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Military Chiefs Should be Unmuzzled Says II Army Commander.

"I can assure your excellency that there are no militant communists in the Second Army, and if there were we would feel sorry for those who raised their heads, as they would be smashed immediately." Thus spoke General Pery Bevilacqua in a speech on 20 November occasioned by a visit of the Minister of War to Second Army Units. Further, General Pery said, "It is necessary to unmuzzle the military chiefs so that the Army is not forced to assume the role played by the French Army prior to WW II, which passively watched the armament race in Germany and later the invasion of Europe, without daring to take a public stand." The General further stated that military chiefs have the moral duty of guiding their subordinates and explaining the national situation to them. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: These refreshing words spoken before the Minister of War have not been made the subject of loud cries of alarm and demands for the arrest of their author by the leftist press or associated elements. General Pery, by his outspoken comments, has placed himself in a precarious position in that he received the nod for his present position from the President and, as such, has been thought to be a disciple of General Osvaldo Alves, First Army Commander. General Krueel and his friends have thus received an indication that the Second Army is not completely under the sway of the Osvaldo faction and can be counted upon to support the Minister of War in the future. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

13. Navy

Navy Club Elections. The Board of Directors (40 members) of the Clube Naval are sponsoring Vice Admiral Augusto Hamann RADEMAKER Grunewald to be a candidate for election as President of the Clube Naval in March 1963. If elected, Admiral Rademaker will relieve Vice Admiral Helio Garnier Sampaio. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: This is a very interesting development since Vice Admiral Rademaker is currently unassigned, and is one of the leaders in opposition to Navy Minister Suzano. Vice Admiral Rademaker is currently a director of the Clube and one of the leaders who prepared the Clube Naval anti-Communist Manifesto on 10 September, 1962. If elected this certainly will be another blow at Minister Suzano. Vice Admiral Rademaker was CINC FLEET when VADM Heck was Naval Minister and is currently a strong supporter to Admiral Heck in his criticism of Brazilian Government Foreign Policy. (CONFIDENTIAL)

VADM Heck in Prison Again. On 27 November Vice Admiral Heck will return to the Marine barracks prison for another 10 days confinement because of his press releases made on 4 November. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Admiral Heck, on 30 October 1962, issued a public statement to the press in which he criticized the foreign policy of the Brazilian Government. Vice Admiral Heck has just served

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10 days in prison for issuing that statement (12-22 November). As a result of press release on 4 November Admiral Heck will begin a second 10-day imprisonment commencing 27 November. A third 10 day imprisonment has been directed by the Naval Minister for press statements made on 12 November 1962. Vice Admiral Heck is receiving much press publicity and his supporters are increasing in number among the Armed Forces, deputados and senators, as well as Brazilians in private life. (OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

14. Air

New Air Attaché to U.S. Lt. Gen. Armando de Souza e Mello Ararigboia departed Rio by air 21 November for Washington, D. C. to assume his new post as Air Attaché. Ararigboia formerly was Chief of Staff, BAF, and Under-Secretary of the Air Ministry. (UNCLASSIFIED)

ALLIANCE FOR PROGRESS

15. JK and the "Committee of Two"

At a press interview held in connection with his election to the OAS' "Committee of Two," Juscelino Kubitschek announced that his purpose will be to "analyze critically and to examine the possibility of reorganizing all economic aspects of the inter-American system." He said that "for the first time" an effort will be made to "identify the true causes of our economic debility and to correct them, to establish our economies on healthy bases capable of assuring independent growth, abandoning once and for all the tendency toward programs of simple economic support... [which have been proven] insufficient to eliminate from our countries the scourge of underdevelopment." Kubitschek said he would seek an extension of the four month period he has been given to make his report. He also added that he has no intention of attacking the leftists who are opposed to the Alliance. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: JK is first and foremost a candidate for the Presidency in 1965 and it will not be surprising if we hear as much about OPA as about AFP. Similarly, he is unlikely to offend any possible supporters merely because they are wont to bait the U.S. and the AFP. (CONFIDENTIAL)

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15. Press Review

Editorials reflected growing apprehension over the country's economic difficulties. Jornal do Brasil led with an "Examination of Conscience" that contrasted the apparent riches of the country with its very real troubles. "Inflação" was the word of the week, but few concrete criticisms were made.

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