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According to talk in halls of Congress, presidential message requesting state of seige expected this afternoon. Most Congressmen and party leaders withholding opinions pending indication nature of state of seige to be requested. Some believe it will be limited in effect, although country-wide in application. Opinions as to chances of Congressional approval vary widely between belief of ULTIMA HORA correspondent Flavio Tavares, that measure will not pass and that of Fernando Pedreira, of O ESTADO DE SAO PAULO, who is reasonably sure of its passage. Generally agreed in Congress that military favor this measure to restore order in armed forces, as well as peace in nation in aftermath Lacerda interview and in face general strike threat. Marshal Lott being mentioned as probably state of seige executor.

Leftist Frente Parlamentar Nacionalista, although composed mainly of President's own party, reportedly will oppose granting state of seige since they fear that the additional powers that would thus be granted to military would soon be turned against left. UDN expected to oppose and some opposition noted in PSD.

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However, center and right, while naturally opposed to granting Goulart request, might be persuaded if assured that 1) it is the military--and not Goulart alone--that is requesting seige; 2) if the powers requested are not overly severe.

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