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CONCERN EXPRESSED OVER STROESSNER-LANUSSE TALKS

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[Text] Sao Paulo, 30 Jule-The conservative newspaper FOLHA DE SAO PAULO today says that matters of interest to Brazil are currently being discussed in Buenos Aires between the presidents of Paraguay and Argentina.

Commenting on the meeting, the Brazilian paper says that Brazil does not believe that President Stroessner will let himself be influenced by President Lanusse's arguments regarding problems related to Brazil's construction of the Sete Quedas hydroelectric complex. The paper adds that Brazilians hold that they should speed up work on the hydroelectric plant on the Parana River, reduce the construction time and consequently eliminate the negative attitude of the Argentines.

FOLHA DE SAO PAULO states that Brazilian diplomatic circles say that Gen Lanusse's arguments defending his right to know of Brazilian plans before the construction of the Sete Quedas begins should not influence the Paraguayan president. The paper points out that Paraguay would reap benefits from the Sete Quedas complex, either by using its electric power for domestic development or by selling to Brazil the surplus it would be unable to consume.

In addition to this, there is the fact that Brazil is treating the Paraguayans with utmost courtesy, keeping them informed of everything related to the construction of the hydroelectric complex.

The paper concludes by stating that Brazilians responsible for the Sete Quedas complex are convinced that the Argentine stand is against Brazilian interest, that we should go ahead anyway and build the complex and that it would be convenient to accelerate the work on the Parana River.

NEW GENERAL OFFICER PROMOTIONS ANNOUNCED

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[Excerpt] President Medici yesterday promoted Maj Gens Oscar Luís da Silva, Antonio Jorge Correa, and Sylvio Coelho da Frota to general. Brig Gen Ohino Lacerda Alvares was promoted to major general and Cols Jose Guimaraes Pinheiro, Mario de Assis Nogueira, Joaquim Antonio da Fontoura Rodiguez, Mario Humberto Galvao Carneiro da Cunha, and Osmar Parazzo Lannes to brigadier general.

In other decrees the President appointed Gen Sylvio Coelho da Frota (who had already filled the post provisionally as a major general) commander of First Army; Gen Antonio Jorge Correa was appointed chief of the Department of Education and Research; Gen Celso de Azevedo Daltro Santos, secretary general of the army; Gen Newton Faria Ferreira, director of communications; Gen Alcir Frederico Werner, deputy army chief of staff; Gen Geraldo Knack de Sousa, commander of the 11th Armored Infantry Brigade; and Gen Osmar Parazzo Lannes, director of the Army Central Hospital.

The decrees were signed yesterday afternoon when the president received Minister Orlando Geisel.

BRIEFS

MEDICI-CALDERA MEETING--Brasilia reports that a meeting between Brazilian President Emilio Medici and Venezuelan President Rafael Caldera has been tentatively scheduled for early December in the city of Santa Elena on the border between the two countries. [Text] [Sao Paulo Radio Tupi in Portuguese 0100 GMT 30 Jul 72 C]