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POLITICAL

1. Lacerda Interview in Jornal da Tarde

On September 9 Jornal da Tarde published an "exclusive three hour interview" with Carlos LACERDA. During the interview, Lacerda summarized the evolution of his political views since 1954, defended Juscelino KUBITSCHKEK, attacked the "authoritarian" laws of CASTELLO BRANCO, described his relations with the military, said what he would do if he were in the Government and gave his opinion on a number of other subjects. Among his more notable statements were "Nobody can stop me on the way to power" and "I have no fear of jail, exile or death... The people will

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take to the streets sooner or later and it's better to go now and demand their right to vote than (to go) later... Now is the time to try a government which works, which has prepared itself to take the country into a situation in which it can aspire to be a democracy." Concerning the military, he said he is trying to convince those who have the same ideals as himself to join him. (UNCL)

Comment: Lacerda's interview has stirred very little reaction either in São Paulo's newspapers or with politicians with whom the ConGen has talked during the week. (UNCL)

2. Frente: Local Reaction Still Negative

São Paulo's newspapers have given much attention to the Frente Ampla, Carlos Lacerda, and Juscelino KUBITSCHKE's questioning by the police, and there is considerable speculation concerning the scheduled arrival of Lacerda and Renato ARCHER in São Paulo on September 15.

Local political observers seem unanimous that Kubitschek's stature rose and that of the Federal Government sank as a result of the ex-president's summons by the police for questioning; however, the prospects in São Paulo for Lacerda and the Frente remain dim. Spokesmen for Mayor FARIA LIMA continue to insist that the only "Front" the Mayor is interested in is the "administrative front". Arnaldo CERDEIRA, President of the São Paulo State ARENA organization, was quoted in Ultima Hora as saying that the present political parties regard the Frente as "a can of worms".

Federal Deputy Oscar Pedroso HORTA (MDB, ex-PTN) a spokesman for ex-President Janio QUADROS, made a public statement September 12 in São Paulo in which he said Quadros would not participate in the "Lacerdist-Juscelinista movement" which he considers to be a "personal subject" of Lacerda which does not interest the Brazilian people. He went on to say that the people have their own ways of manifesting their desires, among which are direct elections and redemocratization of the country, for which "the creation of the Frente Ampla is not necessary".

In private conversations with a ConGen officer, local politicians have confirmed that local ARENA and MDB members have little interest in joining the Frente at this time. One reason is that the Frente program offers nothing different than the present MDB or ARENA, except that it includes Carlos Lacerda and in São Paulo the latter is a negative factor. A second reason

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given to a ConGen officer by local Janista State Deputy Fernando MAURO (MDB, ex-PDC) as well as by State Deputy Antonio Hélio Xavier de MENDONÇA (ARENA, ex-PSP) was that the current efforts on behalf of the Frente are premature because the Federal Government will not permit the Frente to get off the ground and in reaction might take repressive measures which would reduce the amount of political freedom currently permitted. The time for a political offensive for new parties would have to wait perhaps until 1969. Concerning Kubitschek's relationship with Lacerda, Mauro said that Kubitschek told Quadros during their recent meeting that he (Kubitschek) would not support Lacerda for the presidency and that his involvement with the Frente was aimed at preventing Lacerda from having complete control. In supporting his argument that the time is not ripe for the Frente, ARENA Deputy Mendonça complained bitterly to a ConGen officer concerning the present political impotency of civilians in Brazil and said that "If it were not for the impression it would make in your country, the military would no longer even maintain the façade of democratic institutions here". (CONF)

Comment: Given the continued opposition of Faria Lima, Janio Quadros and the local ARENA leadership, it appears doubtful that Lacerda and Archer will be able to attract substantial support for the Frente among local politicians. The lack of interest in the Frente appears to be based on (1) a distrust of Lacerda and (2) the belief that a new political movement under present circumstances has no chance of doing anything constructive; therefore, it will be better to work within the confines of the ARENA and MDB "artificial and temporary" as they may be. (LOU)

3. Mayor Appoints Adhemaristas

On September 13 Mayor Faria Lima's office announced that the Mayor is appointing Miguel SANSIGOLO as Financial Director of COHAB (Municipal Housing Administration) and Reserve General Franco PONTES as Director of the Education and Cultural Center of the industrial suburb of Santo Amaro. Both men are considered by local observers to be Adhemaristas. Sansigolo is a former State Deputy and is known for his close ties to ex-Governor Adhemar de BARROS. General Pontes commanded the Força Publica during Adhemar's administration. (UNCL)

Comment: For some time the Adhemaristas in the Municipal Council have supported the Mayor's administration. Local observers interpret the appointments as another move by the Mayor to broaden his political base. The appointments may also be a sign that the Mayor is moving to a position of increased independence from Janio Quadros. (LOU)

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4. Moscow Mission Returns

The São Paulo State Government mission to Moscow returned on September 11 from its 22 day trip to the USSR, Finland and Switzerland. (Contel 360). During their trip they visited hydro-electric projects. The leader of the mission, Vice Governor Hilario TORLONI, said that "The contacts which the mission made possible were most productive." Torloni said that the Soviet Union would bid on the Ilha Solteira hydro-electric project. Torloni mentioned that the 100 million dollar Soviet-Brazilian loan agreement had not yet been extensively drawn upon by Brazil and could possibly serve as a source of financing. (UNCL)

Comment: The ConGen will attempt to obtain more information concerning what, if any, agreements were made during the trip. (UNCL)

5. Additional Information on Gallup Poll

Additional information on Gallup Poll results reported in WS 36 concerning President COSTA E SILVA, Governor Abreu SODRE and Mayor Faria Lima follows. The poll was taken in July 1967. The size of the sampling was 645 and the "area probability sample" method was used. Complete results for the three men named above are: (1) Costa e Silva: 43 percent of Paulistanos were satisfied with the President's administration, 10 percent were dissatisfied and 47 percent had no opinion; (2) Abreu Sodré: 33 percent satisfied, 30 percent dissatisfied and 37 percent without an opinion; (3) Faria Lima: 87 percent satisfied, 1 percent dissatisfied and 12 percent no opinion. (LOU)

Comment: The ConGen does not believe that Governor Sodré's popularity is as high as 33 percent. (LOU)

6. King of Norway Visits São Paulo

King OLAV V of Norway visited São Paulo September 10 to 12. He was accompanied by his daughter, Princess Ragnhild, as well as the Minister of Industry, the Secretary-General of the Ministry of Foreign Trade of the Norwegian Government, the Norwegian Ambassador to Brazil and a number of aides. The visit was largely ceremonial and appeared to go smoothly. It received wide coverage in the newspapers but otherwise aroused little interest apart from the local Norwegian community. In addition to São Paulo, the King visited Santos and Campinas. Governor Abreu Sodre found sufficient funds in his empty state coffers to give a dinner for 60 guests and a reception for 3,000 people in honor of the King. According to Diario de São Paulo, the dinner alone cost three million old cruzeiros. (UNCL)

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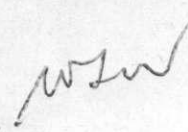
General Harold JOHNSON's remarks in Rio about the circumstances under which U. S. troops might be sent into Latin American countries to maintain security against guerrilla action received wide coverage in São Paulo. An eight-column banner in Diario de São Paulo proclaimed "Americans Ready to Intervene in Any Nation". The text specified that an invitation would be a prerequisite, however. O Estado de São Paulo observed, "The U. S. has a military force larger than that which was in the Dominican Republic ready to respond to a request from any Latin American government for its defense in case of subversion." Folha de São Paulo quoted the General as saying "He does not think that the IAPF is necessary, because the Latin American countries have faced the guerrillas successfully." (UNCL)

8. Coffee Issue Still Perking

Diario de São Paulo lauded the coffee agreement brewed in London saying that the renewal of the accord was possible because "The most influential delegations withdrew from their extreme points of view which would otherwise have prevented any conciliation." It said that in bilateral negotiations "The same spirit that guided our policies in London will undoubtedly prevail in Washington" and predicted that the debate "certainly will not be disrupted by pressure from North American importers and industrialists". A second editorial in the same paper was devoted exclusively to the soluble coffee problem. It praised Brazilian firmness in London and said the Brazilian delegation had proved that it is possible to defend the country's interests "without becoming involved in xenophobic nationalism and without the risk of being labeled anti-American". O Estado said the accord was reasonable from both the producer's and the consumer's points of view and does not ignore the importance of Brazil's position in the world's coffee economy. The paper praised U.S. negotiators for the manner in which they arrived at a satisfactory compromise. (UNCL)

9. Viet Nam Election

Folha de São Paulo criticized the Saigon government for not investigating charges of election fraud and not permitting defeated civilian candidate Dinh Dzu to sound off in the press about alleged vote frauds. The paper said "It is obvious that the ruling military junta's authoritarianism has been preserved intact." The Folha remains convinced that if the civilians had not put up so many candidates they might have won. (UNCL)

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