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At opening Congress March 15, following presentation excerpts Presidential Message, Senate President Moura Andrade (PSD, São Paulo) made what he later termed privately unusual gesture at such event of delivering substantive speech urging that Brazil is democracy and must take stand with other free nations.

Opened by referring to unusual perils threatening regime. No political regime can long survive galloping inflation, misery, social injustice. Democracy contrasted with Communism. If the weapon of liberty is not used against enemies of liberty and not used for social justice and economic development, democracy becomes mere outward form.

Negative aspects social economic political evolution Brazil must be debited to account Brazilian statesmen and elites. Necessary to attack political social economic problems with objectivity sincerity and honesty. Must undertake basic reforms. Must take stand with rest hemisphere and rest free world.

We still waiting Alliance Progress fulfill itself through common efforts Latin countries and through final identification

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with democratic nations.

Civil authorities, military, Church and people desire and hope for construction new future.

"Congress has just received in ceremonies preceding this meeting testimony of loyalty to it of three arms of military. We took salute troops drawn up front Congress while salute fired. During crisis 1961 at no time did I not believe in patriotism and constitutionalism armed forces. They always responded affirmatively my innumerable messages that time."

Directly ~~aff~~ after foregoing passage of military, declared session open. Said Congressman have come from bosom people, matured in its problems, sufferings, disillusion, urged them be worthy of nation.

Moura Andrade speech received with attention contrasting with rattle of conversation during reading Presidential message. Some applause here and there, again contrasting apparent indifference Presidential message. Indifference Presidential message probably attributable fact reading was perfunctory ceremonial performance, most significant passages not being read, as is usual such ceremonies, while attention given Moura Andrade probably stemmed from recognition his address unusual event.

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Mora Andrade told Charge later that he felt time had come to say these things, knew he would be attacked by leftist press. Said he had already been accosted by Brizzola immediately after session, who had told him he disagreed with speech. Also urged Charge that U.S. come forward assist Brazil now even though has quarrels some Brazilian policies.

Comment: Speech probably represents evidence Moura Andrade's own estimate that constitutional and democratic system in Brazil is in danger.

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