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SUBJECT: CGT and National Resistance Movement Manifestos

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The following manifesto of the CGT was published in the Jornal do Brasil of October 6, 1963 :

The General Command of Workers (CGT), in view of the political situation created by enemies of the people headed by the governors of São Paulo and Guanabara and representatives of foreign trusts whose aim is to lead the country to a reactionary dictatorship, declares :

1 - We are in principle against the state of siege, because we believe that the maintenance of democratic freedom is necessary in the fight against the enemies of Brazil and the interests of the people ;

2 - We repeat our total support of the measures which the government may take against the conspiring groups linked to foreign interests and headed by governors Ademar de Barros and Carlos Lacerda, already denounced by the military ministers ;

3 - We reaffirm that the workers and the people are fighting for the reforms which may save the country from the present status of misery and difficulties ;

4 - What the people and the workers demand and fight for are concrete measures against the large estate owners and imperialists and their internal agents. We demand measures against inflation and the high cost of living, and the other reforms which have been mentioned in our program;

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5 - For the realization of these measures and the defense of democratic freedom, for the right to hold meetings, and the free expression of thought, we advise all workers and their syndical organizations to keep alert and watchful and ready to follow any orders of the CGT.

The General Command of Workers conscious of the importance of the unity of all democratic forces,-- workers, rural people, students, military, intellectuals and other patriots -- appeal to the workers and the people in general to fight against the enemies linked with national and international financial groups and to fight for the reforms and for the maintenance of freedom and progress in the country.

Comment : The CGT manifesto which was watered down by the words "in principle", shows the affects of the Janguistas in the CGT. The completely communistic PUA-CPOS came out hard against the state of siege. According to the press, many labor leaders (undesigned) were condemning the CGT manifesto for its weak position.

National Resistance Movement Manifesto : The only other manifesto in support of the siege issue, was that issued by the Resistência Nacional (National Resistance Movement). Their "manifesto" published in the Monday, October 7 Ultima Hora and signed by UST president Domingos Alvarez (who signed in the capacity as president of the São Paulo Federation of Metalurgical, Electrical and Mechanical Workers) and Olavo Previatti, president of the São Paulo Federation of Paper Industry Workers. The group "manifests its integral solidarity to the word of the military chiefs soliciting the President for constitutional solution to current crises through....state of siege."

Comment : It is interesting to note, that Domingos Alvarez whose prestige both in São Paulo and nationally has dimished after the crushing defeat the Alvarez-backed non-Communist opposition has suffered at the hands of the Communists in the recent metalworkers elections in the São Paulo area.

Alvarez definitely has been in Goulart's camp and may be hoping for financial assistance through the Resistance Movement, in as much as it has been reported that the UST is not receiving any financial support from the government.

Olavo Previatti, who also signed the manifesto appears to have one foot in the UST camp and one foot in the MSD. He has stated publicly

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that he is interested in being a candidate for CNTI President in the coming elections (possibly in November), which may explain why he is going along with the manifesto at this time.

The Resistência Nacional (National Resistance Movement), a new political movement has been organized recently with its base in São Paulo supposedly with the goal of maintaining the democratic liberties and to fight against leftist and rightists. It is being organized with a National Board, and hopes to have state secretariats working in congress, unions, student and industrial areas. Antonio Pereira Magaldi, president of the MSD and Domingues Alvarez, have been meeting together and appear to have joined this organization.

This new group is being organized by Professor Joaquim Canuto Medes de Almeida, who is reported to be a friend of the President of the Republic.

An authentic source indicates that the New Resistance Movement is being partially financed by industrialists.

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