

President-Elect of Brazil Faced With Task of Completing Brasilia

Rio de Janeiro (UPI) — Brasilia, the new federal capital which was President Juscelino Kubitschek's "dream town," seems likely to become a hanover for the incoming administration of president-elect Janio Quadros.

Since Quadros has vowed to govern from the unfinished highland federal capital, it becomes the most urgent problem he must face. Brasilia will be nine months old when he takes over the government.

Though 85 per cent of federal administration workers still function in Rio, the new capital's population exceeds 150,000.

Most residents live in temporary wooden dwellings outside the actual city because the bulk of housing accommodations are still drawings for execution.

Costs Estimated
Estimates of the city's construction costs run from a conservative 100 billion cruzeiros (8500 million) to 150 billion (12750 million). Kubitschek has never given an account of the money involved.

Capital living conditions are still little more than primitive. Each rain turns unpaved streets to mud and during dry spells, choking dust swirls make inhabitants curse cooling breezes.

The artificial lake surrounding the town is a breeding place for mosquitos. Last month a malaria epidemic was confirmed in Brasilia, the first case detected in the plateau region.

Government employees who have received housing struggles with chronic shortages of water and power.

Communications with the rest of the country are at best sporadic. Kubitschek has several times found himself completely isolated from the rest of the country by breakdowns in long distance phone and teletype systems.

There have been three major strikes in the city since it was inaugurated last April 21. School teachers and hospital technicians struck to demand payment of promised gratuity bonuses, and laborers put aside their tools demanding minimum wage parity with Rio de Janeiro.

Frequent fires have destroyed hundreds of shacks in the "free city" while poorly equipped firemen could only attempt to localize the flames.

Big Walk to Store
Housewives must walk as far as three miles to cooperative government stores where they find prices up to 25 per cent higher than in Rio and Sao Paulo. Basic items, including even powdered milk for children, often disappear from stock.

Great distances and little transport keep most people home at night. There is only one movie theater in town.

Week ends and holidays drag because few have autos to get out into the surrounding virgin country. The solitude has fostered revival of musical evenings with families joining together to participate.

Turning Back
Despite the city's drawbacks, even its harshest critics concede there can be no turning back from Brasilia. Too much has been sunk into it.

All look to Quadros to finish the job that Kubitschek began when he turned the first shovel of earth to begin building of the capital in 1956.

A small group of stone age Indians inhabiting the wilds of the Parana jungle is threatened with extinction by advancing civilization.

The nomadic tribe wanders naked through the forest avoiding contact with whites, who are slowly reducing their hunting grounds to farmland.

Prof. Laureiro Fernandes of the University of Parana made a years-long study of the tribe which calls itself "Xetas" pronounced shetas.

He said the Xetas will come to a "violent end" unless their Serra Dos Dourados territory in Northwest Parana is declared a national preserve.

Pocketed in Small Area
Fernandes said the Xetas have been retreating for more than a century before advancing civilization. They are now pocketed into a small area bounded by the Parana and Ivaí rivers and can withdraw no further because they have no boats, and do not know how to build them.

The Xetas are called "Kurotons" (naked men) by other Indians who have come in contact with them.

Their only clothing is a small fiber loin cloth sometimes worn by the men. Women and children always go naked, though on festive occasions they adorn themselves with brilliant feathers of jungle birds. Women fashion earrings from the feathers.

Though a peaceful people, the Xetas appear fierce because the men deform their lower lips by piercing them and inserting increasingly large discs of tree resin. This makes them somewhat resemble certain African tribes.

Other Indians Shunned
The Xetas shun other Indians and have never been known to war with neighboring tribes.

Their principal hunting weapon is the bow and arrow. They are also skilled at making traps for larger animals such as the jungle tapir whose hide is too tough for arrows. They snatch fish by hand from river waters.

According to Fernandes, they are gluttons for honey and wild bee larvae. Honey is their only source of sugar. Fernandes, who succeeded in being accepted by the Xetas and living with them many months, said they will eat anything palatable and are especially fond of grubs

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Nicaragua Will Abide by Court

Managua, Nicaragua (UPI) — President Luis Somoza has announced officially that Nicaragua would abide by the decision of the World Court in favor of Honduras in the dispute involving an underdeveloped region on the nation's eastern border.

In a message to Honduran President Ramon Villeda Morales, Somoza said that although Nicaragua considered that the court at The Hague had deprived it of "what we conceived in good faith as belonging to us," the decision would be accepted.

The court said the 1906 decision of the king of Spain, who acted as arbitrator in the dispute and set the border along the Coco river, was valid. Nicaragua had contended the border should be north of the Patuca river.

The area, which is sparsely settled, runs wedge-shaped for about 150 miles along the Caribbean coast.

Stephen Foster wrote more than 200 songs.



BEARING GIFTS — Cousins of three-year-old Caroline Kennedy arrive with gifts at the Kennedy's Washington home to attend a belated birthday party for the daughter of the president-elect. They are Courtney Kennedy, 4, daughter of Robert Kennedy, and Stephen Smith Jr., 3, son of Mrs. Jean Kennedy Smith, Sen. Kennedy's sister. (UPI Telephoto)

Their tools are made of wrought stone or bones of slain animals. They have no knowledge of pottery or ceramics but make receptacles by hollowing shells of a fruit called "cabaca."

The Xetas were first believed related to the Tupi, largest Indian group in Brazil, but anthropologists including Fernandes, now affirm they are linked with no other indigenous people in the country.

Their language and vague pantheistic religious beliefs are unique.

Fernandes admits no one knows the origin of the dying nomadic tribe. He said the threat of extinction which hangs over them also menaces hopes of unraveling the mystery.

"These remnants of the stone age will most certainly be destroyed when they are forced to face the civilization of the atomic age."

"Once more another native American people will die out, ingloriously, as a consequence of the merciless breath of civilization carried onward by the white race," he said.



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Two Men Appear in Circuit Court Here

Joe Francis Dubuque, 51, of 242 Beatty st., was arraigned and pleaded guilty on district attorney's information yesterday in circuit court. Sentencing was continued pending receipt of an FBI report.

He was charged with entering the Graf and James Construction company tool shed Nov. 20 near Ashland sewage disposal plant. The complaint alleges he broke the lock of the door and entered. Many of the hand and power tools missing from the shack were recovered in a Gold Hill home.

Also in circuit court, Maurice Wilson Young, 25, of 815 1/2 Cedar st., was arraigned on district attorney's information, and pleaded guilty to charges of uttering and publishing a false check. Sentencing was continued pending receipt of an FBI report.

COMMISSIONER QUILTS
Beverly Hills, Calif. (UPI) — President Eisenhower has accepted the resignation of Lawrence G. Derthick as U.S. commissioner of education, effective Jan. 19.