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path of least resistance. CAS Rio and other sources indicate that he is somewhat beholden to Marshal Osmino; however, his ideological orientation appears to be pro-democratic (EmbTel 165). (CONFIDENTIAL)

2. Rio Paper Publishes "Secret" Army Directives

War Minister Jair has issued two secret circulars instructing unit commanders to punish officers expressing sympathies for Military Club agitators (Weeka 29), and reliable reports confirm that actual arrests have taken place. Following the issuance of these circulars, columnist Helio Fernandes writing in the Rio Tribuna da Imprensa disclosed their contents and stated that any classified document issued by the War Ministry was available to him within two days following its release within Army channels. At dawn on July 25, Fernandes was arrested in Belo Horizonte and held incommunicado at the headquarters of the 12th Infantry Regiment. He was to be brought to Rio de Janeiro later that morning. Helio Fernandes denied the right of the Minister to arrest a civilian (nevertheless, this is often done). There is considerable support in the Army for arresting anyone who reveals classified information - on the other hand, the press could normally be expected to react sharply to any xxxxxxxx restriction on their freedom of action concerning sources. Jair is obviously trying to project a forceful image. (UNCLASSIFIED)

3. Promotions to General Rank

War Minister Jair has continuously leaked the names of four "Osvinist" colonels due to be promoted to general rank on July 25. They are Colonels Napoleao Nobre, Chrysantho de Miranda Figueiredo, Antonio Negreiros de Andrade Pinto and Argemiro de Assis Brasil (Item 5). (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment : The high concentration (four out of seven) of new generals coming from the "Osvinist" or leftist "dispositivo" ranks of the army is disturbing. The advance publicity given to the promotions is probably designed to cushion the shock of the promotions. Jair for the time being appears to be in full control of the situation despite grumbling and resentment. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

NAVY

1. Commission Appointed to Resolve Embarked Aviation Issue

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MILITARYARMY1. Promotions Strengthen Leftist "Dispositivo"

President Goulart signed decrees on July 26 promoting eleven officers to general rank and promoting five existing generals one step within the rank structure. Of the new generals, five (Alfredo Pinheiro Soares Filho, Argemiro de Assis Brasil, Crisanto de Miranda Figueiredo, Napoleao Nobre, and Antonio Nogueiros de Andrade Pinto) have been connected with the Osvino-linked leftist "dispositivo" within the Army (Weeks 30, EmbTel 204). While specific transfer and command changes have not been officially announced, it is reliably reported that General Figueiredo will command the First Armored Division (First Army) and Napoleao Nobre will become Chief of Staff of the Third Army.

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Comment : Speculation persists concerning the possible replacement of War Minister Jair by Marshal Osvino (Item 1). The Embassy feels that pending command changes as a result of these promotions will strengthen the Osvino camp within the Army. Should Marshal Osvino take over as War Minister, he would assume leadership of an Army whose command strata is largely tailor-made for his purposes. (CONFIDENTIAL)

NAVY1. Second Naval War Colleges Conference Held

The Brazilian Navy was host for the second Conference of Presidents of Naval War Colleges of North and South America. VADM Austin, USN, President of the U.S. Naval War College is senior representative to this conference. (UNCLASSIFIED)

2. U.S.S. OXFORD Visits Rio de Janeiro

The U.S.S. OXFORD (AG-159) is visiting Rio de Janeiro during period August 1-7. She is commanded by Commander T. A. Cosgrove, U.S. Navy. (UNCLASSIFIED)

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