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General Osvaldo Cordeiro de Farias, Commander of the War College, lamented the general ignorance in Brazil of the work of the United Nations and of Brazil's rights and obligations with respect to it; said that the people must be informed of the full meaning of the United Nations, of the significance of the split between the East and the West, and of the true motives and methods of those subject to the directives of Russia; warned of the threat of decay of Brazil's internal defenses through Communist infiltration; and concluded that this is the hour of decision, when those who are indifferent or neutral will be lost. He added that he was sure that when the Brazilian people were well informed they would, without doubt, wish to work through the United Nations on the side of the democratic countries and that they would join him in saying that, "no matter how obviously full of sacrifices the missions that befall us, we will fulfill them, satisfied and proud of the gift that destiny grants us of being able to try to make happy the generations which must follow us in this pleasant land in which we were born." General Cordeiro de Farias' speech constituted a vigorous call for greater awareness in Brazil of the international situation, of the role of the United Nations and of the obligations which Brazil should accept on the world scene, no matter what the sacrifices. The ceremony at which he made his address was attended by President Vargas and other high civil and military authorities. Brigadeiro Eduardo Gomes was a member of the graduating class.

General press reaction - with the exception of that from such newspapers as Imprensa Popular, O Popular and O Mundo - to the above-mentioned speeches, and especially to the last-mentioned one, has been favorable; and O Globo of December 24, 1951 published very complimentary comments on General Cordeiro de Farias' address attributed to Generals Caiado de Castro, Candido Caldas, Agra Lacerda, Juarez Tavora, Milton de Freitas Almeida, Newton Cavalcanti, and Alcides Etchegoyen.

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Enclosures: 4

- 1 - Translation of portions of General Cyro Santo Cardoso's address of December 14, 1951.
- 2 - Translation of Foreign Minister Neves da Fontoura's address of December 17, 1951.
- 3 - Translation of portions of General Daudt Fabricio's speech of December 20, 1951.
- 4 - Translation of portions of General Cordeiro de Farias' speech of December 22, 1951.

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