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Deputy Carneiro in speaking about Parana believes that Governor Braga's vacillations on national issues and his recent support of President Goulart will cost him UDN support and that the Governor will move leftward against his own democratic convictions to gain support for his candidacy for vice-president or president. The Deputy evaluated the presidential aspirations of Senator Kubitschek and Governor Lacerda and gives the former the election if there are only two candidates and the latter first place if three or more run. He believes that Kubitschek's party (PSD) will split and part will support Lacerda. According to the Deputy, Governor Adhemar de Barros has eliminated himself from the race and is throwing his support to Lacerda. The Deputy commented that the military members of the present cabinet are more likely to form a smooth working team. He believes that intrigue was the sole basis for the selection of Senator Amaury Oliveira e Silva as Minister of Labor in order to remove him from the gubernatorial race in Parana and thus give Gen. Albino Silva a free hand. He believes that Governor Arrais is intriguing to eliminate any vice presidential competition from Ceara and Rio Grande do Norte. He also discounts any conflict or rift between President Goulart and Deputy Brizola. The Deputy has no admiration for the President.

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Deputy Carneiro called on the Consul on June 24 to discuss a trip he is taking to consult on several agenda items with various national representatives of the Inter American Parliamentary Union.

Deputy Carneiro, a recently elected Vice President of the National Democratic Union Party (UDN), continues to play a prominent part in his party's affairs on the state level.

During the prolonged conversation, the Deputy spoke in his usual frank and confidential manner about national and Parana state politics.

Parana

Concerning Parana, he stated that the split between Governor Ney Braga and the state Brazilian Labor Party (PTB) was not as momentous or significant as appearances would lead one to believe. In April, Governor Ney Braga with great fanfare stated that as far as he was concerned the PTB was no longer a member of his coalition government. However, the Governor has in recent weeks switched his public allegiance to President Goulart. As a result of this, Deputy Carneiro stated that the Parana state PTB has been ordered by the President to let up on its attacks on Governor Braga.

In a conversation last week with Governor Braga, for whom he actively campaigned, he asked the Governor about his volte-face regarding President Goulart. Governor Braga is reported to have stated that he decided to support the President because he has high hopes of receiving the financial assistance promised Parana for highways, the port of Paranagua, electrification and agriculture which should amount to several billion cruzeiros. (The June 26 newspapers printed an item that the DNER had fulfilled its promise to give Parana 200 million cruzeiros to help construct the new highway linking Curitiba with the port of Paranagua). The Governor stated that he is putting Parana above his own political aspirations.

Concerning Governor Braga's candidacy for the presidency or vice-presidency, the Deputy stated that presidential candidate Kubitschek has reportedly indicated a desire to have the Governor as his running mate. If the Governor turns this down there is little likelihood that he will find another running mate. He believes that Governor Braga has no chance to be elected president much as he would like to be. The Governor's party, the Christian Democrat Party (PDC), does not have the electoral strength to elect him. Thus a coalition would be required and the principal parties would not form a coalition to back him as president. They might

for the second position. The Deputy stated that Governor Braga acknowledged to him that the 1964 elections are critical for his career. If he doesn't take this opportunity to run in 1964, he knows that he will not have another chance. His chances for second place are also limited. If the presidential candidate is a candidate from the north or Minas Gerais he is usually allied with a running mate from the south.

The Deputy stated that the Parana UDN has decided to break its coalition with the PDC because of the vacillation shown by Governor Braga in national questions and his attempts to maintain relations with the left. The break will not be made until the Curitiba municipal elections when the UDN will not support the PDC candidate or enter into a coalition to elect certain candidates. The Deputy and other leaders of his party are completely disillusioned with Governor Braga. The Deputy believes that the Governor, although a person of democratic orientation, does not have the conviction of his principles when it comes to his own political future and will make undemocratic liaisons in order to further his career.

National Scene

Concerning presidential candidates, Deputy Carneiro stated that the UDN hierarchy was surprised to see Finance Minister San Tiago Dantas lose favor with President Goulart since they were about convinced that the Minister was being groomed to be the heir apparent. They are now inclined to believe that perhaps Carvalho Pinto, the new Finance Minister, may be designated heir apparent. Deputy Carneiro stated that the PTB has no likely candidate for the presidency at present and will either have to convince a prominent person to run in their party or they will have to form a coalition with perhaps the PSD and/or the PDC.

The Deputy believes that Senator Kubitschek has an excellent chance to win the presidency if the PSD and the UDN are the only two parties with presidential candidates in the race. However, should the PTB run its own candidate, then he believes that Governor Lacerda (UDN) will win. He believes that the solidarity of the PSD is cracking since there is a large segment led by such men as Olavo Fontoura of Sao Paulo who do not favor the leftward leaning of Kubitschek and are supporting the candidacy of Governor Lacerda. Mr. Fontoura is actively participating in Lacerda's campaign.

Lacerda, according to the Deputy, has a very good chance to be elected if more than two men run for president. Deputy Carneiro

was in Sao Paulo last week and received assurances that Governor Adhemar de Barros of Sao Paulo is supporting Lacerda. He stated that de Barros now believes that he launched his campaign prematurely and is thereby being "squeezed" by the federal administration. This rapprochement between the two governors augurs well for UDN chances to win the election. Governor de Barros is apparently not even seeking second place on the ticket according to the Deputy. The Deputy had no positive ideas on a running mate for Lacerda. He was sure that it would not be Governor Magalhaes Pinto of Minas Gerais or Governor Ney Braga. He believed that it would have to be some other Mineiro than the Governor or someone from the Northeast.

The Deputy made an interesting observation about Governor Miguel Arrais of Pernambuco. He stated that Governor Arrais has not at all forsaken his leftist inclinations and in an effort to block any vice presidential aspirants from Ceara or Rio Grande do Norte, he proposed several months ago that states could not deal directly with foreign governments for aid. When he was reportedly informed that he was on weak ground, he successfully induced the new Minister of Justice, Abelardo Jurema, through President Goulart, to propound this idea.

The Deputy then discussed the new cabinet and observed that President Goulart may have made a serious mistake in selecting General Jair Dantas Ribeiro as Minister of War. He believes that the General is a strong person who will dominate his two colleagues heading up the ministries of Air and Navy. Instead of the dissension and lack of unity existing among their predecessors, these three will work as a team.

The Deputy stated that he met Senator Amaury Oliveira e Silva in Brasilia shortly after his designation as Minister of Labor. Deputy Carneiro told him that he would have to offer condolences rather than congratulations because the Senator had been neatly sabotaged. The new minister asked for clarification and Deputy Carneiro told him that this was a put-up job by General Albino Silva and President Goulart to get the Senator out of the race for governor of Parana. Minister Silva had made great progress in establishing his candidacy over that of Gen. Silva, who after a visit to Parana several months ago, decided not to oppose the Minister. As Minister of Labor, his chances to project himself in a favorable light in Parana were diminished whereas Gen. Silva as head of Petrobras now has a much better chance through his ability to help the state. This line of reasoning is reported to have had a sobering effect on the Minister who really wants the governorship and is considered to have a good chance to win it in 1964.

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This intrigue led the Deputy to talk of other intrigues of President Goulart. He said the President is a man not fit for the position and is one who rules on intrigue. He cited the relationship between the President and Deputy Brizola. He claims that the removal of San Tiago Dantas and General Amauri Kruehl was the direct result of such intrigue. He has information, which he considers to be highly reliable, that the Goulart-Brizola combination is based on very solid grounds. Brizola's wife is allegedly the favorite sister of the President and thus no serious divergence between the brother and sister and her husband will ever materialize. The Deputy also cited the viciousness of this pair in planting the rumor that San Tiago Dantas is very ill with cancer so as to eliminate him from public service. The Deputy stated that Dantas had recently faced a six hour session with legislators during which he remained unseated and showed no weakness in the give and take. This would, it seemed to him, belie any rumor of mortal illness.

The Deputy concluded his remarks with the statement that this new cabinet is a temporary one at best and that Carvalho Pinto will do an excellent job as long as he is permitted to do so by the President and his family.

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