

The ruling National Renewal Alliance (ARENA), which supports the candidacy of Gen Ernesto Geisel, who will be elected president on 15 January, holds that political parties should not campaign for the elections since the elections are indirect and there are no votes to be obtained. Official circles also maintain that Article 150 of the electoral code, which deals with political propaganda aired over radio and television in federal and state general elections, only applies when the elections are direct ones.

The MDB claims that various articles of the electoral code assure both parties equal use of radio and television facilities for their publicity. Guimaraes said that if the opposition party elected its candidates, it should be able to make legal use of the propaganda as provided for in Article 240 of the electoral code.

BRIEFS

GERMAN AMBASSADOR--The new ambassador of Germany in Brazil, named by the Foreign Ministry in Bonn, is Horst Roding. He has held important positions in the German Foreign Ministry for several years. [From Ibrahim Sued column] [Rio de Janeiro O GLOBO in Portuguese 26 Sep 73 p 2 X]

SECURITY MEETING--Recife--The Northeast Internal Security Community met in Recife yesterday under the chairmanship of General Walter de Menezes Paes, commander of the Fourth Army. It was attended by Generals Tacito Teofilo de Oliveira, commander of the 10th Military Region, Anadeu Martire, commander of the LD/7, Brigadier Paulo de Abreu Coutinho, commander of the Second Air Zone, Admiral Rodrigues da Costa, commandant of the Third Naval District. Participating in the discussions were the secretaries of security and commander of the military police of the states of Maranhao, Piaui, Ceara, Rio Grande do Norte, Paraiba, Pernambuco, Alagoas, Sergipe, and Bahia. Also present was the chief of the Federal Police Department, the coordinator of INCARA, representatives of the National Intelligence Secretariat and the security chief of SUDENE. Among the subjects discussed was the maintenance of order in the Northeast. [Rio de Janeiro O GLOBO in Portuguese 28 Sep 73 p 2 X]

ANTIGUERRILLA TRAINING--The antiguerrilla course given for 12 marine corps officers and three members of the Special Operations Group of the Public Security Department of the state of Guanabara ended yesterday at the Special Operations Battalion (Tonelero Battalion) headquarters with a ceremony presided over by Rear Admiral Aroldo do Prado Azaubuja, commander of the Marine Corps auxiliary. The class of marines and police was trained in commanding combat operation against guerrillas in the jungle and rural or river areas. All course instructors have been trained in special operations in Brazil and abroad. The "Tonelero Battalion", which is responsible for planning and giving the course, is commanded by Commander Lenine Cunha de Almeida, who has the paratroop and jungle warfare course. [Rio de Janeiro O GLOBO in Portuguese 25 Sep 73 p 5 X]

RADIOBROADCASTING CONFERENCE--President Medici has approved the holding of the second world conference of radio broadcasting organizations in Rio 2 to 8 November, and the first international seminar on radio broadcasting legislation 9 to 12 November. [Rio de Janeiro O GLOBO in Portuguese 25 Sep 73 p 5 X]

USSR BASKETBALL TEAM--The Soviet Union--the present olympic basketball champion--may come to Brazil in January 1974 for a series of seven friendly games. Initial negotiations which began 2 weeks ago settled almost everything. All that remains is to get National Sports Council approval regarding fares and lodging. [Rio de Janeiro O GLOBO in Portuguese 21 Sep 73 p 26 X]

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PETROBRAS IN AFRICA--It is reported from Lisbon that Petrobras and Petroquisa are associated in a multinational group to build and operate an oil refinery and a petrochemical complex in Lobito the young and progressive city in Angola which has the most modern and important port in that Portuguese African state. The building permit for construction of the project has already been issued. The new refinery will be up to international standards and have a capacity to refine 5 to 6 million tons. [Rio de Janeiro O GLOBO in Portuguese 21 Sep 73 p 2 X]

OFFICIAL JOURNAL--The new DIARIO OFFICIAL format, already approved by the president of the republic, will be smaller than the present one and have only three columns instead of four, and contain 64 pages per section. It may be printed in colors, with pictures. The offset press, purchased in the United States, will begin operating in April 1974 and replaces the rotary press now being used, which was purchased 36 years ago. It will permit the production of a larger number of copies. [Rio de Janeiro JORNAL DO BRASIL in Portuguese 20 Sep 73 p 15 X]

MISSION TO PARAGUAY--It was officially announced that high-level Brazilian Government delegation is scheduled to arrive in Asuncion at the end of this month to initiate the implementation of the programs stipulated in the joint declaration signed by Presidents Emilio Garrastazu Medici and Alfredo Stroessner in Brasilia on 27 April. The Paraguayan Foreign Ministry has announced that the mission will be headed by the secretary general of the Planning Ministry, Henrique Flanzer. [Rio de Janeiro O GLOBO in Portuguese 23 Sep 73 p 2 X]

ANARCTIC EXPEDITION--Sao Paulo--The Brazilian expedition to the Antarctic may leave in January 1974, according to the meteorologist Rubens Junqueira Vilela, scientific coordinator of the expedition. He added that the laboratory ship that will take the Brazilians to the Antarctic continent is already being negotiated with a Norwegian shipping company and only depends on an inspection by the National Superintendency of the Merchant Marine (SUNAMAM) in order that the Brazilian Institute of Antarctic Studies (IBEA) may provide the necessary resources for the expedition. [Rio de Janeiro O GLOBO in Portuguese 23 Sep 73 p 8 X]

ARENA SUPPORT FOR GEISEL--President Medici received the members of the National Executive Committee of the ARENA party yesterday in a special audience in Planalto Palace. "I hope," he told them, "that ARENA will conduct itself in the administration of Gen Ernesto Geisel as it has during the last 4 years, during which it has always fulfilled its party duties." The ARENA leaders had come to report to President Medici on the results of the national convention that had nominated Generals Ernesto Geisel and Adalberto Pereira dos Santos as candidates for president and vice president, respectively. [Rio de Janeiro O GLOBO in Portuguese 21 Sep 73 p 2 X]

CNBB MESSAGE TO CHILE--The secretary general of the National Conference of Bishops of Brazil, Dom Ivo Lorscheiter, sent the following telegram to the secretary general of the Chilean Bishops Conference, Don Carlos Oviedo: "Hoping for social peace in the dear Chilean nation, I ask if there is anything the National Conference of Bishops of Brazil can do, especially on behalf of the Brazilian exiles." [Rio de Janeiro O GLOBO in Portuguese 21 Sep 73 p 1 X]

BAHIA DISORDERS DENIED--Salvador--The superintendent of the Sobradinho dam, Eunapio Peltire de Queiros, termed "false, malicious and detrimental to the progress of the work" reports in Bahia newspapers to the effect that an atmosphere of violence prevails in the area that provides logistic support for the construction project. The 12-kilometer area is near the site where the dam will be built on the Sao Francisco River, 53 kilometers from Juazeiro. According to Bahia newspapers violence throughout the area is like in wild west movies. [Rio de Janeiro O GLOBO in Portuguese 1 Oct 73 p 2 X]

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