

emphasised that it has never had any intention of ceding air or sea bases, still less of giving up a shred of sovereignty to the United States.

For reasons of geography and economics Brazil is the South American country now in closest contact with the United States, and it may be assumed that the visits recently paid by the Brazilian Foreign Minister, Senhor Aranha, to Buenos Aires and Santiago in connexion with continental defence, were not without value to the democratic cause. He seems to have done some plain speaking to the Argentine authorities and to have found himself in accord with the Government of Chile which is like that of Brazil in having no dispute with any other South American state.

Under a new lease-lend agreement Bolivia is to receive a loan, reported to amount to \$10 million or more, which will cover the supply of large quantities of artillery and other military material. Mexican troops destined for Lower California have received permission to pass across United States territory. The Chilean Foreign Minister announces that Chile and Argentina have agreed to fortify the Magellan Straits.