

MR. MOLOTOV (in Russian):

INTERPRETER (in English): Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen: The Soviet Delegation consider the question of inviting Argentina to this Conference an important one.

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INTERPRETER (in English): I will discuss this question in Russian, which most of you are not familiar with. I know, however, that Russian is quite suitable for a just cause.

MR. MOLOTOV (in Russian):

INTERPRETER (in English): The question of inviting Argentina to this Conference was only brought up before the delegates today, and it had never been discussed previously by representatives of the four sponsoring powers. It is quite natural, therefore, that the Soviet Delegation, desiring to acquaint themselves with this question, and to let all the other members of this Conference do likewise, suggest that its discussion be postponed for a few days.

MR. MOLOTOV (in Russian):

INTERPRETER (in English): Anybody knows that in this war against our common enemy Argentina has held a special place; it is equally well-known that for these past years of war, neither the foreign nor the domestic policies of the Argentine regime has met with the other United Nations' approval. You will know what I mean when I quote a statement made by the former Secretary of State, Mr. Hull and published on September 8, 1944:

"Secretary of State Hull yesterday branded Argentina as headquarters for a Fascist movement in this hemisphere and a potential source of infection for the rest of the Americas."

Allow me to quote another authoritative statement made by President Roosevelt on October 1, 1944:

"I have been following closely and with increasing concern the development of the Argentine situation in recent months. This situation presents the extraordinary paradox of the growth of Nazi-Fascist influence and the increasing application of Nazi-Fascist methods in a country of this hemisphere at the very time that those

forces of oppression and aggression are drawing ever closer to the hour of final defeat in Europe and elsewhere in the world."

MR. MOLOTOV (in Russian):

INTERPRETER (in English): I consider both statements authoritative and reliable. But they were made several months ago. The situation in Argentina may have changed since then. I understand that certain representatives of American countries hold the view that the situation has changed for the better there. All I should like to ask of you is that the Soviet as well as other delegations be given a chance to acquaint themselves at length with the facts and to satisfy themselves that the situation in Argentina has really improved and that statements like the above correspond to the facts. But this takes time, or, at least, a few days.

MR. MOLOTOV (in Russian):

INTERPRETER (in English): Imagine what would happen if we acted rashly and invite Argentina to this Conference, although in the present war she has been assisting the Fascists who are our enemies, and failed to invite Poland which is an Ally. Poland is known to hold in this war an honorable place among Allied nations which have devoted all their efforts to the struggle against our common foe. The heroic Polish people have been fighting in our ranks and making innumerable sacrifices. We cannot afford to forget about all this. To invite Argentina, which has been helping our common enemy throughout this war, and not to invite the Provisional Polish Government, which is now functioning in liberated Poland and enjoys an enormous prestige among the Polish people, would be taking a course that might affect adversely the prestige of this Conference.

MR. MOLOTOV (in Russian):

INTERPRETER (in English): No one can deny the fact that the Polish Government now functioning in Warsaw and all over Poland is a democratic government. This Provisional Polish Government is strongly supported by the people and is carrying on a struggle against our common enemy side by side with our Allies.