

**Bordaberry: commission for Botnia****Proposes that the ex-presidents look for a solution to the conflict**

The 'Colorado' [Party] candidate Pedro Bordaberry met yesterday at noon with the Argentine-Uruguayan Chamber of Commerce, presided by Juan Carlos Lopez Mena, at the Buenos Aires' Stock Exchange before some 40 businessmen with interests at both margins of the River Plate. At the conference he carried out an extensive analysis of the relationships between both countries since 1800 until today and made a projection on the future of the interchanges.

When he got to the conflict over Botnia, he mentioned that it is quite probable that The Hague's Court resolution "will please each other of us in some points and will displease all of us in other points, but both parties will remain annoyed".

Along these lines, he proposed creating a commission of arbiters or go-betweens with ex presidents of the Courts of Justice or of the Republic of the region, so that they may reach an agreement without the political pressure that the current authorities have to bear. Bordaberry said he would prefer that the decision would be to choose between ex presidents of the Republic, and so he proposed Julio Maria Sanguinetti, Eduardo Duhalde, Fernando Henrique Cardoso and Ricardo Lagos.

"In this way we could remove the pressure on the current governments, which would be borne by people that have already done a lot for the countries" he stated.

Moreover, he pointed out that both governments confused the similitude of their political ideologies with the interests of the countries. "If we do not pay attention to the interests of the countries, we will always be at odds", said the 'Colorado' leader.

He also referred to the need for Uruguay of attaining markets outside Mercosur, "We need to sign free trade treaties; nowadays Mercosur is a bilateral agreement between Argentina and Brazil".

The businessmen presented the 'Colorado' candidate to the presidency with a silver and gold knife.

During the afternoon he devoted himself to finish agreements with two shipping companies to facilitate the return of 'Colorado' voters to vote in October's presidential elections; he was successful in obtaining a 50 percent reduction on the current fare for passages.

Later he inaugurated the offices of the Colorado Party in Buenos Aires, at 2727 Santa Fe Avenue, locale 15. The Colorado Party campaign in Buenos Aires will be based on telephone contacts from an extensive database they already have. "It is a myth what they say that in Argentina there are more 'Frente Amplio' [coalition of parties] voters than 'Colorado' voters", asserted Bordaberry.

