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SUBJECT : STATE UDN ORGANIZATION SELECTS NEW PRESIDENT

REF :

On the 28th of March, 118 Bahian State UDN representatives voted unanimously for a new slate of state party officers. One hundred and thirty eight representatives had qualified for the convention, but 20 failed to show up. The past Regional President, Antonio Carlos Magalhães, had declined to run for re-election. He could easily have carried the vote had he chosen to run again. The new party officials are as follows:

- President: Vasco Azevedo Filho
- Vice Presidents: Jutahy Borges de Magalhães
and Deolisano Rodrigues de Souza
and Aloysio da Costa Short
- Secretary General: Deoclides Sacramento Neto
- Under Secretary: Carlito Bahia
- Treasurer: Americo Jorge Silva

The new president, Federal Deputy Vasco Azevedo Filho, is a retiring man and is expected to leave most of the running of the state party in the hands of the First Vice President, Jutahy Magalhães, son of Ambassador Juracy Magalhães. One of the resolutions passed by the convention applauded the activities of Ambassador Juracy Magalhães; another expressed solidarity with the government of President Castelo Branco.

In his speech before the convention, Antonio Carlos Magalhães spoke of the efforts he had made to carry the interest of the party forward at the national and state levels, giving emphasis to the role of "Juracy's Team" in the struggle against corruption in the government of João Goulart and the consolidation of the revolutionary movement. He stated that at no time did the

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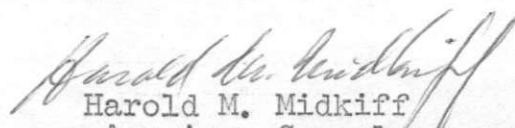
leadership of the Bahian section of the party deviate from the thoughts of Ambassador Juracy Magalhães. The former state president also said that during his period of office the party had received more contributions than at any other time and was enabled to renew its offices, carry on television programs and give greater assistance to the directorates in the interior of the state. Magalhães expressed his thanks to Governor Lomanto for the Governor's courtesy and friendliness, even though the Governor and he diverged frequently in points of view.

The convention praised the leadership of Antonio Carlos Magalhães and accepted his report by acclamation.

COMMENT

There is little doubt that Antonio Carlos Magalhães is the outstanding figure in the local UDN organization. He gave dynamic leadership to the state UDN during his period of office, and will no doubt continue to be one of the most colorful representatives of the party in state and national affairs. There is every indication that he will be selected as the party's candidate for Governor of Bahia in the 1966 elections. He is thoroughly loyal to Juracy Magalhães, who continues to be the dominant UDN figure in Bahia. There was no indication in the convention of a rift within the state party along pro-Lacerda and pro-Juracy lines, although it is known that some party members have pro-Lacerda sympathies.

While one State Deputy, José Candido, declared his unwillingness to support the party's collaboration with the Lomanto Junior administration, the UDN is expected to remain one of the principal elements in the coalition backing Governor Lomanto in the Legislative Assembly.


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