

AIR FORCE RETIREMENTS--Brasilia, 17 Mar--Six air force generals--Joao Paulo Moreira Burnier, Carlos Delamora, Marcio 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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