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# Brezhnev condemns Britain over Falklands

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MOSCOW — Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev ended five weeks of silence with a speech backing Argentina's claim to the Falkland Islands and condemning Britain's attempt to block the "freedom movement" in Latin America.

Brezhnev condemned Britain for "colonial brigandage" in a speech Tuesday toasting the Soviet Union's close ties to Latin America in general, and to Nicaragua in particular.

The Communist Party leader, 75, linked the Falklands takeover by Argentina to what he said was the freedom movement spreading across Latin America.

"The peoples want to be masters of their land, of their homes, be it in Central America or in the Southern Atlantic," Brezhnev told a Kremlin state dinner for visiting Nicaraguan leader Daniel Ortega.

"Dangerous complications" such as the Falklands crisis arise

"precisely because there are forces which are trying to preserve or restore their positions of dominance and to impose foreign oppression," Brezhnev added.

"They do not stop at threats and pressure, blackmail and blockade, or the use of arms, and they resort to actions hailing back to the time of colonial brigandage."

The Kremlin leader's comments, though unmistakably aimed at Britain, did not name the Falklands combatants and he did not pledge any specific assistance to Buenos Aires.

Brezhnev may have found it awkward to praise Argentina's anti-Communist regime — whose principal link to Moscow is grain and meat sales — in the presence of former guerrillas from the Marxist-leaning Managua government.

Although Soviet press commentary has been solidly behind Argentina, the remarks were the first by Brezhnev. They also

marked his first speech in five weeks, since the Uzbekistan trip that precipitated widespread reports of serious illness.

Soviet television coverage of Brezhnev's formal meeting with Ortega before the state dinner showed the Communist leader to be vigorous and alert.

Earlier Tuesday a semiofficial spokesman repeated the Kremlin's rejection of President Reagan's proposal for a U.S.-Soviet summit conference in June at the United Nations. He ridiculed speculation that Brezhnev's health was a factor.

Brezhnev did not guarantee any aid to Ortega, who was believed to be seeking help for Nicaragua's billion-dollar debt. However, diplomatic observers noted the Soviets were giving him an especially warm reception.

Brezhnev pledged solidarity with Nicaragua in its "difficulties and tension in relations" with the United States.

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similar programs in New Mexico, Oklahoma, Mississippi and Tennessee as well.

None of the center's activities are limited to the state because they are not supported by state funds. Wolken said the center is totally supported by private contributions. It depends on businesses, foundations and private individuals for all of its financial backing.

"The Texas A&M Association of Former Students actively supports the center," he said.

All the center's money is handled through the Development Foundation, Wolken said, because the center is not included in the University budget.

The board includes five academic deans from the Colleges of Agriculture, Business Administration, Education, Engineering and Liberal Arts and five alumni who are leaders from the business community, Colson said.

"The board establishes the policy and goals of the center," she said.

In addition, two unofficial

members are part of the board. One is a representative from the Development Foundation, and one is from the Association of Former Students.

"They don't vote, but they do have a voice," Colson said.

During the past year the center experienced several changes. One of these changes was becoming a part of the College of Business.

"We were part of the College of Liberal Arts, but after moving to the Academic and Agency Building, we became part of the College of Business," she said.

The center also has a new director. Dr. Steve Pejovich, formerly the acting president of the University of Dallas, joined the center's staff last July.

"He has added an international dimension," Colson said. "We are much more visible now."

Colson said the research projects sponsored by the center so far have resulted in articles for scholarly journals and non-technical essays distributed to laymen in a variety of professions.

"We must devote more time and energy to research because

the theory of our educational programs rests on that basis," Colson said.

But now most of the center's activity revolves around education.

The Conference on Leadership in Free Enterprise Education is another example. The annual week-end conference is held each April on the A&M campus and was attended this year by over 200 school administrators and teachers, she said. This was the fifth year the center has hosted the event.

The focus of this year's conference was on public policy, Colson said. Featured sessions were "Will Anything Be Left in the Pot When You Retire? The Minimum Wage — Catch 22," "Enterprise Zones, What Are They...And Will They Work?" and "Is Reagan's Economic Poli-

cy Working?"

Staff members from the center conducted the conference in addition to several presentations from visiting speakers in business and academic community, Colson said.

The center had planned to sponsor another program this summer.

In conjunction with the Gifted and Talented program they offered a trip to the high-ability high school students, Colson said.

The center also has an opportunity to combine classroom instruction with hand experience to keep a free enterprise economy not enough interest was in the program, so that it had been cancelled, she said.

"I hope we can try again next summer," Colson said.

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