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Newspapers presently carrying rumors that Supreme Court Justices Hermes Lima and Evandro Lins will have their political rights suspended on basis they and Senator Afonso Arinos had contributed to foreign policy that endangered national security. Civil Household Chief Luis Viana, however, told Chief Justice Supreme Court Ribeiro da Costa June 8 at Embassy dinner that extreme elements who advocated this had been "contained". Viana Queriad da Costa on his choice if given option between cutting two members out of Court or packing it with up to four more members. Ribeiro da Costa held that packing Court could not be justified in terms of need since Court's work is up-to-date. On other choice he replied: "It would be better fire whole Court than to mutilate it." He intimated he and other judges would not like to serve in "mutilated" court.

Comment: From this conversation it appears that Castello Branco's administration had decided to avoid purge of Supreme Court and instead to pack it and thus dilute influence two known leftists in Court.

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