

Attache Comment:

It is fairly hard to explain the above action in face of that reported in reference (b), which concerns the retirement of all Armed Forces personnel affiliated with anti-democratic parties or institutions. It is stated also in reference (b), that Integralists feel that they too will soon fall victim to the decree, but the Navy's action might possibly indicate that such will not be the case, at least until the Communist threat is removed; Communist claims that the government has become pro-Integralist may possibly bear some truth. It seems evident that they don't consider the Popular Representation Party anti-democratic. Reference (c) stated that the Integralists were allowed to return to Brazil possibly as a counter-balance on the growing Communist strength. Recently the Communist party has been concentrating on the economic plight of the enlisted personnel in the Navy. It is certainly trying to infiltrate there. The reinstatement of the subject personnel may well be this counter-balancing plan at work.

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