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who claims "US officials were stunned yesterday by the action of the Castello Branco regime in suspending its experiment in democratic rule". In only editorial reaction to date, Times describes Castello Branco's action as "decisive and immoderate" and states that though the president could have "attempted to placate democratic opposition he elected instead to accept the dictates of the extremists".

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