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while throwing a fright into his balky Assembly. Judging from the venomous reactions of the press, Adhemar's ploy may have backfired. (LOU)

2. Just an Innocent Party?

Last Saturday prominent military "hard-liners" gathered in Sao Paulo for a party to honor Marshals Eurico DUTRA and Odilio DENYS, General ANCHIETA PAZ and Colonel CHAVES. Attending the party were such notables as Admiral Silvio HECK and Generals Carlos Luiz GUEDES and Dalysio MENNA BARRETO. The press observed that one of the guests, Armando de FIGUEIREDO, Commander of the Sao Paulo State Civil Police, stationed some of his men at the entrance of the apartment house where the party took place.

Admiral Heck utilized the occasion to reveal that he was putting finishing touches on a lengthy manifesto containing severe but "constructive" criticisms of the Government. Usually reliable press sources also reported that he exhibited "profound" personal resentment against President Castello Branco, charging that the President vetoed his return to active duty and sought to ruin not only his career but also the careers of his sons. The Admiral advanced the theory that two Brazilian Revolutions occurred last year, one on March 31 which "we" made, and one on April 1 which "they" made. Contrasting himself and the President, he stated that on March 31 "I conspired, struggled for the advent of new times, and risked my life. But the President, without doubt, is a figure representative of the movement of April 1." While in the city, Admiral Heck supposedly was in contact with key leaders of groups which organized the Sao Paulo March of the Family with God for Liberty. (UNCL)

Comment: While this may have been a simple get-together of old military cronies, the event has attracted considerable local attention and has aroused dark conjectures. The question reportedly circulating is: "What are they up to?" (LOU)

3. UDN Nominates Levy

At a special state convention on April 10, 1965 (WS 12), the Sao Paulo UDN formally nominated Federal Deputy Herbert LEVY as its candidate for Governor in the October 1966 elections. His nomination was by acclamation. In his acceptance speech Levy, often critical of aspects of the Federal Government's agricultural and economic policies, strongly reaffirmed his position as a Revolutionary, even though the "Revolution has not yet attracted popular sympathies". He reserved the right, however, "to point out errors which unnecessarily make the Government unpopular and retard efforts to stabilize the cost of living". With customary energy he has already begun his campaign in the interior of the State. Nominee Levy staunchly supports the presidential candidacy of Carlos LACERDA. (UNCL)