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Another Student Expelled in Recife

Recife 511 repeated as Rio 389C

Recife newspapers on May 30 reported that the Medical Faculty of the Pernambuco Federal University had on May 26 ordered the expulsion for three years of Marcos Bula de Aguiar, President of the Faculty's Academic Directorate. Aguiar was one of four students of the Faculty's Bio-Sciences Institute cited on May 8 to present defenses against charges of subversive activities under the terms of Decree-Law 477. On May 19, Aguiar was again cited, this time individually, to present further defense within 40 hours. His expulsion is the first in the Medical Faculty of the Federal University. (The Medical Faculty of the Pernambuco Superior Education Foundation, FESP, on May 20 expelled five students--see reftel. Aguiar's suspension brings the total expelled in Recife under Decree-Law 477 to 71, with more expected.)

Aguiar was accused of having attempted to organize strike activities on campus and, along with another student, is being processed separately on criminal charges for having led a student invasion of the office of the Rector last October. His expulsion may also be related to previous defiance of military authorities by the Medical Faculty. It will be recalled that on May 6 the congregation of the Medical Faculty, of which Aguiar as Academic Directorate President formed a part, challenged the authorities by absolving all 33 students

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appearing on a list of alleged subversives [REDACTED] EO50x1
[REDACTED] EO50x1. This act of resistance was a significant factor in the build-
up of tension preceding the mass citation on May 8 of more than 800 Recife
students (see Recife 466 repeated as Rio 3632).

With the expulsion of Aguiar, the principal student activist in the Medical
Faculty, the authorities have saved some face. Faculty resistance to the
expulsion process has apparently been broken and more student suspensions in
that school could follow. Real retribution against the troublesome Medical
Faculty may come when the widely anticipated purge of "subversive"
professors begins in the various Recife university faculties.

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