

Another article says that during police investigations the accused can be arrested by the person in charge of the investigation for up to 30 days [words indistinct] competent delegate. This term may be prolonged once through a formal documented request by the person in charge to the authorities who appointed him. The person in charge of the investigation will be able to keep the accused incommunicado up to 10 days until the police military authorities deem the measure no longer necessary.

Article 62 of the National Security Law [words indistinct] sentenced to a prison term of more than 2 years is subject to the suspension of his political rights for a period of 2 to 10 years.

For newspapers, Article 67 authorizes the minister of justice to make use of special laws to order investigations. The investigations refer to the organization and functioning of newspaper and radio and television broadcasting companies, especially when their [words indistinct] influences contrary to the national security.

ATTORNEY GENERAL ISSUES ELECTION RULING

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[Text] Attorney General Custodio Toscano, with the approval of the acting attorney General of the electoral court, Oscar Correia Pino, has declared that "any elections held in addition to the general elections provided for in the Constitution of 1967 and complementary act NP 37, which are scheduled to be held on 15 November 1970 and 1972, will only be by-elections."

The attorney general issued this announcement in reply to a petition made to the higher electoral court by the regional electoral court of Santa Catarina.

In defining general elections and by-elections, the attorney general said that the forthcoming elections in several states, including Santa Catarina, would be suspended since they conform to the provisions in Article seven of Institutional Act No 7.

BRIEFS

ARGENTINE LINKS--Brazilian and Argentine technicians have reached an agreement on linking up communications in the frontier areas of Paso de los Libres-Uruguaiana, Alvear-Itaqui, Santo Tome-Sao Borja, and San Javier-Porto Lucena, with equipment made in the two countries involved. (Rio de Janeiro O GLOBO 15 Mar 69 p 4 X)

MISUSE OF FUNDS--In 1968 the Urbanization and Sanitation Administration (SURSAN) used more than 14 billion old cruzeiros from sewer tax revenue for projects not related to sewer tax revenue for projects not related to sewers, some of them not even known to the State Budget and Planning Coordinating Office, even though sewer work is a top priority item and little more than half of the people in the city of Rio are served by a sewer system. (Rio de Janeiro O GLOBO 15 Mar 69 p 1 X)

FORMER DEPUTY'S ARREST--Minas Gerais state police today arrested former state deputy Antonio Pereira de Almeida, whose mandate has been cancelled and whose political rights have been suspended for 10 years. De Almeida is charged with ordering the murder of an alderman from Atalaya, Vale do Rio Doce. (Brasilia Domestic Service Portuguese 2200 GMT 20 Mar 69 C)

AIRBASE COMMANDER--On 20 March the air minister attended the installation of Air Col Luis (Marciel) Jr. as commander of the airbase in Timbuco, state of Sao Paulo. (Brasilia Domestic Portuguese 2200 GMT 20 Mar 69 C)

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DECREE STRENGTHENS NATIONAL SECURITY LAW

Explanation of Justice Minister

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[Text] Brasilia, Brazil, March 22, REUTER--Bank robbery has now been included in crimes against the national security, according to a tightening up of the National Security Law decreed into being here last night by President Arthur da Costa e Silva. The justice minister explained that the new decree was necessary to incorporate some of the discretionary legislation of the revolutionary government into the text, to "speed up the judicial process, permit greater secrecy in the verification of criminal acts and to widen the definition of such crimes."

It maintains that all such crimes, even when committed by the press in its various forms, will be judged by military courts with no recourse to the federal Supreme Court. The new measures also stress that a person sentenced by the military court has no right to a suspended sentence or conditional freedom and automatically loses his political rights from 2 to 10 years if the sentence is 2 years' imprisonment or more.

They also add the cinema and theater to the press (including radio and television) as possible "vehicles of adverse psychological or revolutionary warfare" and establish a penalty of from 3 months to 2 years' imprisonment even if the alleged crime has not been judged a threat or attempt against the national security. The penalty is from 1 to 4 years when they alleged crime has been judged an attempt of threat.

Similarly another clause in the old law was rewritten to provide a prison sentence for "publication of false or tendentious news or even true news misrepresented so as to indispose or attempt to indispose the public against the constituted authorities." The sentence is doubled if such publication has provoked a disturbance of the public order or endangered the good name, authority, credit or prestige of Brazil.

The law formerly made it a crime against the national security to assassinate a Brazilian authority "for reasons of partisanship or political non-conformity". But as amended, the law makes it a similar crime to assassinate "any foreigner in Brazil at the invitation of the government, in the service of his country or [on] a mission of study".

Radio Tupi Report

Sao Paulo Radio Tupi in Portuguese 1000 GMT 22 Mar 69 C

[Text] Following the exposition of motives by the minister of justice, President Costa e Silva yesterday issued a decree law verifying several provisions in the National Security Law. According to the changes introduced, it is a crime to divulge by any means of communication, false and tendentious reports or distorted facts with the aim of putting the people at odds with the established authorities. The sentence in the case would be from 6 months to 3 years' imprisonment. Attacks against ministers, state and territorial governors, and the prefect and vice prefect of the federal district, will carry a sentence of 4 to 12 years.

Also forbidden is the organization or reorganization, under false names of premises, of political parties or associations [word indistinct] on the strength of legal devices. Sentence: 2 to 5 years.

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