

What this country needs is a new constitution and a new congress, a congress elected by new standards, and not constitutional amendments applied like patches to the 1946 constitution.

Now there is talk about "consolidation of amendments," instead of giving the nation a new constitution. So, while other civilized nations of the world which were able to avoid dictatorship and to maintain democracy have a constitution, we Brazilians will have a "consolidation." It would have been much better if the government that came out of the revolution had given us a new constitution prepared by a group of true revolutionaries assisted by jurists to give it a legal form. If in April or May of last year a new constitution had been issued, it would have been well received by men of good will and would have had the support of the people. Instead, the government saw fit to give powers to an old congress, which had a long history of hesitant and opportunistic action and which, in truth, was nothing more than a mat on which Jango Goulart wiped his feet.

Why, instead of this traffic with leaders who lead no one, with men who support only a slogan and an election machine, the government does not move to draft a new constitution instead of distilling it drop by drop, as if the constitution were not a juridical whole? Constitutions drafted or amended to suit the circumstances of the moment cannot endure, and cannot serve as permanent standards for the government of a great nation with a great future.

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NEW CRUZEIRO--The Brazilian Central Bank on 25 January announced that the new cruzeiro will go into circulation in March, and that the new unit of Brazilian currency will have a very high quotation, only slightly below that of the dollar. (Text) (Rio de Janeiro Radio Globo Portuguese 0100 GMT 26 January 1966--W)

ALAGOAS INTERVENTOR--Gen. Joao Baptista Tubino, the recently appointed federal interventor of the state of Alagoas, arrived in Rio de Janeiro on 25 January. He told newsmen that his appointment is for 180 days and that he does not plan to remain in the post beyond that time. He added that he will not be a candidate for governor if elections in that state should be called. (Rio de Janeiro Radio Globo Portuguese 0100 GMT 26 January 1966--W) General Tubino is scheduled to take over the governorship of Alagoas on 31 January. (Sao Paulo Radio Tupi Portuguese 0000 GMT 26 January 1966--W)

AMAZONAS POLITICS--It is reported from Manaus that Gov. Artur Ferreira Reis on 25 January presided over the inauguration of the Amazonas committee of the National Renovation Alliance (Alianca Renovadora Nacional--ARENA). Deputy Jayme Araujo was elected the ARENA Amazonas committee president. (Rio de Janeiro Radio Globo Portuguese 0200 GMT 26 January 1966--W)

RIO STATE MDB--The organization of the regional committee of the opposition party, the Brazilian Democratic Movement (Movimento Democratico Brasileiro--MDB), in the state of Rio de Janeiro has been delayed by the struggle for leadership of the regional organization between members of the extinct Brazilian Labor Party (Partido Trabalhista Brasileiro--PTB) and the extinct Social Democratic Party (Partido Social Democratico--PSD). (Rio de Janeiro Radio Globo Portuguese 0200 GMT 26 January 1966--W)

ALAGOAS MDB--It is reported from Maceio that Deputy Muniz Falcao has been elected president of the Alagoas committee of the Brazilian Democratic Movement (Movimento Democratico Brasileiro--MDB), the opposition party. (Sao Paulo Radio Tupi Portuguese 0000 GMT 26 January 1966--W)

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MINAS GOVERNORSHIP--It was announced 25 January that President Castelo Branco will not attend the inauguration of Israel Pinheiro as governor of Minas Gerais on 31 January, but will be represented at the ceremony by Justice Minister Mem de Sa. Outgoing Gov. Magalhaes Pinto will speak to the people of the state 28 January reporting on his administration and its achievements. He is also expected to express his opinion about the formation of the government party, the National Renovation Alliance (Alianca Renovadora Nacional--ARENA) in Minas Gerais. (Sao Paulo Radio Tupi Portuguese 0000 GMT 26 January 1966--W)

COMPLEMENTARY ACT--Military sources in Rio de Janeiro revealed 25 January that Complementary Act Number Seven, dealing with the manner of selecting candidates for elections, will not be issued by the President before the return of War Minister Artur da Costa e Silva from Europe. The sources said that the President promised the war minister before his departure not to promulgate any important measures in his absence. (Sao Paulo Tupi Portuguese 0000 GMT 26 January 1966--W)

MANDATE CANCELLATION--The official newspaper has published the text of a decree cancelling the mandate of Rio de Janeiro State Deputy Antonio Luvizaro on charges that he had worked for the passage of an amendment making possible the entry of hundreds of new employees into the state administration. (Havana PRENSA LATINA Spanish 0300 GMT 26 January 1966--E) (FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

BRAZILIAN-FRENCH RELATIONS--Rio de Janeiro--Relations between Brazil and France have improved satisfactorily, Brazilian Foreign Minister Juracy Magalhaes announced on 24 January. He added that it is improbable that Marshal Castelo Branco will make an official visit to Paris in 1966, since he intends to devote himself to domestic problems. (Lima AFP Spanish 0517 GMT 25 January 1966--P) (FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

NEW PARTY--Rio de Janeiro--A former assistant governor for Guanabara state, Rafael de Almeida Magalhaes, who was a member of the dissolved National Democratic Union (Union Democratica Nacional), will request the registration of the Reform Party (Partido de la Reform) shortly. This is the party that Carlos Lacerda's followers will join for future elections. (Buenos Aires ANSA Spanish 1571 GMT 25 January 1966--P) (FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

MILITARY DECREES--President Castelo Branco has signed decrees approving the budget of the Superior Army Council and a supplement for other army needs; naming aviation Col. (Lisandro Lira Ribeiro Lima Soares--phonetic) to serve with the Inter-American Peace Force of the Organization of American States, in the Dominican Republic; and relieving Brig. Gen. Jose (Prieto Aduato--phonetic) from his duties as commander of artillery of the Second Infantry Division. (Rio de Janeiro Agencia Nacional Domestic Portuguese 2100 GMT 24 January 1966--E)

TRIAL FOR PLOTTERS--Two Brazilian students and a Peruvian have been placed on trial in Recife, Brazil, accused of subversive activities. They were originally accused of organizing an attempt on the life of Senator Robert Kennedy during his visit to the university in Recife. (Havana PRENSA LATINA Spanish 1633 GMT 24 January 1966--E) (FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

UNE SUSPENSION--A presidential decree suspending the activities of the National Union of University Students (UNE) throughout the country for six months has been sent to the official gazette for publication, according to an announcement made in Brasilia. The decree also instructs the attorney general to promote this organization's final legal dissolution, (Montevideo Correspondent's Dispatch Spanish PRENSA LATINA Havana 1315 GMT 22 January 1966--E) (FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

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