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1. Santo's port workers called strike evening September 1 in sympathy nurses strike that city. Elatantly Communist Pact of Unity and Action (PUA) met September 2, decided to give GOB 24 hour period in which to "normalize" strike situation. PUA threatens nation-wide general strike if demands not met. While CGT has not clearly defined position, ONI President Clodsmidt Riani has indicated that he not disposed to go along such general strike. Sao Paulo Governor Adhemar de Barros conferred with Second Army Commander Peri Bevilaqua. According to press, General Bevilaqua has taken strong stand against strike; Second Army forces occupied key positions (including refineries) evening September 2, reportedly arresting up to 500 strike leaders.

Sao Paulo labor officer reports September 3 that strike has effectively closed down port with army forces occupying union headquarters. Governor de Barros charging arrested leaders with violation provisions national security law, making this appear more serious than past labor arrests. However, Embassy doubts that general strike will grow out of issue.

GOB reaction publicly confined to presence Labor Minister Amauri Silva in Santos (reportedly at Bouliant's request) and statements by Justice Minister Jurema, quoted JORNAL DO BRASLI as having promised that GOB will take "appropriate measures within stipulated time limit set forth by union leaders". This indication GOB acquiescence to demands of strike's organizers raises question possible complicity in strike.

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