

The disorder witnessed a few days ago in Rio and other centers of national importance was not spontaneous, nor has its destructive force been spent. On the contrary, it was only the issuance in our country of a watchword transmitted from a guiding center beyond our borders. Execution of that watchword will mean the appearance of what is called street guerrilla warfare, an urban means of retaliating for failure in the attempt to establish guerrillas in the nation's farming areas. What could not be done in the rural areas may be feasible in the cities, where the existence of an education problem provides a protective cover for violent action, which is still in its initial phase.

The next phase is obvious: it will mean a greater involvement of parents, teachers, brothers, and colleagues through multiplied incidents with the police, which are unprepared and blind in their repressive ineptness. With this in view, more marches are planned; their purpose is always to provoke an incident and use the reaction to galvanize public opinion emotionally in an escalation that is already being carried out, to set Brazil afire.

In the matter of preparing urban guerrillas, experiments have already been performed on what subversion wants to impose on the country: people's trials of students who hesitate to serve disorder have been held, insulting to the idea of justice and disrespectful of human dignity. Fanatics in assembly intolerantly try, condemn, and punish their own colleagues whose sentiments cannot stand the conspiracy once they have seen its cruelty, the other side of the coin from its apparent romanticism.

It is time to make calm distinctions and take deliberate action against disorder, just as it is necessary to attack the problems of education.

Nobody can let himself be confused by sentimental appearances. At every step a distinction must be made, even between the renovating position of the church--an institution that is identified with the spirit of justice--and priests who are allowed the right to be mistaken, when they embrace disorder under the fatal delusion that they can transform it into justice, merely by being obliging.

BRIEFS

WAR CRIMINAL--International Police (INTERPOL) sources have stated in Brasilia that investigations that could lead to the arrest of a war criminal have made good progress. No names were mentioned, but it is believed that the criminal is Joseph Mingel, whom Brazilian agents have been following for a long time. (Rio de Janeiro Radio O Globo Portuguese 2150 GMT 15 Apr 68 C)

MILITARY COURT RULING--The military judge advocate general, Nelson Barbosa Sampaio, ruled on 17 April that the military courts have the power to try former cabinet ministers Julio Zabaquy and (Paulo de Dato). Both have been accused of carrying out subversive activities in the Ministry of Education and Culture. (Delem Radio Marajoara Portuguese 1400 GMT 17 Apr 68 C)

AIR MINISTRY CHANGES--Brig Gen Ney Gomes da Silva has been named commander of the Fifth Air Zone and Maj Gen Jose Vaz Silva has been named commander of the Fourth Air Zone. Brig Gen Joao Paulo Moreira Burnier replaces Vaz Silva in a branch of the Air Ministry (Brasilia Domestic Portuguese 2200 GMT 16 Apr 68 C)