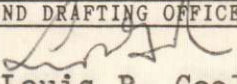


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TO : Amembassy, BRASÍLIA (POL)
FROM : Amconsul, BELEM
SUBJECT : LABOR DAY ACTIVITIES IN BELEM

O Dia do Trabalho was commemorated in Belem by two programs: one official and the other unofficial. Both were conducted in an atmosphere of good order. The official program, jointly organized by the Regional Labor Delegate and the City of Belem, was supported mainly by government officials and representatives of employer groups, with only a handful of labor leaders in attendance.

Most of the unionists themselves preferred to support the other commemoration that was sponsored by the Federação dos Trabalhadores da Indústria and the Sindicatos dos Bancários, Jornalistas, Radialistas, Comerciais, and the Delegacia Regional do Sindicato dos Aeroviários. Here, they listened to speeches and carried placards protesting the price-wage squeeze that wage earners are finding themselves caught in. Some of the placard carriers also protested against the current government labor policies concerning the Instituto de Previdência Social and the Fundo de Garantia Por Tempo de Serviço.

Although these manifestations may seem mild in comparison with the more vigorous activities in some other parts of the country, they are the strongest expressions of anti-government feeling to be seen from labor groups in recent times.

The good order that prevailed in the city on Labor Day can be attributed to the relatively high level of popularity that Jarbas Passarinho still has in Pará and to the fact that the police and military still have full control in the area so that they are able to head off trouble before it gets organized. It is interesting to note that Belem was probably the only major city in Brazil where the military did not go on alert for the occasion. Although DOPS agents were in evidence at the laborer's gathering, there was no confrontation.

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