

MURDERED PRIEST ONE OF 32 MARKED FOR DEATH

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[Text] Recife, Brazil, May 28, REUTER--The body of a Roman Catholic priest was found hanging in a tree here yesterday, and Dom Helder Camara, controversial archbishop of Olinda and Recife, was quoted as saying the victim was one of 32 people marked down to die. The dead priest, shot through the chest and with his throat cut, was Padre Henrique Pereira Neto, a sociology professor and youth assistant for the diocese of Olinda and Recife. His body was discovered in a tree in the grounds of the university city, the student residential area.

Police said the priest was last seen on Monday night when he attended a Catholic women's meeting in Parmamirim suburb, and that they still had no clue as to the killers or the motive for the crime.

Dom Helder Camara, leader of the militantly "progressive" wing of the Roman Catholic Church in Brazil, told reporters that the murder was the work of "those who believe they are saving Christian civilization by eliminating priests and student leaders." He added: "The worst thing is that it will not stop at this. Padre Henrique was one of a list of 32 people marked down to die." But Dom Helder declined to disclose details of the list.

Last year two machine-gun attacks were made on Dom Helder's home here during his absence, and signs on the walls said "Down With the Red Bishop." The attacks were attributed to a rightwing extremist organisation which calls itself the Communist Hunt Commandos (CCC).

ELECTION DATES FIXED BY COMPLEMENTARY ACT

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[Text] Justice Minister Gama e Silva has announced that the government does not intend to issue another act fixing a date for the inscription of the candidates of the political parties. The justice minister said, in this connection, that the matter is regulated by Complementary Act No 54, which fixed (?7) August for municipal (?elections), 14 September for regional ones, and 12 October for the national convention.

This information was given to the press as a result of (?requests) by former senator Eurico Rezende to Minister Gama e Silva asking clarifications on the subject.

The government also considers as definitive the (?regulations) established by Act 54 for choosing directorates. Government legalists (?think) that the flexibility between 29 and 44 members established in the act (?obviated) the necessity for giving individual attention to each convention in the 5,000 municipalities. It is understood that sufficient definition is given in the act and that there is no need of [word indistinct].

AGRARIAN REFORM EXECUTIVE GROUP APPOINTED

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[Excerpts] The President of the Republic has signed an act appointing the following representatives to the Agrarian Reform Executive Group (GERA): Ivo Arzua Ferreira, minister of agriculture; Gen Carlos de Moraes of the Brazilian Agrarian Reform Institute;

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Reginaldo Mayer de Sa of the Interior Ministry; Mauricio Rangel Rei of the Planning and General Coordination Ministry; Jose Cavalcanti (Neto) of the Finance Ministry; Walter [name indistinct] of the Labor and Social Welfare Ministry; Renato Ribeiro of the Justice Ministry; Ari (Fischer) of the Central Bank; Paulo Brandao Ravelo of the National Agrarian Development Institute; Getulio Ferreira Brandao of the National Agriculture Federation; and Jose Francisco da Silva of the National Agriculture Workers Federation.

President Costa e Silva has also authorized Mato Grosso State, through the state's development company, to purchase tractors and other implements for agricultural development from (?Auto-Tractor) of Rumania at a cost of (?3,308,734) Rumanian lei.

GOODS NO LONGER GIVEN IN PAYMENT FOR OIL

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[Text] Brasilia, Brazil, May 28 (REUTER)--Foreign firms supplying crude petroleum to Brazil need no longer take part payment in manufactured goods, according to a decree signed here yesterday by President Arthur da Costa e Silva.

The decree said other measures, such as export tax exemptions had so favored exports of manufactured goods that the former practice of partial payment for petroleum imports in such goods was no longer necessary.

It also said the former practice had defeated its own ends because the petroleum exporting companies had raised their prices in proportion to the amount of payment in finished products.

CHILEANS ENTER BRAZIL TO ARREST MURDERERS

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[Text] Rio de Janeiro, 28 May--Spokesmen for the Brazilian Foreign Ministry last night told the press accredited to Itamarati that Brazilian-Chilean relations will suffer no deterioration due to the kidnaping by Chilean agents of Chilean murderers who had entered Brazil illegally.

The two criminals, who murdered a millionaire of Polish origin in Santiago, Chile, were found hiding in Porto Alegre and captured by detectives from that trans-Andean country while the extradition of the two criminals was being sought in the Justice Ministry.

(?On the basis) of those statements, circles connected with the government were of the opinion that the Brazilian authorities would present a note to the Chilean Embassy in this city expressing surprise at the procedure carried out by the Chilean police, who violated national frontiers and acted on Brazilian territory without special mandate.

BRIEFS

ARREST OF SPECULATORS--Twentyfour speculators were arrested on 27 May in Rio Grande do Sul as a result of investigations carried out recently by the 3d Army. On 28 May the speculators will be taken to Porto Alegre to be handed over to the authorities. They are charged with crimes against the economy and with practicing usury and evading income tax payments. (Rio de Janeiro Radio Globo Portuguese 0200 GMT 28 May 69 C)

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