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1. The Pernambuco State Assembly conferred the title of Citizen of Pernambuco upon Archbishop Dom Helder Camara on September 25. The action, which was suggested by MDB floor leader, Geraldo Pinho Alves, followed the example set earlier this month by the Recife City Council in making the Archbishop a Citizen of Recife. In attendance at the Assembly ceremony were city and state officials, military officers (including Fourth Army commander, General Souza Aguiar), students, friends and relatives of Dom Helder's.

2. In his acceptance speech, the Archbishop strongly supported both Brazilian nationalism (his remarks were liberally sprinkled with historical references to Brazilian patriots and their struggles for independence) and Brazil's independent nuclear policy. He attacked the United States and the Soviet Union as "super-powers," disinterested in the developing world except to further their own ends. He dismissed foreign aid as being "illusory and counterproductive" saying that it has reached the ridiculous point in which the recipient nations are the ones who are helping and the donors, the ones really receiving the benefits.

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