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FIRST OF MAZZILLI'S MINISTERIAL CHOICES WAS SWORN IN 11:30 A.M. AT PLANALTO. NEW MINISTER OF EDUCATION GAMA E SILVA HAD BEEN RECTOR OF UNIVERSITY OF SAO PAULO. MAZZILLI IN BRIEF SPEECH TO AUDIENCE OF ABOUT 100 AT CEREMONY SAID HE WAS FULFILLING REQUIREMENTS OF HIS QUOTE TRANSITORY UNQUOTE GOVERNMENT. AT PRESS INTERVIEW AFTER CEREMONY, GAMA E SILVA SAID HE WAS NOT PLANNING ANY PROGRAMS SINCE HIS TIME IN OFFICE WOULD BE TOO SHORT.

CONSIDERABLE PRESSURE IS BUILDING UP FOR EARLY ELECTION (NEXT WEEK) OF SEMI-PERMANENT PRESIDENT TO SERVE UNTIL JANUARY 31, 1966, BUT MAZZILLI ADVISOR TOLD EMBOFF THIS MAY REQUIRE AMENDMENT CONSTITUTION WHICH IN ARTICLE 79 SAYS "THE ELECTION SHALL BE HELD 30 DAYS AFTER THE VACANCY." ARGUING IN FAVOR OF EARLY ELECTION IS FEAR OF DEVELOPMENT OF DANGEROUS DISSENSION AMONG POWERFUL GOVERNORS WHO PLAYED IMPORTANT ROLE IN GOULART DOWNFALL, I.E., MAGALHAES PINTO, ADHEMAR, LACERDA.

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