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“Very successful” certainly describes last week’s visit to Cuba paid by Argentine Vicepresident Amado Boudou, clearly seen in the mutual efforts to improve economic ties and to strengthen common political points of view.

In his first visit to this the largest of the Caribbean islands, the Vicepresident and also President of the Argentine Senate spoke about the possibility of further expanding bilateral relations.

The Argentine leader, after his visit to last week’s industrial fair in Havana responded favourably to the integration of Latin American industry. The visitor told Cuban newsmen that the region south of the Rio Bravo, from Mexico on downwards, needs a process for the replacement of imports and it needs industrial integration if it wants to achieve sustainable economic development.

The vicepresident met with his counterpart Miguel Diaz Canel and with several other Cuban officials. In these talks he explored with his Cuban hosts diverse alternatives for cooperation following on the recent meetings held in, Santa Cruz, Bolivia, between Cuban President Raul Castro, and his Argentine counterpart, Cristina Fernández at Summit of the Group of Seventy Seven plus China, which brought together 133 countries.

Both in Santa Cruz, by Cristina Fernandez, and now in Havana, by her Deputy, Amado Boudou,

Havana, has fully voiced its support for the Arg demand that the United Kingdom hold talks with Argentina for the return of the Falkland Islands, illegally occupied by the British in 1833.

Subsequently the Cuban Ministry of Foreign Affairs has denounced as aggression against Argentina the rapacity of the US holders so-called vulture funds.

In this respect, a document issued by the Cuban Foreign Ministry says: We are witnessing a new form of aggression against the nations of the South, fed by the economic deterioration generated by the growth of foreign debt and the crisis of capitalism, In defending Argentina, the Cuban note states, we are protecting the right of the nations of the South to sustainable development and to a just international economic order.

It must not be overlooked that the Argentine Government is also the victim of a press blitzkrieg aimed at eroding the prestige of its top leaders and wrecking its internal economic balance.

Now is the time for International public opinion, especially in Latin America, to distinguish between objective reports and black list attempts to deceive public opinion on the avowed policies of a Government, like that in the Argentine, a government that is struggling is to promote social justice domestically and, internationally, Latin American integration.

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