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1. Political Poll in Paraná

The results of a political poll conducted in Curitiba were released this week and given full coverage in all local papers. Based on a sample of three hundred, the poll indicates that Curitibaanos are: 1) Generally favorable to the new Federal Government (62%), and 2) likewise to the State Administration of Ney Braga (75%). The only other significant figure was that registered in favor of direct elections vs. indirect (85% for direct). Regarding approval or disapproval of the Government's actions against Kubitchek and Quadros the poll reported 40% and 51% respectively approved. Also reported with great enthusiasm by one newspaper was the fact that 15% of those polled favored Paulo Pimentel to succeed Ney Braga as Governor. His nearest rival (not Vice Governor Affonso Camargo Netto) polled only 3%. 74% of the sample gave no preference in response to this particular question.

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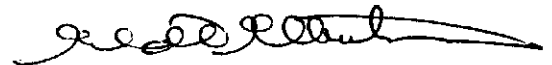
Paulo Pimentel's views The "Absolute Majority" Question and others

Paulo Pimentel, heir apparent to Ney Braga as Governor of Paraná says he is opposed to the absolute majority amendment with direct elections because it is impractical, but that he favors the extension of Castelo Branco's mandate. As for enfranchising the illiterates he calls this "An admission of the Government's inability to solve the problem of illiteracy", i.e. he opposes it. His views coincide nicely with those of Governor Braga.

3. The week in the Paraná Legislative Assembly

With the attention of every one turned to developments in Rio and Brasilia since the return of Carlos Lacerda there was little going on locally. Also as the "Diário de Paraná" suggested, the cold weather prevalent in recent weeks has even put a chill into the normally agitated if not active Legislative Assembly. The only real contest impending is that planned for the weekend when deputies of the PDC and PTB will face their colleagues of the UDN and PSD in a game of "futebol".

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