

U.S. EDUCATIONAL AID--The educational programs in Brazil can now dispense with U.S. financial aid, since the government is expending \$1.3 billion in that area, declared Minister Jarbas Passarinho yesterday when opening the school year at the Catholic University of Petropolis. The minister pointed out that instead of credits for education, Brazil will now import know-how from the United States. [Sao Paulo O ESTADO DE SAO PAULO in Portuguese 11 Mar 72 p 13 X]

PRC SHIPPING CONTRACTS--London--China has already contracted at least four cargo ships to import 50,000 tons of Brazilian sugar, it was learned today in the Baltic Exchange, the London maritime contract exchange. Loading will be made in Santos at the end of March or the beginning of April. China is still looking for other ships but it is trying to get lower prices, especially for the shipments which will be made in April, due to the abundance of tonnage presently available. For example, the last contract was concluded for \$11.75 per ton, \$1 less than the first contract concluded the day before. [Sao Paulo O ESTADO DE SAO PAULO in Portuguese 11 Mar 72 p 26 X]

INDIAN-SETTLERS CONFLICT--Brasilia, 18 Mar--JORNAL DO BRASIL reported today that Xavante Indians and white settlers are on the verge of an armed confrontation in the state of Mato Grosso as a result of the constant invasion of Indian territory. Tension in the Xavante region in the north of Mato Grosso state has increased considerably in recent days and aid has been requested from the federal police. The Xavantes have continuously pleaded with officials regarding the invasion of their lands by white settlers. In addition to cutting down trees to open up the land for farming, the settlers scare off and kill the region's wild fauna and fish, the main source of survival for the Indians who were peaceful until recently. [Buenos Aires LATIN in Spanish 0045 GMT 19 Mar 72 C] The Brazilian Government has refused petitions from the bishops of Goiania and Sao Felix for federal intervention in Mato Grosso and the Araguaia Development Company. The government is reportedly seeking peaceful solutions to the Indian problem through the Justice Ministry. [Madrid EFE in Spanish 0240 GMT 18 Mar 72 C--FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY]. Brasilia, 19 Mar--Federal police units are preceeding to the Santa Teresinha region in Mato Grosso state where Indians of the Xavante tribe are resisting the seizure of their lands by white colonists. The Xavante Indians have been struggling against the colonists who, it is reported, have resorted to poisoning river waters for the purpose of exterminating the Indians. [Havana PRENSA LATINA in Spanish 1540 GMT 19 Mar 72 C--FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY].

IMPROVED PHONE SERVICE--Curitiba--Communications Minister Hugino Corsetti has inaugurated the direct distance dialing system in Maringa in Parana state. Tomorrow the communications minister will go to Cascavel where he will inaugurate the automatic telephone central and then will continue on to Foz de Iguazu on the border with Paraguay to inspect the construction of the western telecommunications trunkline. [Text] [Brasilia Domestic Service in Portuguese 2200 GMT 16 Mar 72 C]

OPPOSITION LEADER'S CASE--Fortaleza, 17 Mar--The MDB feels that Ceara Governor Cesar Cals' decision to prosecute Deputy Chagas de Vasconcellos, Ceara state opposition leader, is due to a "desire to establish an atmosphere of fear in the Ceara opposition during this year of municipal elections." It also points out that he did not make the decision until after a trip to Brasilia. Some MDB members see this as evidence of the governor's lack of political ability. [Rio de Janeiro TRANSPRESS in Portuguese 1115 GMT 17 Mar 72 C--FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY]

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AIR FORCE RETIREMENTS--Brasilia, 17 Mar--Six air force generals--Joao Paulo Moreira Burnier, Carlos Delamora, Marcelo Leal Coqueiro, Roberto Hipolito da Costa, Horacio Machado and Caubi Guimaraes--and four colonels have been transferred to the reserves by a presidential decree issued today in Brasilia. The 10 officers--all of whom are considered hardliners--had been removed from their posts in December 1971 by new Air Force Minister Gen Araripe de Macedo, but they appealed the decision, Brasilia military sources say this retirement marks the removal of the last of the air force hardliners. [Paris AFP in Spanish 1736 GMT 17 Mar 72 C--FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY]

AFRICAN BANKER'S VISIT--At the invitation of the Brazilian foreign minister, the vice president of the African Development Bank, (Tonakunde Tinzen), will arrive on 19 March for a week's visit. The visitor will meet with the ministers of foreign affairs, industry and commerce and planning, the president of the Bank of Brazil, and the director of the Foreign Trade department. [Brasilia Domestic Service in Portuguese 2200 GMT 17 Mar 72 C]

NIGERIAN ROADS DELEGATION--A Nigerian delegation to observe the organization of Brazil's national roads department will arrive in Brazil on 26 March. [Brasilia Domestic Service in Portuguese 2200 GMT 17 Mar 72 C]

FRENCH SENATORS' VISIT--A group of French senators will arrive for a 10-day visit to Brazil on 18 March. The senators will visit Rio de Janeiro, Belo Horizonte, Brasilia and Salvador. [Brasilia Domestic Service in Portuguese 2200 GMT 17 Mar 72 C]

EXTREMISTS' IMPRISONMENT--Sao Paulo, 18 Mar--A Brazilian military court in this city today decreed the preventive imprisonment of 37 extremists, all of whom are members of the Brazilian extreme leftist organization known as Popular Action. [Paris AFP in Spanish 1451 GMT 18 Mar 72 C--FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY]

FOREIGN DEBT STATISTICS--Brasilia, 19 Mar--The most recent issue of the Central Bank of Brazil bulletin published this weekend affirms that the plan for amortizing Brazil's foreign debt will permit reduction of present debts to \$34.3 million by 1995, compared with a sum of \$5.77 billion in June 1971, according to the most recent statistics. The largest portion of this foreign debt concerns financing for imports, \$1.85 billion, and loans contracted since 1962--\$2.6 billion. Loans from the U.S. Agency for International Development amount to \$616.7 million. [Madrid EFE in Spanish 1605 GMT 19 Mar 72 C--FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY]

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