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1. News correspondent source told us following late afternoon March 27. Before Navy rebels left site of Metal Workers Union today, Goulart promised that all would be released at 1800 hours today with general amnesty and no reprisals. Before group vacated hall, Oswaldo Pacheco addressed them in inflammatory speech stating he warned Goulart that if he backed down on promise of amnesty CGT would march together with sailors and marines. Same source reported that Navy Minister's resignation had been accepted (after Goulart wavered under strong Navy pressure to keep Motta in office). This report now confirmed by other sources. Admiral Paulo Maria Pinto Rodrigues Da Costa (reportedly member of Supreme Military Tribunal) named to replace him.

2. Brizola reportedly arrived Rio from Rio Grande Do Sul around mid-day; now reportedly in conference with Aragao.

3. Details of Iiha das chfras* incident this morning reported as follows: Group of perhaps 500 marines and navy enlisted men jumped-ship with determination to join rebels. Officers tried to dissuade group without success. Officers then opened fire, shooting over heads of enlisted men. Three enlisted men wounded in fracas.

/4. Results

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4. Results of expected meeting at Navy Ministry to DEL with disciplinary measures not known. However, if amnesty report is true (we unable to confirm at this time), it would appear that attempt will be made to resolve issue without punishing participants.

5. Embassy has received incomplete reports of possible partial press censorship. AP and UPI both report that they received word from National Telecommunications Council (CONTEL) that only official GOB comminques could be filed. France Presse has not received call, but aware of order. Reuters cannot be reached. TIME Magazine correspondent says he is filing stories but "being careful".

6. We believe that motive behind censorship was desire to restrict sensational reporting of this morning's events. City calm; noticeably depopulated by Easter egress.

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