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1. GOIAS CRISIS. PSD leaders last night expressed deep-felt concern to Emboffs and Pat Holt of Senate Foreign Relations Committee regarding outcome of present Goias crisis. PSD President Amaral Peixoto said he had seen President Castello Branco November 24 and received assurances from him that he did not intend declare Federal intervention in Goias. Peixoto said he came away from meeting with cautious optimism that formula of some sort could be reached which would allow parties way out of current impasse. PSD Chamber Floor Leader Martins Rodrigues and PSD Deputy Carlos Murillo however took pessimistic view of situation. Peixoto agreed with this but said that as party president he had to maintain some optimism; otherwise any possibility of finding solution would be ruled out.

2. Asked whether there was a civilian as well as a military component to the so-called hard line, which Rodrigues called "our macarthyism", all three PSD members present said there was and Deputy Carlos Murilo (Minas Gerais) named Carlos Lacerda as outstanding ~~member~~ member, calling him "Goldwater of Brazil" who out to do away with PSD.

3. All three deputies made persistent attempts to explain and defend Mauro Borges' record in Goias, with Amaral Peixoto pointing out that communist and other leftist infiltration in state government had been vexing problem

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for more than ten years. Deputies expressed strong belief that Mauro personally not communist and that he innocent of any wrong-doing in connection with communist activities in state. They cited case of guerilla camp which Borges allegedly used state troops to disband as soon as he learned of its existence in 1961. They pointed out in this case also Borges had principal culprits arrested and jailed but that they were released on habeas corpus and never stood trial. Peixoto said communist infiltration of state judiciary had helped those guilty in guerilla case escape justice.

4. Martins Rodrigues and Carlos Murilo, who were in Goiania over last weekend, expressed fear of armed violence between federal troops in Goias and local populace, estimating that some ~~80~~ 80 percent of ~~population~~ population in state solidly on side of Governor Borges and might well resist any attempt at armed federal intervention. Peixoto agreed this analysis and added that federal intervention in Goias would be disaster not only for that state but for whole country. He said it was national, not local, problem. At this point, Peixoto let fear show that such step might be taken irrespective of President's denial that step intended, though he opined Congress would not approve presidential decree of intervention. All three deputies deplored hardened convictions of near absolute righteousness on both side of quarrel since it made finding some compromise path to resolution of situation that much more difficult.

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