

AIR FORCE APPOINTMENT--Air Minister Lt Gen Joelmir Campos de Anaripe Macedo yesterday signed an order relieving Air Colonel Onofre Ramos for service reasons from the post of Subcommandant of the 4th Air Zone, and naming Air Colonel Osorio Medeiros Cavalcanti to replace him. [Rio de Janeiro O GLOBO in Portuguese 11 Feb 72 p 2 X]

ITAMARATI OFFICES--In his first meeting with President Medici after the carnival, Foreign Minister Mario Gibson Barboza will present the decrees establishing the first four branch offices of Itamarati in the states as part of the plan to support for national enterprises operating in the foreign market. The four branches, to be set up in Recife, Salvador, Porto Alegre and Sao Paulo, will be headed by career diplomats and will be empowered to act in the area of trade promotion, technical cooperation, and cultural dissemination. Beginning in September, the Itamarati office in Guanabara will be transformed into a branch with functions identical to the other branches. At a later date a similar branch office will be opened in Manaus. [Rio de Janeiro O GLOBO in Portuguese 11 Feb 72 p 9 X]

TALKS WITH CZECHOSLOVAKIA--The minister of mines and energy received an official invitation to visit to Czechoslovakia for negotiations having in view the signing of an agreement for the exchange of iron ore for power equipment. The deal may amount to \$50 million. Initial contacts have been held between the Czechoslovak Embassy and the Ministry of Mines and Energy. It is very likely that Mr Dias Leite will accept the invitation and conclude the agreement this year in Prague. [Rio de Janeiro O GLOBO in Portuguese 11 Feb 72 p 11 X]

SHIPBUILDING INDUSTRY--On the basis of studies which have just been prepared by SUNAMAM, the minister of finance will issue an order within the next few days establishing special procedures for the exporting of ships, providing necessary conditions so that the industry may compete in the world market. Inasmuch as the large national shipyards have committed their entire production capacity to the national shipbuilding plan, negotiations for the sale of ships in the foreign market will concentrate on small and medium displacement ships, up to 25,000 dwt. Such orders could be handled immediately by the medium-sized shipyards. [Rio de Janeiro O GLOBO in Portuguese 11 Feb 72 p 14 X]

NAVAL, MILITARY CHANGES--Brasilia--Vice Admiral Jose Uzeda de Oliveira yesterday was appointed Commander in Chief of the Fleet. He will be replaced as commandant of the 1st Naval District by Vice Admiral Geraldo Azevedo Henning, who was relieved as commandant of the 2d Naval District. The president of the republic made other changes in the naval command: appointing as Director General of Materiel Fleet Admiral Otavio Jose Sampaio Fernandes, who was relieved as Commander in Chief of the Fleet. The president also relieved Fleet Admiral Antonio Borges de Silveira Lobo as chief of the Navy General Staff and commandant of naval operations, and appointed Fleet Admiral Francisco Augusto Simas de Alcantara to replace him. Various army commands were also changed by decrees issued by President Medici: Major General Augusto Jose Presgrave was named commander of the 2d Division, and relieved as commander of the 2d Infantry Division. [Rio de Janeiro O GLOBO in Portuguese 9 Feb 72 p 2 X]

SOVIET TOURISTS--The Soviet ship Tara Shchevensko arrives in Rio on the 13th carrying 700 tourists who boarded in the port of Rostock, East Germany. It is the first time this ship has come here. The ship will serve as a hotel for its passengers during the carnival. [Rio de Janeiro O GLOBO in Portuguese 9 Feb 72 p 5 X]

GOULART DENIAL--Montevideo, 27 Jan--Former Brazilian president Joao Goulart has denied a report that he is trying to return to Brazil. Goulart allegedly has done well in Uruguay, but his poor health is said to indicate need for a return to his country. Also he is reported concerned because his sons speak Spanish better than Portuguese. Goulart denied these reports and says does not want to hear anything of Brazil for the present. [Buenos Aires ANSA in Spanish 2138 GMT 27 Jan 72 P--FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY]

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