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President Costa e Silve gave an example of prudence and objectivity in stating that the political horizon is cloudy and that no opening could be tried with realism before certain preliminaries had been concluded.

The revolutionary process is in a phase in which political reformulation is still far away. At the moment to skip stages in order to precipitate the return to normality would certainly lead to an opposite result, with the irritation of the military and the consequent exacerbation of the punitive cycle.

There are clear examples of the caution and insecurity with which the Government is taking furtive steps in the path of politics. A source in the Ministry of Justice, a member of the Minister's Office, leaked the information that a Complementary Edict establishing indirect elections for State Governors in 1970 was being elaborated. This is a measure which is obvious and inevitable as a statement of facts. Well, this brought about an official denial by the Minister.

From the moment in which the President of the Republic refused to receive a Committee of Senators, it became evident that it was not time to restart the conversation. The interruption will have to be longer and marked by reciprocal misunderstanding. There is speculation, and always will be. No such thing as a political vacuum exists.

The concerns of the political classes which have reached the Government are the same, although the solutions are not. However, they must be considered as speculations without a foreseeable duration.

The every-day politics is filled with rumors of decisions which are being prepared within the Government and in an area which cannot be seen through by the curiosity of a class which has been put aside. There have been rumors that lists of cassations are being prepared: an initial list of 47 deputies which has been reduced to less than half for prudence purposes, and between 4 and 7 senators.

One cannot speak of reconstruction when the old and condemned building is still being torn down and no one knows what will be left amongst the ruins.

The denial of Minister Jarbas Passarinho that he has been selected to be the President of ARENA and the leader of the Government in the Senate is a typical sign of the time. The information has come from a so-called official source. The denial only shows the lack of opportunity. Colonel Jarbas Passarinho is still the Minister of Labor of the Government which is preparing a list of cassations. He has not assumed his chair in the Senate yet as the herald of the Government for the task of reconstruction."

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