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NO CHANCE

As far I can see there is very little difference in the Spanish government's attitude towards Gibraltar and the Gibraltarians. The only palpable difference is that in 1969 it was a fascist dictatorship and today it is a democracy. Spain today is a close member if the EU and follows the traditions and purposes of the Community. The only anomaly is the Gibraltar problem. It is essential that a solution be found. It should be remembered that the prime objective of the EEC was to remove the possibility of war from Europe. Today it is obvious that without regional co-operation there can be no future. It is hoped that sooner rather than later the Spanish government will wake up to this political fact of life.

I liked the look of the pedestrianised Main Street and thought the Alameda Gardens were marvellous. I felt that the general mood on the Rock was one of confidence and well-being.

PRACTICALITY OVER PRINCIPLE

I am afraid that Gibraltar's position in the European Union, NATO and indeed other bodies such as the United Nations is one of practicality triumphing over principle. The former being for the greater benefit of the general body. Alas the Gibraltarians will have to accept this under protest. I will continue to fight for the rights of the Gibraltarians. I will pursue the question of the Eurovote and other matters in the House of Lords and will continue to ask Parliamentary Questions and go on asking them until the Foreign Office policy begins to move in the right direction.
