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## SUMMARY

This airgram gives a capsule report on the local angles of the Federal Government's "black list" and the State Government's "purge" to date. The list of unseated politicians is moderate, under the circumstances; so much so that it is making the "hard-line" revolutionaries very unhappy. A list of the black-listed figures is enclosed, with comments on each. Governor Adhemar de BARROS' "purge", on the other hand, has been more open to criticism. It has hurt innocents and missed most important Communists.

### The "Black List".

Enclosed is a list of Paulistas who have been removed from public office and/or had political rights suspended by the new Government of Brazil. This summarizes information previously given in Weekly Summaries. Probably many minor personages, such as civil servants, will still be affected

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by the clean-up, and it remains possible to take action against major political figures through court trial or impeachment. On June 15, however, Article 10 of the revolutionary "Institutional Act" expired, ending the possibility of taking punitive action by simple decree. The São Paulo public therefore assumes that the "clean-up" of major figures is all but over. This belief appears to have brought a sense of relief to the public in general and, much more poignantly, to a number of extreme-leftist or venal politicians who had incorrectly assumed that their days in office were up. There are several such cases in the State Legislative Assembly, the São Paulo Municipal Chamber, and probably in the "interior" municipalities. (The revolution was more thorough in its action against São Paulo Federal Deputies, although some considered venal remain in office.)

Local opinion toward the revolution is so divided, however, that not everyone can be made happy. The "hard-line" group was pleased last week by KUBITSCHKE's unseating and by preliminary indications that corruption would be punished as severely as communism, but this group is now vocally unhappy -- and its opinion is very important. It assumes that there was simply not time to get the goods on all who deserved to be removed from political office. This was exactly what exponents of the hard line had feared when they argued for extension of the June 15 deadline. President CASTELLO BRANCO's failure to crack down harder has attracted the only strong public criticism yet heard from the "hard-line" revolutionaries.

Probably the important task at the moment is to report the reaction of the different local groups, not to pass on the validity of these reactions. It may be presumptuous to make a judgment on the basis of the limited information available. Nevertheless, for what it is worth, and assuming that the Government survives the "hard-line" fury, the Consulate General suspects that the tight deadline may have been providential. Some objectionable persons undoubtedly were spared. (Political survival of Senator José Ermírio de MORAES, for example, is

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