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Hermes Pereira de Sousa, suplente

Difference in favor of ARENA

31,634

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Provisional Election Returns In Rio Grande do Sul

Guido Mondin was elected originally in 1959 as a PRP-PRP candidate, and was elected again in 1964 as a PRP-PRP candidate. Something of a surprise was the good showing made by the PRP-PRP in the 1964 election for mayor of Porto Alegre. The PRP-PRP candidate, Sr. Serrano Chaise (PRP) whose wife Teresinha has triumphed in the current elections as the "most voted" of all candidates for the Legislative Assembly (see below). Candido Roberto (ex-MDB; now cassado) placed second after Serrano in 1963.

1. Some days may still elapse before it is possible to provide definitive data with regard to the number of votes cast in the November 15 elections, the amount of seats gained by each party, and the exact compositions of the new representation of RGS in the Chamber of Deputies and of the two bandas in the Legislative Assembly. It appears clear, however, that the Aliança Renovadora Nacional (ARENA) managed to secure the reelection to the Senate of Guido Mondin (ex-PRP) by pooling the votes given to Mondin himself and to the sublegenda contestants Synval Guazzelli (ex-UDN) and Mário Mondino (ex-PDC). On the other hand, the MDB appears to have gained irreversible leads with respect to the number of federal deputies elected and with regard to obtaining a majority in the Legislative Assembly. This latter fact could seriously complicate the task of ARENA Governor-elect Walter Peracchi Barcellos (anti-Juscelinista ex-PSD) although when last seen at the time of his departure for Rio, France, Germany and the United States (as a guest of the respective countries) on November 21, he did not seem pessimistic - in contrast to outgoing Governor Ildo Meneghetti, who appeared decidedly shaken.

2. The Senate race ran as follows (to date):

ARENA:	Guido Mondin, principal (ex-PRP)	299,626
	Naziazeno d'Almeida, <u>suplente</u>	
	Synval Guazzelli, principal (ex-UDN)	191,424
	Jayme Tavares, <u>suplente</u>	
	Mário Mondino, principal (ex-PDC)	135,178
	Luci Monteiro, <u>suplente</u>	
	Total ARENA	626,228

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MDB: Siegfried Emanuel Heuser, principal (ex-PTB) 591,544 also of the
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Alexandre Moreira (ARENA, ex-PTB) with 2,773. This latter success is some-
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Guido Mondin was elected originally in 1959 as a PRP-PTB coalition candidate, and appears to have retained some of his former support among the "uncommitted" portion of the electorate. Something of a surprise was the good showing made by Guazzelli, unsuccessful candidate in 1963 for mayor of Pôrto Alegre. The winner on that occasion, with 99,857 votes, was Sereno Chaise (PTB) whose wife Teresinha has triumphed in the current elections as the "most voted" of all candidates for the Legislative Assembly (see below). Cândido Norberto (ex-MTR; now cassado) placed second after Sereno in 1963. Mário Mondino, who served twice as Secretary of Interior and Justice, the key political cabinet post, in the second Meneghetti administration, including during the critical days of the 1964 Revolution, made a disappointing score. Both Guazzelli and Mondino are expected to be offered cabinet seats or important appointments by Peracchi Barcellos. The latter frankly pushed for the sublegenda candidacies, foreseeing, quite correctly as it turned out, that Heuser, the MDB candidate (and state chairman of the party) could be stopped by no other means. Heuser is now being criticized for not having resorted to similar tactics, but the situation on his side was somewhat different. It would hardly have done to run one ex-PTB man against another; no one in the ex-MTR or in the MDB-2 (largely ex-PL), with the possible exception of Paulo Brossard, appeared to be enough of a vote-getter to warrant the split. Brossard, more realistically, preferred to run for the Chamber, and there is a slim chance that he may yet secure election.

3. To the Chamber of Deputies, the MDB is definitely returning 9 of the present incumbents, all but one identified with the ex-PTB. 6 are new; they also appear to have had PTB affiliations. The other seat is still disputed. The ARENA also has 9 old-timers on its elected list. 3 of the new ones are serving as state deputies in the current Assembly. Other seats are contested. The majority comes from the ex-PSD, with Tarso Dutra, Peracchi's rival and something of a headache to Governor Meneghetti, well in the lead. The remainder of the seats is well distributed among the component parties of Meneghetti's old ADP coalition, with Brito Velho (ex-PL) leading champion of ARENA's endorsement of the Ruy Cirne Lima coalition, nicely following Dutra.

4. In the Legislative Assembly, the MDB will have a 1 (or possibly 3) vote majority over ARENA. Teresinha Chaise, whose husband was cassado and removed as mayor of Pôrto Alegre in May 1964, received more votes than any other candidate of either party (41,843). She will be the second woman

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member of the Assembly; the first, Suely Gomes de Oliveira, is also of the MDB. Following came Pedro Simon, MDB bancada leader, with 29,164, and Alexandre Machado (ARENA, ex-PSD) with 22,795. This latter success is something of a slap in the face of Governor Meneghetti: Machado is a rebel who has voted with the opposition on certain key issues, and he apparently blocked the inclusion of Guido Moesch, Meneghetti's private secretary, on the ARENA ticket, although Moesch might have commanded a number of votes in the German settled areas of the state. Machado is also considered, rightly or wrongly, as the "foulest-mouthed deputy" in the Assembly.

5. Association with the ill-fated Rui Cirne Lima candidacy, except in the case of Federal Deputy Carlos Brito Velho and possibly in that of Paulo Brossard, both of whom have other claims to fame, seems to have been the "kiss of death" for those involved. It seems to have been instrumental in preventing the reelection to the Assembly of Dário Beltrão (ex-PL), José Sanseverino and Nelson Marchezan (ex-PDC) in ARENA and that of Honório Severo (ex-PL), as well as the first-time election of his fellow-members of the MDB-2 sublegenda.

6. Certain well-known figures such as Moab Caldas, picturesque state leader of the Umbanda faith (MDB state deputy) seem to have faded out of political life, while others failed to secure what seemed to be almost certain victories. In the latter category, one might place Pôrto Alegre aldermen Say Marques (ex-PL) and Evaldo Bergmann (ex-MTR), both of whom were large vote-getters when elected to municipal office.

7. Governor -elect Peracchi Barcellos blamed his party's set-back largely on the fact that the slate for the Assembly was not sufficiently large (it had some 10 names less than that of the MDB) and contained some nonentities. He also believed that the voto vinculado requirement - that candidates for both Chamber and Assembly be drawn from the same party - was not clear to many of the voters, and that in the small population municípios of the interior, there often were not sufficient individual cédulas (ballots) in the name of ARENA candidates - who drew much of their potential strength from such areas - to go around. This does not explain why some voters cast ballots for ié-ié-ié singers Roberto Carlos and Wanderléa, but public apathy surrounding the elections undoubtedly would. Peracchi believed that he would be able to govern the state without difficulty by placing critical issues directly before the public by means of the press or other media, and placing the deputies in a situation where they could not refuse to vote without putting themselves on record as opposed to the common good. The Consulate fears that he may be somewhat optimistic in this respect; he is, however, a veteran politician with much support in the state from elements such as the Brigada Militar and supporters of the Grêmio soccer team, and his jovial but firm personality may keep the wiser heads of the MDB in line. There is some

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question as to what action defeated Siegfried Heuser may take. Comforting as his party's victory in the Assembly and good showing for the Chamber may be, his own defeat appears to have hit him hard, and he is rumored to be contemplating resigning his presidency of the state MDB directorate. The probability appears good that the Leadership would move further to the left, with the possibility threatening that the voice of the "lunatic fringe" might again begin to be heard. It is perhaps only a coincidence that Sra. Maria Tereza Goulart, wife of the exiled ex-President, passed through Pôrto Alegre recently and may return shortly from Montevideo, on grounds of her father's poor health. Optimists believe that Castelo Branco will yet solve everything before stepping down by using his cassation power wherever necessary, but there is at least a limit in time to the possibility of making use of that power.

8. The Consulate will report again at greater length when final data become available. It apologizes for differences in spelling of names, even in instances where there seem to be no reasonable grounds for such differences, but this confusion faithfully reflects that existing in the local press and other written material.

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Enclosure nº 1: RGS Representation Chamber of Deputies (tentative)

Enclosure nº 2: Legislative Assembly (tentative)

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RGS REPRESENTATION CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES
(tentative)

1.	MDB 15 or 16 seats	PSD	x		Leading "Juscelinista"
2.	ARENA 14 or 13 seats	PL	x		
<u>MDB</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Original Party</u>	<u>Reelected</u>	<u>New</u>	<u>Comment</u>
1.	Floríceno Paixão	PTB	x		
2.	Adílio Martins Viana	PTB	x		
3.	Antônio Bresolin	PTB	x		
4.	José Mariano de Freitas Beck	PTB		x	Brizola's Education Secretary
5.	Matheus José Schmidt	PTB	x		
6.	Henrique Henkin	PTB		x	state deputy
7.	Aldo Fagundes	PL		x	
8.	Jetro Jairo Brum	MTR	x		
9.	Otávio Caruso da Rocha	PSD		x	
10.	José Mandelli Filho	PTB	x		former state deputy
11.	Unírio Machado	PTB	x		
12.	Victor Issler	PTB	x		
13.	Nadir Rossetti			x	
14.	Zaire Nunes Pereira	PTB	x		
15.	Alceu Collares			x	
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<u>ARENA</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Original Party</u>	<u>Reelected</u>	<u>New</u>	<u>Comment</u>
1.	Tarso de Moraes Dutra	PSD	x		Leading "Juscelinista"
2.	Carlos Brito Velho	PL	x		
3.	Alberto Hoffmann	PRP		x	state deputy
4.	Ary Alcântara	PSD	x		
5.	Lauro Leitão	PSD	x		
6.	Euclides Trichês	PDC	x		
7.	Amaral de Souza	PSD		x	state deputy
8.	Arnaldo da Costa Prieto	PDC			Secretary of Labor and Housing
9.	Clóvis Pestana	PSD	x		
10.	Norberto Schmidt	PL	x		
11.	Alcides Flores Soares Jr.	UDN	x		
12.	Daniel Faraco	PSD	x		
13.	Arlindo Kunzler	PSD		x	former state deputy
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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
(tentative)

18. Aristides Bernal
MDB 28 or 29 seats

19. Mano Zardo
ARENA 27 or 26 seats

20. Lauro Haggemann

<u>MDB</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Original Party</u>	<u>Reelected</u>	<u>New</u>	<u>Comment</u>
1.	Teresinha Chaise	PTB		x	Wife of purged Pôrto Alegre mayor Sereno Chaise
2.	Pedro Simon	PTB	x		<u>Bancada</u> leader
3.	Celso Testa			x	
4.	Harry Sauer	PTB	x		
5.	Moisés Velasquez			x	
6.	Waldir Lopes	PTB		x	
7.	Nolly Joner	PTB	x		
8.	Ivo Sprandel	PTB	x		
9.	Mozart Rocha			x	
10.	José Sanfelice Netto			x	
11.	Rubem Lang			x	
12.	Carlos Santos	PTB	x		
13.	Pedro Nunes			x	
14.	Oswaldo Barlem			x	
15.	Brusa Neto	PTB	x		
16.	Ruy Bastide			x	
17.	Alcides Costa			x	

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<u>MDB (Cont'd)</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Original Party</u>	<u>Reelected</u>	<u>New</u>	<u>Comment</u>
18.	Aristides Bertuol			x	
19.	Lino Zardo			x	
20.	Lauro Haggemann	ARS		x	Former P.A. alderman; considered crypto- Communist
21.	Airton Barnasque	PTB	x		
22.	Antônio Flôres			x	
23.	Nivaldo Soares			x	
24.	Plínio Dutra			x	
25.	Sueli Gomes de Oliveira	PTB		x	
26.	Osmany Veras			x	
27.	Marcílio Goulart Loureiro	PTB	x		
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<u>ARENA</u>	<u>Cont. Name</u>	<u>Original Party</u>	<u>Reelected</u>	<u>How</u>	<u>Comment</u>
1.	Alexandre Machado	PSD	x		Foe of Meneghetti
2.	Fernando Gonçalves	PSD?		x	Head of state land reform institute
3.	Francisco Solano Borges	PL	x		State ARENA chairman
4.	Ary Delgado	PSD	x		Govt. bancada leader
5.	Getúlio Marcantônio	PL	x		
6.	Silverius Kist			x	
7.	Alfredo Hoffmeister	PSD	x		Assembly President
8.	Celestino Goulart	PSD?		x	Pres. of Caixa Econômica Estadual
9.	Antonino Fornari			x	
10.	Paulo Affonso Anselmi	PRP		x	
11.	Oscar Westendorff	PRP	x		
12.	Pedernoli Sobrinho			x	
13.	Hed Borges	PSD	x		
14.	Ariosto Jaeger	PSD	x		Foe of Meneghetti
15.	Adolpho Puggina	PTC			
16.	Romeu Scheibe			x	Has served before
17.	Avelino Santini	PTB			Former mayor of Novo Hamburgo
18.	Vitor Faccione			x	
19.	Otto Theobald			x	
20.	Otdvio Germano	PL		x	Former <u>suplicante</u>
21.	Elizio Telli	PSD?		x	Former head of DAER

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<u>ARENA (Cont'd)</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Original Party</u>	<u>Reelected</u>	<u>New</u>	<u>Comment</u>
22.	Antônio Mesquita	PRP	x		
23.	Urbano Moraes			x	
24.	Júlio Brunelli			x	
25.	Joaquim Milano			x	
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