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Agitations and maneuvers centering around agrarian reform issue continue, but prospects for slackening of tension seem fair, except for possibility of 24 hour general strike starting midnight May 27 or subsequent date.

CGT holding various meetings to consider responses to soundings made to individual unions nationwide and decide accordingly on general strike. Decisive factor is Goularts decision re need for strike to support basic reforms, which he may not make until the last moment. According many predictions strike unlikely be effective. Carlos Lacerda has declared intention combat strike as politically motivated, hence in violation of constitution. Guanabara Secretary Public Safety reported to have asked army lend state police additional weapons to help repress strike. His application being considered.

At public demonstration Rio May 24 Brizola called on Goulart to take public stand in favor reforms, throw out IMF delegation, and declare Ambassador Gordon persona non grata. Meanwhile Goulart in several statements in São Paulo saying that reform would come, whether with, against, or in spite of his own person.

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seemed regarded more routinely than heretofore. Number of proposals reportedly being considered in Senate and Chamber but by established committees under routine procedures.

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