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Wagner Tavares, Editor O Popular newspaper in Goiania, gave following background information on land control problem Tocantinopolis. Problem involves large land holdings owned by Rio Impex, a Brazilian lumber company supplying Rio and São Paulo markets. Land hungry peasants in area have been threatening to take over Impex lands by force if necessary. Peasants are armed with the help of group of some 12 Communist agitators from Goiania. Financial resources of agitators have recently increased, but no indications arms or funds from Cuba or other source outside Brazil. State police have been reinforced in area and are confident can control situation.

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