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SUBJECT: Recent Speeches by High Officials Referring to the Internal Communist Threat, and to Brazil's International Obligations.

On December 14, 1951, General Cyro Espirito Santo Cardoso, Chief of the President's Military Household, made strong reference to the internal threat from Communism in an address at the Military Academy at Agulhas Negras attended by the President, the Vice President and the Minister of War. On December 17, Foreign Minister Joao Neves da Fontoura made like references to the threat to Brazil by internal enemies in a brief speech to the Guards Battalion at an Itamaraty luncheon. On December 20, the Commandant of the Army Staff School, speaking at the graduation exercises of that institution, made passing mention of Brazil's international obligations. And, on December 22, the Commandant of the War College, in a vigorous address to the graduating class, called for greater awareness of Brazil's world responsibilities.

General Cardoso called upon the cadets to whom he spoke to unite as loyal fighters against "the enemies of the Fatherland, [who] conspire, try to entrench themselves in key positions, and spread themselves through the interior in evil groups of penetration." He called them "red" and said, "they make their plans, confident of our inaction; they mobilize and they foment disunion among us in order that they may be more successful."

The Foreign Minister spoke of the naturally close relationship between military men and diplomats, and of Brazil's traditional loyalty to its commitments. He also emphasized Brazil's internal problems, saying, "...the enemy of today is not far from the frontiers, but within them, spying, intriguing in the barracks and factories, conspiring in the schools and even in the homes, dissimulating in legal processes, unfaithful in its methods, trying to corrupt everything, including the feeling of devotion to the Fatherland."

General Jose Daudt Fabricio, Commander of the Army Staff School, devoted the greater part of his address to the background and work of the School, but also took the opportunity to point out that Brazil must prepare itself for any possible outcome of its commitments to the principle of collective security and to state that "in the present world there is no place for neutrals."

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