

Convention that was held in Salvador last week, a Declaration of Principles was approved and published.

The Declaration called for freedom of commercial activities and the "debureaucratization" of SUDENE.

It affirmed that retail business helps the Government's anti-inflationary process and is willing to contribute in this effort with its share of sacrifice;

that productivity is the decisive factor in an economy of wellbeing;

that the security and survival of a democratic regime is dependent upon free enterprise and a market economy where production is stimulated by profit and perfected by competition;

that an equitable distribution of national wealth among all those who contribute to its creation constitutes an indisputable factor of social justice and is an indispensable element in a consumers' market, which is a prerequisite of economic development.

It opposed restrictions on installment buying; and

expressed deep concern over the manner in which the infrastructure of the country is functioning and contributing to the high cost of goods and services.

3. President Senghor Visits Salvador.

President Leopold Sedor Senghor of Senegal arrived in Salvador on Monday, the 21st of September and left the following morning for Brasilia. He was cordially but unenthusiastically received. The highlight of the visit was the conference of an honorary degree on President Senghor by the University of Bahia. In his brief speech during this ceremony, the Rector of the University, Miguel Calmon, stated that President Senghor represented a "new Humanism". The President's speech referred to the close links which exist between Africa and Bahia, and mentioned the fact that the University of Dakar has an Iberian-American Institute which teaches Brazilian civilization; and he acknowledged that at the University of Bahia there is an Institute of Afro-Brazilian Studies. The principal theme of his speech was that the Latin civilizations had been greatly enhanced by the values of the Negro civilizations with which they are blended. He invited Bahia to participate in the first World Festival of Negro and Negro-African Arts, which is to take place in Senegal in 1965.

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Governor Lomanto offered a stag dinner to the President and his entourage. Oddly enough, the Consular Corps was not invited to greet the President. This was particularly upsetting to the recently arrived Portuguese Consul.

The A TARDE newspaper commented on President Senghor's idea for an Afro-LusoBrazilian Commonwealth by saying that it was a good idea, but that it could only come about with a spirit of comprehension and good will which, unfortunately, was not present in the attitude of African nations toward Portugal.

4. Application of the Institutional Act.

Some 25 mayors of the newly-formed Union of Bahian Mayors have requested the military command to apply the Institutional Act in all the municipalities of the state. They informed the military authorities that in some ten municipalities the City Councils were arbitrarily attempting to remove mayors from office.

During the week the suggestion to have the Institutional Act incorporated in the State's Constitution was raised in the Legislative Assembly. A bill to this effect, drawn up by Deputy Bolivar Santana (PSD), has been before a special committee of the Assembly for some time.

5. General Mendes Pereira Goes to Recife.

On September 23, General Manoel Mendes Pereira, Commander of the Sixth Military Region, went to Recife for two days of consultation with the Commander of the Fourth Army.

COMMENT: Rumors that General Mendes Pereira will soon be transferred continue to circulate.

6. Sergipe News.

Preliminary budget estimates for 1965 for the state of Sergipe foresee a deficit of nearly one billion cruzeiros. Revenues are expected to amount to Cr6.2 billion in contrast to projected revenues for 1964 of Cr2.7 billion. Actually, revenues for 1964 may reach four billion.

A new Secretariat of Health and Social Welfare is expected to be created in Sergipe. This was proposed during the Seixas Doria administration. Up until now, health and welfare activities have been part of the Secretariat of Education.

Judge Belmiro da Silveira Gois has taken office as President of the State Tribunal.

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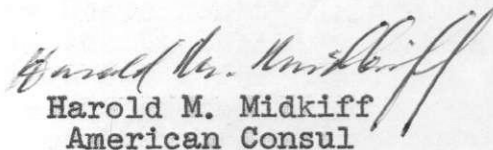
7. Psychological.

Kruschev's announcement of his super-superbomb was viewed as "inopportune" by the JORNAL DA BAHIA; inopportune at any time, but especially now when it would help Goldwater's campaign. Even if it were true, the paper continued, it did not mean Russian superiority because the United States would soon produce the same thing. The DIARIOS ASSOCIADOS pointed out that the United States had never menaced anyone, and that Russia's threats merely underlined the seriousness of the cold war. A TARDE saw it more as a threat to China than to the West.

As the week ended, three-quarter-page advertisements in the papers attempted to "prove" that ex-Mayor Sena was guilty of various financial crimes. The advertisements apparently were paid for by the present Mayor of the municipality. People were unconvinced. The sophisticated realized that his "crimes" were routine and the only way to shortcut dead-hand bureaucracy. The general public said: "so what? At least garbage was collected, streets were repaired and buses ran under Virgildasio."

The slanted headline of the week was in the JORNAL DA BAHIA's Sunday supplement story on the US elections: Goldwater Won't Give Bread and Water to Underdeveloped Nations.

News of the foundation of "LIDER" (Liga Democrática Radical) in Guanabara, and of various efforts to instill a "hard line" in the administration, have been generally welcomed by the press of Bahia.


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