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ARENA Picks Candidate For Governor In Piaui

1. Newspapers arriving from the state of Piaui brought the word that the choice of Highways and Public Works Secretary, Helvido Nunes as the ARENA gubernatorial candidate is now official. The choice was announced after a meeting between state ARENA leaders and President Castello Branco.

2. Nunes' nomination came as no surprise as he had placed first in the polling of ARENA members reported in Recife's A-156. There has as yet been no official announcement regarding the candidates for senator and vice governor but the Jornal de Piaui reports that President Castello Branco has "suggested" that the state organization work out a formula guaranteeing a slice of the political pie to all ex-party factions within Piaui ARENA. Ideally, a proportional basis should be used in computing the party representation, the paper continued.

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3. Concerning the patronage plum of mayor of Teresina (Piaui's small but progressive capital), rumors are now circulating to the effect that the present incumbent, Hugo Bastos, will be appointed by Nunes to another term. If true, Bastos would be the first mayor in the city's history to serve two consecutive terms.

4. Comment: Bastos, a dentist-politician, is an energetic mayor who has accomplished much in his small city but who frequently has not seen eye to eye with state government leaders on the question of SUDENE financing of public works projects. If Governor Petronio Portella retains his considerable influence in the state government, it is doubtful that Bastos will remain as mayor.

1. Newspaper articles from the state of Piaui brought the news that the choice of Highways and Public Works Secretary, Delfino Nogueira as the ANEP gubernatorial candidate is now official. The choice was announced after a meeting between state ANEP leaders and ROWELL, Dept. Secretary Nogueira.

2. Nogueira's contention that he is not serious as he had placed first in the polling of ANEP members reported in Recife's A-156. There has as yet been no official announcement regarding the candidates for governor and vice governor but the JORNAL DA MANHA reports that President Getulio Branco has "suggested" that the state organization work out a bipartisan gubernatorial ticket of the political elite of all no-party factions within Piaui ANEP. Ideally, a bipartisan basis should be used in composing the governing representation, the paper continued.

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