

Brazilian Economic Confusion Brings Cry for Strong Executive

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RIO DE JANEIRO — Housewives line up for blocks to buy milk, salt, rice, sugar and beans in Rio de Janeiro. Thousands of hungry farmers leave dusty, sun-scorched fields in the northeast in quest of food and work. Prices soar to new heights daily all over the country. Workers strike for higher wages and students strike for a greater voice in university affairs. Restlessness grows in military ranks.

These are symptoms of a widening crisis that has stirred demands from some Brazilians for strong rule—for authority of the kind traditionally exercised by the president but now sharply curtailed by the parliamentary system.

The system was a compromise adopted during the crisis created by the surprise resignation of President Janio Quadros last August. Under parliamentary rule, Joao Goulart has the title of president but not the strong power.

Critics cite the food shortage in Rio as an example of economic confusion that a strong hand could clear up. Most of the items in short supply here—rice, beans, sugar and salt—are available abundantly elsewhere in the nation.

The shortages have been caused principally by producers and wholesalers attempting to get price increases and by government efforts to hold down prices to combat inflation. This has led to strikes by distributors who refuse to deliver any more of their products without a price increase.

In nearly all cases, the government price control agency has stepped in and sold the products directly to the consumer. In all parts of the city lines of customers waiting to buy food from government trucks extend for blocks.

"There's no leader, no feeling of authority in Brazil today," says a student.

Signs are appearing on buildings and walls throughout Brazil calling for a plebiscite to let the people decide on the form of government they want.

Fifteen of the nation's 22 state governors agreed that it is time to take the issue to the people for a vote.

The impetus for all this comes from Goulart himself who declares that it's time to "revitalize authority."

But other voices, fearful of giving Goulart full executive power, are being raised in opposition. Among these are military leaders, a majority of congress and personalities such as Gov. Carlos Lacerda of Guanabara, considered by many as the spokesman for the extreme right in Brazil.

One deputy said it would take a crisis like the one last August to get Congress to approve another change of systems. Under the parliamentary setup, Congress has more power through its control of the selection and retention of the prime minister.

Some lawmakers also fear that Goulart wants to become a dictator or, at least, a strong-man president of the Getulio Vargas type. He was once a political protege of Vargas.

Before he became president, millionaire Goulart was accused by his critics of being too far to the left, of working with Communists to strengthen his political hand. But as president and leader of 70 million Brazilians he has moved to the middle of the road.

His visit to the United States last April strengthened his hand with many Brazilians, and he saw an opportunity to call for "sweeping reforms at the base" which he said could be carried out successfully only through a revision of the constitution. And he hinted that a return to the presidential system would be helpful.

Kennedy plans a return visit to Brazil July 30 to continue the talks started by Goulart in Washington. Goulart apparently has little hope of getting reforms pushed through before Kennedy's arrival. These and his bid for greater power will have a test later this year, when the nation holds its congressional and gubernatorial elections in October.

Crater Lake Roads Open for Traffic

The North Entrance Road and West Rim Road of Crater Lake National Park are now open, according to a National Park Service announcement.

The North Road, the closest road for Emerald Empire residents, was opened several weeks ago from Highway 97 into Diamond Lake, but had not been open into the park. The park service urged caution in driving along the West Rim Road, which it said still has snow banks 20 to 25 feet high along it.

Souvanna Asks Chinese Backing

TOKYO (AP)—Prince Souvanna Phouma, premier-designate of the coalition Laos government, has called for strengthening of ties with Red China, the New China News Agency reported.

In a broadcast monitored here the agency said Souvanna messaged Premier Chou En-lai his thanks for Red Chinese support "accorded us at the Geneva conference and in Laos itself in our struggle for peace, neutrality, national independence."

Scoutmaster Receives Key in Ceremony

Scoutmaster Don Schuman was presented the Scouter's Key at ceremonies held by Troop 22 at the Bethesda Lutheran Church Monday evening. The Scouter's Key is presented to scoutmasters for efficiency and leadership.

In other awards given out Gene Olson received first class rank, Ramon David second class, and star rank went to Donald Peterson, Bill Jones, Alan Hein, Jim Stokes and Brian Burchfield.

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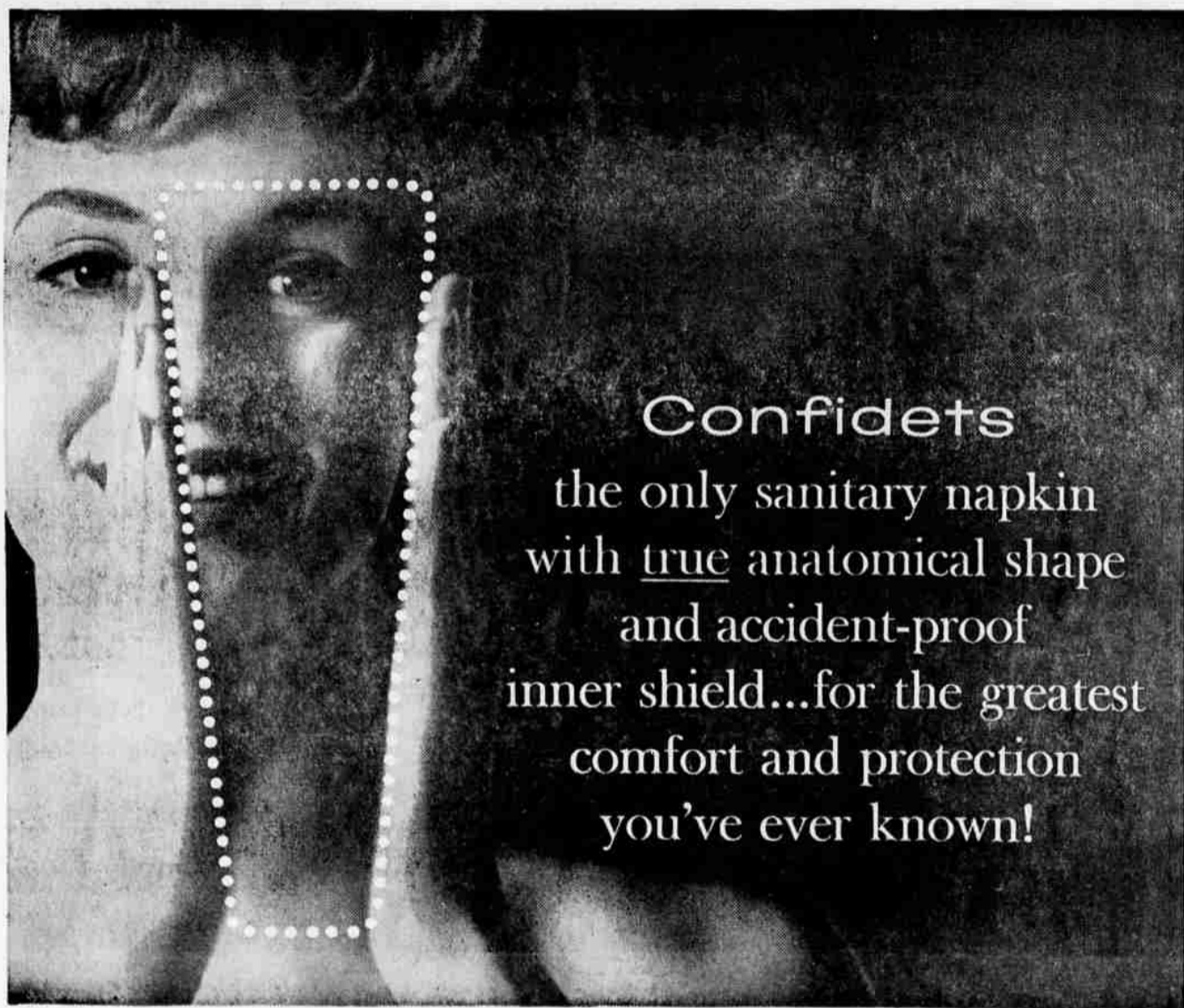
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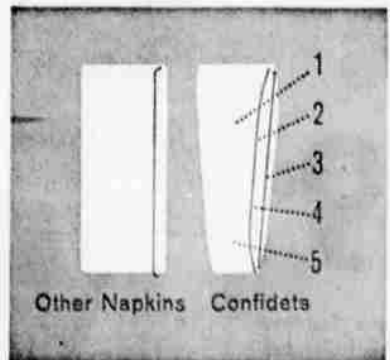
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4,000 Scientists to Meet At Oregon State in August

OREGON STATE UNIVERSITY—One of the nation's largest scientific meetings—that of the American Institute of Biological Sciences—is scheduled for Aug. 28 to 31 at Oregon State University.

More than 4,000 American scientists will participate in the AIBS sessions and the joint meetings of the Pacific Division of the American Assn. for the Advancement of Science.

A total of 36 regional and na-

tional scientific associations will be included in the giant scientific conference. This is the largest number in the history of the American Institute of Biological Sciences.

A total of 2,132 scientific papers will be presented during the sessions.

The AIBS meetings are held each fall on the campus of a leading science institution. Stanford University is the only other western university ever selected to host the conference.

U.S., Australia Reach Accord

WASHINGTON (AP)—The United States and Australia agreed Wednesday to work together on problems affecting both countries which arise from Britain's proposed entry into the European Common Market.

A joint communique was issued after three days of talks between Australia's Prime Minister Robert G. Menzies and President Kennedy.

Australia has not opposed Britain's entry into the Common Market, but has sought to make sure that Australian exports will still find a market.

Fair Sets Record

SEATTLE (AP)—The Seattle World's Fair celebrated its 60th day Tuesday with a record weekday crowd of 74,145.

The day's total was nearly 6,000 higher than the week-day record of 68,889 set on June 12.

The fair's biggest day so far was Saturday, May 5 when 75,758 persons attended the exposition.

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