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June 11 marks the 100th anniversary of the Battle of Riachuelo in which the Paraguayan Navy was defeated by the Brazilian Navy in conjunction with a small Argentine naval force.

Major ships of the Brazilian Navy as well as seven foreign warships, most of which have spent the entire week here, will be reviewed by President Castello Branco, who will pass down the line of anchored warships in Rio's Guanabara Bay. A 21-gun salute will be given by all ships on signal.

The following countries are represented by ships as noted: Argentina by cruiser LA ARGENTINA; Chile by destroyer ALMIRANTE WILLIAMS; Spain by frigate VICENTE YANES PINZON; England by frigate JAGUAR, Italy by cruiser CAI DUILIO; the Netherlands by cruiser DE ZEVEN PROVINCIE; and Portugal by training ship SAGRES.

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Comment: Uruguay was to have sent the escort destroyer URUGUAY but cancelled the visit suddenly about June 4. This cancellation is said to be due to Uruguay's need to use the ship to transport gold bullion to the U. S., rather than due, as first surmised, to the Uruguayan internal situation and/or the recent strain in Brazilian-Uruguayan relations. (CONFIDENTIAL)

14. Air Force

Tenete Brigadeiro Armando Perdigão, Director of Personnel for the Brazilian Air Force, was recently appointed a Justice of the Supreme Military Tribunal and thus created a vacancy in the highest active duty rank of the BAF. Major Brig. Nelson Freire Lavenere Wanderley, Director of Civil Aeronautics, has been promoted to four-star rank to fill the vacancy. Wanderley, Air Minister from April 20, 1964, to December 15, 1964, will go to the Paris air show as an unofficial observer. Maj. Brig. Oswaldo Balloussier, Director of Materiel, will be the official BAF Delegate to the air show. (UNCLASSIFIED)

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