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RIO 250 FROM BRASILIA

BILL REGULATING ELECTION OF PRESIDENT BY CONGRESS (COURTEL 144)
WAS INTRODUCED IN SENATE THIS AFTERNOON AND GIVEN "SPECIAL
URGENCY" WHICH COULD MEAN ITS PASSAGE BOTH HOUSES WITHIN 48 HOURS.
ACTION ON BILL IS EXPECTED TO BE RAPID DUE TO WORD PASSED IN
CONGRESS EARLY TODAY BY AURO MOURA ANDRADE THAT "REVOLUTIONARY
COUNCIL" CONSISTING OF GOVERNORS AND GENERALS WILL SHORTLY
DECREE "INSTITUTIONAL ACT" WHICH WOULD CANCEL
IMMUNITIES OF ALL LEGISLATORS THEREBY OPENING SOME OF THEM TO
PROSECUTION ON SECURITY GROUNDS, CANCEL PERMANENT TENURE OF
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UNIVERSITY PROFESSORS AND JUDGES (THIS EVIDENTLY AIMED AT
SUPREME COURT JUSTICES EVANDRO LINS AND HERMES LIMA, AND OTHER
GOULART APPOINTEES) FREEZE ASSETS OF ANYONE ACCUSED BY
REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL. CONSERVATIVE CONGRESSIONAL LEADERS
INCLUDING UDN CHAMBER LEADER ADAUTO CARDOSO AND ULYSSES GUIMARAES
OF PSD PRIVATELY EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER THREAT TO DEMOCRATIC
PROCEDURES IMPLICIT IN SUCH A DECREE. THEY PLAN TO MEET WITH
PRESIDENT MAZZILLI TONIGHT TO CONSIDER CONGRESSIONAL TACTICS,
ONE OF WHICH WOULD BE RAPID ELECTION NEW PRESIDENT. ONCE PRESIDENT
INSTALLED, "REVOLUTIONARY PERIOD" WOULD BE OVER AND PREISDENT'S
AUTHORIITY WOULD BE SUPERIOR TO THAT OF REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL.
IT MAY BE THAT THREAT OF INSTITUTIONAL ACT IS DESIGNED TO
DISCOURAGE CONGRESS FROM DRAGGING ITS FEET ON PRESIDENTIAL
ELECTION. SOME OBSERVERS, INCLUDING JORNAL DO BRASIL'S CARLOS
CASTELLO BRANCO BELIEVE INTENT GOES BEYOND MERE EXPEDITING OF
ELECTION AND IS INTENDED TO PURGE COMMUNISTS AND LEFTISTS WHILE
REVOLUTION IS STILL HOT. GP-3. DEAN
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