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## PLYMOUTH PAPER FEATURES GIB'S NATIONAL DAY

An article in yesterday's 'Plymouth Herald' newspaper carried the story of the local MP's involvement in Gibraltar's National Day celebrations. Mr Oliver Colvile MP attended the National Day rally in his capacity as vice-chairman of the Armed Forces All-Party Parliamentary Group. In addition to extensive extracts from his rally speech, the newspaper printed a photograph of Mr Colvile on the Casemates stage with Miss Gibraltar, Jessica Baldachino and former Miss World, Kaiane Aldorino.

Earlier this month, in a parliamentary question, Mr Colvile urged William Hague, the Foreign Secretary to stop Spanish fishermen from fishing in Gibraltar waters. "The Rock has close links with Plymouth. It is British, and should remain so until the people of Gibraltar decide otherwise," said the MP.

"It is important that we cultivate the support of MPs like Mr Colvile," said Deputy Chief Minister, Dr Joseph Garcia. "During previous times of crisis we have been grateful for such friends as Michael Ancram, Simon Hughes and Lindsay Hoyle who have fought our cause in Parliament. In the past we have needed friends like these to lobby on Gibraltar's behalf and we will undoubtedly need similar friends in the future."

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