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MDB CONGRESSMEN CRITICIZE FIGUEIREDO'S CABINET

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[Text] Rio de Janeiro, 19 Jan (AFP)--Several members of Congress of the legal opposition party today harshly criticized the members of the future Brazilian Cabinet announced in Brasilia by President-elect Joao Baptista Figueiredo today.

The criticism by members of Congress of the Brazilian Democratic Movement (MDB) were aimed at the ministers of the economic team and the members of previous governments who are now in Figueiredo's cabinet, such as Antonio Delfim Neto, Mario Andreazza and Mario Henrique Simonsen.

According to Senator Paulo Brossard, MDB leader in the upper chamber of the national Congress, the new cabinet keeps the team which created this economic chaos which is called a miracle.

Opposition Senator Orestes Quercia said that the group dominating the system, after winning the battle for succession, divided their inheritance by being indifferent to the misery of the people.

MDB Senator Pedro Simon from Rio Grande do Sul said that the leading ministers of the future government, such as Gen Goldbery do Couto e Silva, Delfim Neto, Mario Henrique Simonsen, Carlos Rischbieter and Mario Andreazza, were the ones responsible for the current economic situation and the foreign debt.

BRIEFS *Brossard
Quercia
Neto*

ARMY APPOINTMENTS--Gen Ruy de Paula Couto will assume duties today as chief of the army minister's general services department and in so doing will become a member of the army high command. He will replace Gen Antonio Bandeira, who on 16 January will assume command of the III Army. He will receive command from Gen Samuel Alves Correa, who is the future army chief of staff. [Rio de Janeiro O GLOBO in Portuguese 12 Jan 79 p 16 PY]

REACTOR PLANT TO BE IDLE--The reactor plant scheduled for inauguration on 22 February in Itaguaí, State of Rio de Janeiro, at a cost of \$300 million, will lie idle for the simple reason that there are no orders to be filled. The nuclear plant number 3 under the Brazilian-FRG agreement for which the Itaguaí plant was supposed to manufacture equipment has no site chosen or time scheduled for construction. [Rio de Janeiro O GLOBO in Portuguese 14 Jan 79 p 1 PY]

DRILLING PLATFORM SUNK--As a drilling platform for the Campos oil basin was being towed from Scotland to Brazil, it was sunk in high seas caused by strong winds. This accident will cause a delay in exploitation plans for the Campos oil field in Rio de Janeiro State. [Rio de Janeiro O GLOBO in Portuguese 13 Jan 79 p 1 PY]

COMMUNIQUE ON IMPRISONED BRAZILIAN--Brasilia, 16 Jan (LATIN)--The Uruguayan Embassy in Brasilia today issued a lengthy communique in which it details the present state of health of Brazilian citizen Flavia Schilling, who was recently operated on at a military hospital in Montevideo. Schilling was condemned to a 12-year prison term for subversive activities and has already served 6 of them. It was reported that the communique was a result of concern for her welfare expressed by various sectors in Brazil, including the Foreign Ministry. [Buenos Aires LATIN in Spanish 1944 GMT 16 Jan 79 PY]