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SUBJECT: STUDENT STRIKE AND ARRESTS

1. SAO PAULO UNIVERSITY STUDENTS WERE STRIKING YESTERDAY AND STATEWIDE STUDENT STRIKE PLANNED FOR TODAY TO PROTEST FORCED RETIREMENT PROFESSORS. CONGEN INFORMED STUDENTS HELD ASSEMBLY LAST NIGHT AT CRUSP AND SOME STUDENTS WERE ARRESTED AFTER ASSEMBLY.

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FOUR STUDENTS IN CITY WERE ARRESTED FOR REPRODUCING PAMPHLETS PUBLICIZING STRIKE.

2. LOCAL ACADEMIC CIRCLES CONTINUE UPSET OVER OUSTER THEIR COLLEAGUES. AT SOCIAL GATHERING LAST NIGHGSEVERAL PROFESSORS TOLD CONGEN OFFICERS THEY WOULD ALSO STRIKE IN SYMPATHY RETIRED COLLEAGUES BUT THEY FEARED BEING BARRED FROM TEACHING AS CONSEQUENCE AND THEIR FAMILY RESPONSIBILITIES PRECLUDE THEIR TAKING THIS RISK. ONLY ULTRA-CONSERVATIVE PROFESSORS SUCH AS LAW PROFESSOR MIGUEL REALE AND ACTING RECTOR ALFREDO BUZOID APPEAR FAVOR GOB ACTION IN FORCING RETIREMENTS.

3. USP PROFESSORS MET MAY 5 TO DISCUSS MASS RESIGNATION AS FORM OF PROTEST BUT DECIDED AGAINST THIS ACTION. PROFESSORS MET AGAIN LAST NIGHT TO DISCUSS ACTION BUT CONGEN DOES NOT YET KNOW WHAT DECISIONS REACHED.

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