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During conversation this afternoon with Governor Adhemar Barros, latter appeared undisturbed by evident incongruity of situation in which State of Minas Gerais reported in active revolt against federal government while São Paulo and presumably other allied dissident states seemed to be sitting on hands. He confirmed that no parallel action had started in São Paulo as yet, said he planned tonight to arrest leftist leaders and close down newspaper Ultima Hora and Radio Marconi. These actions, he said, would probably precipitate strikes and other communist-inspired manifestations. Although he said he was in touch, by phone and personal emissary, with Governor Magalhães Pinto, he seemed to regard developments in Minas Gerais as nothing more than first and relatively minor move in what he believes will be long hard fight in which São Paulo bound to be deeply involved and whose outcome at this stage highly uncertain.

He seemed unsure of posture of Second Army but said he thought at least seventy-five percent would support anti-Goulart cause provided army commander did so. He said General Kruel due to be replaced as Second Army Commander today or tomorrow but that he hoped he would refuse to turn over his command. He said however Goulart had been working on Kruel and that he, Adhemar,

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still not one hundred percent sure of Krue's position.

São Paulo still deceptively quiet tonight with no outward indications that fight for Brazil's democratic survival may already have been joined.

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