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PAULISTAS FROM GOVERNOR DOWN ARE SAYING SHOWDOWN WITH GOULART WILL COME BY MAY FIRST, BUT NO AGREEMENT WHAT WILL TRIGGER IT. (TO KEEP IN PROPORTION, IMPORTANT NOTE THAT SUCH TIMETABLES FOR DENOUEMENT HAVE BEEN SET IN PAST AND THE PEACEFULLY IGNORED.) CONGEN OFFICERS HEARD SAME PREDICTION YESTERDAY FROM PADRE CAIO ALVIM AND RETURNED GENERAL BRAGANCA, TWO MINAS GERAIS RESIDENTS WHO INSTRUMENTAL IN RUNNING BRIZOLA OUT OF BELO HORIZONTE FEW WEEKS AGO AND PLANNING SAO PAULO RALLY MARCH NINETEEN.

SUCCESS THESE INITIATIVES NATURALLY GIVES OPPOSITION GREAT ENCOURAGEMENT. ALVIM AND BRAGANCA ARGUE THAT ATTEMPT MUST BE MADE OVERTHROW GOULART NOW, BEFORE HE FURTHER WEAKENS ECONOMY AND STRENGTHENS POSITION IN ARMED FORCES. THEY WOULD PREFER HIM TO PROVIDE EXCUSE FOR UPRISING OR COUP BY TAKING OPENLY ILLEGAL ACT BUT DOUBT THAT HE WILL BE SO FOOLISH AS GOING AS OPPOSITION RETAINS STRENGTH. THEY CLAIM ARMY SOLIDLY ON THEIR SIDE IN MINAS AND ON NATIONAL SCALE PARALYZED BY CONFLICTING LOYALTIES OF OFFICERS. APPARENTLY NO DEFINITE PLANS MADE, HOWEVER, AND BRAGANCA DETERMINED NOT LOSE EVERYTHING BY PREMATURE MOVE. RALLIES PLANNED BY GOULART FOR BELO APRIL 21 AND SAO PAULO MAY FIRST ARE CRITICAL IN OPPOSITION SCHEME. MINAS GROUP HOPES INCREASE STRENGTH AT LEAST TO POINT OF PERMITTING ULTIMATUM FORCING GOULART BACK DOWN FROM RALLIES; FAILING THAT, BIG COUNTER DEMONSTRATIONS PLANNED. BRAGANCA TRYING SELL PLAN TO GOVERNOR ADHEMAR WITH PROBABILITY AT LEAST PARTIAL SUCCESS. STRIKING FEATURE OF RECENT WEEKS IS TENDENCY ALL OPPOSITION FORCES TO JOIN EFFORTS DESPITE REGIONAL POLITICAL AND PERSONAL DIFFERENCES. PAULISTAS SECOND ONLY TO MINEIROS IN MILITANCY AND CATCHING UP FAST. PREDICTIONS NOT POSSIBLE-- IN THIS ATMOSPHERE LOGIC AND COMMON SENSE WILL NOT NECESSARILY GOVERN TREND OF EVENTS.

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