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the viability of the proposed governmental unit).

Deputy Machado, a man well-known for his blunt language, denied any charge of treason, adding that his party's state directorate had only to command and he would obey. Other reports, however, have indicated that he was tiring of the disorganization reigning in the PSD, split as it is between young and old wings, and was considering switching to the MTR or even the PTB. "Majority" leader Mário Mondino (PDC) is politely but firmly throwing the leadership back into the Governor's lap. Mondino will in any event be absent from the Assembly for 45 days, part of which time he will spend as a member of the Brazilian delegation to the forthcoming Latin American Free Trade Area conference in Bogotá.

2. PTB State Deputy Accused of Terrorist Activity

The Public Relations Section of III Army released the conclusions of the Police-Military Commission which had been appointed to investigate terrorist activities centering around the abortive plot for August 24 (Weekly Summary No.8, A-10, August 25, 1964). On the basis of the Commission's report, 18 civilians and 4 military were placed or retained under preventive arrest. The report also revealed that one of the persons interrogated had implicated State Deputy Hélio Ricardo Carneiro da Fontoura (PTB), former private secretary to Leonel Brizola, as a person closely connected with the terrorists. Specifically, Fontoura had requested that a list be drawn up of the vehicles belonging to DAER (State Highway Commission), which could be made available to Brizola forces at the outbreak of a counter-revolutionary movement.

Fontoura himself violently denied that he was in any way associated with terrorist activities. "I'll resign if they prove anything against me", he said. "I was and am the friend of ex-deputy Leonel Brizola. I have fought with all my strength the government which came to power by the golpe (coup) of April 1, and, as a leader of the people, I denounce it as reactionary, both on the federal and on the state levels.... I was elected by the people. Who elected the present government? I, a terrorist? Never! An oppositionist? Always!" Brizola might well be proud of his pupil, whether the story about DAER is true or not.

Hélio added that he was the victim of constant persecution at the hands of the Army and the police, both uniformed and plain-clothed. In a refinement of cruelty, they were following him around with a tow-truck, ready to haul his car away at the slightest parking infraction. Curiously enough, for a man who doesn't hang around with the terrorists, he asserted that the "Molotov cocktails" discovered on the eve of August 24, were nothing of the kind, but merely bottles in which candle stubs had been placed for use as lamps in the event of power failure. The statement is incorrect, and Fontoura's reason for making it is somewhat hard to understand. No punitive or repressive action, other than that stated, has been taken against him thus far.

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3. Political Note: Lacerda Is Coming

With astonishingly little advance notice, it is announced that Guanabara Governor Carlos Lacerda will arrive in Porto Alegre tomorrow, October 21. What could bring him here? Will he give the watchwords to the local UDN, both re the attitude to be followed toward the government and re preparations for the eventual presidential campaign? Will he talk about the Electoral Reform? The Land Statute? Or will he confer with Secretary of Public Works Synval Guazzelli (UDN) to see that the State Bank of Guanabara won't be throwing its money down the drain if it grants a loan to enable some public works to be carried out in RGS?

4. Economic Assistance Note: More Power For Rio Grande do Sul

Minister of Mines and Power Mauro Thibau, accompanied by a distinguished comitiva, which included his wife and daughter in addition to Engineer Marcondes Ferraz, president of Eletrobrás, Colonel Lauro Cunha Campos, president of the National Coal Plan, Mr. Jerome Levinson, of USAID/Brazil, and many others, has been carrying out a busy schedule of visits to such places as Charqueadas (thermo-electric station), Caxias, Alegrete, and the Butiá coal mines. While here, he signed agreements providing for the construction of power lines between Charqueadas and Butiá, and Charqueadas and Pelotas, at the expense of the National Coal Commission. He said that the federal government would spend 3 trillion cruzeiros between now and 1970 to electrify the country. This sum, however, would have to come from friendly nations, and the efforts to obtain it would be made jointly by the Ministry of Mines and Power and that of Foreign Affairs. He also said that RGS must join the swing to 60 cycles, its stubbornness in clinging to 50 cycle current having made of it an "island" in the overall Brazilian electric power picture.

5. Cultural Note: Célio Denounces "Dirty Words" In "The Crucible"

To the surprise of Porto Alegre theater-goers, first-nighter spectator Mayor Célio Marques Fernandes accused the play "As Feiticeiras de Salem" (née "The Crucible", by Arthur Miller) of containing a number of obscene words, which were used "throughout the play", and recommended that censorship be applied to the theater, as it is to TV. Others disagreed, alleging that the only thing obscene about the performance is that it started one hour and a half after the scheduled time. Internationally famous author Erico Veríssimo, who rarely appears in public, was most enthusiastic about the performance, which he claims was better staged and acted than the original as played at the Arena Theater, Washington, D.C., in which Miss Veríssimo, his daughter, was a member of the cast. The American Consul and BPAO did not attend, although Consulate "observers" were present.

6. Gastronomical Note: No Beef Until February '65

That's what Dr. Oscar da Fontoura, President of the Cattle-Breeders Association, said. Only at that time, he explained, will the animals have reached their optimum

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slaughtering weight. In the meantime, the frozen product from S-o P---o is like manna to the palates of the hungry gaúchos. 290 toneladas of this meat has already been received, with 1,210 to go. It is being placed in Pôrto Alegre outlets at the rate of over 30 toneladas a day.

7. Athletic Note: Sixth Annual Baseball Championship Opens In Pôrto Alegre

To the umpire's terse growl "Pray boru!" Responsible Director Ary de Carvalho of Zero Hora threw in the first ball of this year's championship series between the state's baseball teams, União, Nipon, Kurashiki and Gravataí. Nipon defeated Kurashiki (textile mills) by the close score of 8 to 7, resulting from a ninth inning run, while União defeated Gravataí 11 to 7. In the third game, União was clobbering Kurashiki by 15 to 1 when the contest had to be called on account of darkness.

Although the initiative of bringing baseball to RGS is strictly Japanese, probably due to former Consul General Masao Fujimoto, at least some of the players were Latin-Americans (no Cubans) and the "Nipon" Athletic Society team has a tall Afro-Brazilian center fielder, who is not surprisingly nicknamed "Pelé". The American Consul enjoyed the game but was at a loss as to how to reply to the friendly challenge, iterated by Japanese Consul General Shiro Kondo and reiterated by Mayor Marques Fernandes, to enter an American team in the championship next year. Quiet and Ugly Americans in or near Pôrto Alegre might possibly throw a softball team together, but the existing league is out of their class. Pitcher Honda and catcher Xavier of União are both excellent, and Naito of Kurashiki, a powerful hitter, slugged in two home runs against the otherwise skillful throwing of Suzuki of Nipon.

PSYCHOLOGICAL

1. Foreign Affairs: Under the title "What the Revolution Expects of De Gaulle," Associados' Diário de Notícias allowed that French foreign policy should be conditioned more by Brazil than vice versa. It very coldly observed that "the great obstacle to cooperation, above all in the technical and economic areas, is the ignorance of France regarding what Brazil is." Going on to point out that the most appropriate media to inform France was its press, it remarked very disparagingly that their "brilliant and talented" foreign correspondents mirrored Brazil in its most lurid and sensational aspects. Diário concluded, "the constructive objectives of De Gaulle will be poorly served" unless his people merit being correctly and adequately informed.

2. Domestic Affairs: The same paper devoted the lead editorial in its Sunday edition to foreign aid, governmental and private. It took to task the Brazilians who feel "that the Revolution saved the country, and hence the world, from communism; and that, therefore, the western nations must pay this country in hard money." It lauded the Federation of Industries of Rio Grande do Sul for its previous day's statement: "The hour unquestionably requires self-analysis, intimate and sincere." Recapitulating,

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the editorialist noted: "In synthesis, the western world owes much to the Revolution of March 31. But, it is not going to save Brazil in exchange for the victory over communism. That is for the Brazilians to do." And, he adds, particularly by creating confidence among the private foreign investors.


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