searches for new presidents at Western Oregon State College and Oregon Institute of Technology. The presidents at both institutions have resigned in the past month.



Photo by Bob Baker

William "Bud" Davis, the next chancellor of the State System of Higher Education, concluded a four-day tour of state colleges and universities with a press conference Saturday.

Ministry holds twilight walk

An aura of tranquility surrounded the small group who went on the Stations of the Cross walk on Good Friday.

The walk, sponsored by the Episcopal Campus Ministry, was a time to notice small details — the scent of the pine trees, a squirrel running across the grass. The walk stopped at six points around the campus to listen to music from the rock opera *Jesus Christ Superstar* and a short meditation service given by one of the group members. The silences following the stops gave the participants time for reflection.

"This walk will deepen our awareness and perceptions of one of the basic tenets of the Christian faith which is God became human in Christ Jesus and faced all the limitations we must face today," said the Rev. Linda Bruno.

The peacefulness of the campus at twilight contrasted with the despair shown in the crucifixion song when the group sat with their eyes shut to better visualize the pain of Jesus.

The rock music of *Jesus Christ Superstar* was used to relate the death of Jesus to people's lives today, Bruno said.