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1. (U) A hard hitting interview of ADM SALDANHA DA GAMA in the midshipman magazine "GALERA", has been reprinted in the newspaper "Ultima Hora" and is causing repercussions in Navy circles.

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1. (U) The December 1967 issue of the Midshipman Magazine "A GALERA" (enclosed herewith) carries an interview with Admiral Saldanha da Gama in which he gives his views on a military career, use of the Navy budget, Naval aviation, creation of a Defense Department, etc. Some of his replies to questions are translated below:

Q. What is your opinion as to why youth is abandoning a military career?
A. It is commonly said, both within and without the Navy, that the reason young men don't seek a military career is ~~because~~ the low pay; I think it is an entirely different thing. Those who don't come into the Navy because of the low wages don't interest us; it's good that they don't come. In reality, what makes a good lad not try to

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enter the military schools is the lack of a chance for professional accomplishment. In the Brazilian Navy today nobody fulfills himself professionally. I can quote a slightly irreverent simile of Captain Paulo Moreira da Silva (Vice Director of Naval Institute) who says "When you have Gina Lolobrigida on your lap, you forget that you've missed your lunch." Today's Navy not only doesn't offer lunch, it doesn't offer Gina Lolobrigida - that is, the joy of professional fulfillment.

Q. What should the Navy do with the resources at its disposal to keep up with the scientific and technical development of our day?

A. I feel that the resources which the Navy has are being badly and wrongly used. With the resources which the country puts in the Navy budget we could have a much better Navy, if we used them well - a Navy to participate in the development you mention, and with a much smaller structure which could still carry out its constitutional purposes.

Q. Is embarked aviation a reality in Brazil?

A. Embarked aviation doesn't exist in Brazil; which means that a true military navy doesn't exist to defend the country. The solution given to the so-called problem of embarked aviation is difficult to label. To be kind, I call it extravagant. It was the result of this deformation of the concept of National Security. We don't think in terms of external security, but rather in terms of internal security-police work. The Armed Forces of Brazil are not made to defend the nation against external aggression, they exist only to police the country; thus the solution was made only to pacify the country, a solution which guaranteed internal security, but at the same time sacrificed, perhaps irrevocably, the external security of Brazil.

Q. What is your position as to the creation of a Defense ~~Extra~~ Department?

A. My position is one of firm opposition, decided and frontal. In theory, many things are good - even Communism, but in practice we have to study the means, the time and the opportunity. Various nations have Defense Ministries, but there are various types - what we are planning for Brazil no other nation has, because what we want to do here is to ~~create a total and absolute land-locked concept in the field~~ of strategy. This predominance is much greater than existed in the France of Napoleon or the Germany of Wilhelm II or Hitler, which resulted in the fall of these great nations.

2. (C) According to officers on the Navy Staff, this article has caused a stir in higher ranking Navy circles, and is the principal reason that the highest level of Admirals boycotted the Navy Club party on 13 Dec (Sailor's Day) which was hosted by ADM Saldanha da Gama as Navy Club President. Rear Admiral SEIPA, Superintendent of the Naval Academy, has come under considerable criticism, also, for allowing the comments to appear in the Midshipman magazine. Although the magazine is published by the students themselves, the Naval Academy provides guidance and officer supervision. Among the rumors circulating is one that ADM Serpa has offered to step down as Academy Superintendent and that RADM BENEFPI would like to replace him.

~~SECRET~~ (C) The Argentine government has apparently accepted the Brazilian Foreign Office note in which Admiral Saldanha da Gama was said to be "putting down" the issue of the Admiral's remarks about Argentina's "petty dictator" is dying down. On Monday 19 Dec, Admiral Varela, Chief of Argentines Navy, was contacted by the Brazilian Ambassador to Argentina. However, in this week's issue of the National magazine "O Cruzeiro" appears an article by one of the magazine staff writers supporting ADM Saldanha da Gama and taking the Brazilian Foreign Office to task for its inaction with regard to the ~~Argentine~~ ~~claim~~ ~~to~~ ~~extend~~ ~~its~~ ~~territorial~~ ~~waters~~.

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