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PSD Congressmen (minus most of strong anti-Goulartists, who deliberately stayed away) met in Brasilia Oct 23 consider party's position vis-a-vis Goulart Government and decided to continue support.

Party issued statement emphasizing concern over inflation, strikes, "infiltration antidemocrats into political life of country". Statement said party "collaborating loyally and patriotically with government of Goulart", urged "severe policy of austerity and financial restoration", pledged PSD support for "structural reforms" which would be Christian, democratic, and "in conformity our traditions".

Tone of meeting, according press, was hostile to administration, although absence of strongest anti-Goulartists resulted in appearance of unity instead of break-down into pro- and anti-Goulart factions as in case of Aug 21 caucus (Ourtel ~~667x~~²⁴). Nonetheless, all speakers reported to have criticized government, declaring that official statement did not go as far as they wanted, but agreeing accept it in name

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PSD's conciliatory tradition. Even Chamber President Mazzili reportedly declared he would have preferred stronger statement.

Statement reportedly drafted by Chamber Leader Martins ~~AND~~
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Rodrigues/Ulisses Guimaraes, and aimed at party unity by making concessions to conservatives while at same time avoiding out-and-out break. Beforehand, anti-Goulartist Anisio Rocha (Goias) had declared that almost 40 PSD deputies ready form independent Chamber group, while Martins Rodrigues argued that only about 12 supported idea of break. Anti-Goulartists sought unsuccessfully amend statement to criticize "infiltration antidemocrats into government" instead "political life".

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