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SUBJECT : Superior Military Tribunal Upholds Convictions Against Two Writers							
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In reviewing within the past week two separate cases of writers convicted of National Security Law violations, the Superior Military Tribunal has upheld the sentences previously passed on Caio Prado Junior and Murry Jorge Lydia.							
Caio Prado, renowned Marxist historian, economist and sociologist, was sentenced earlier this year in São Paulo to a prison term of 4-1/2 years, subsequently reduced by the Superior Military Tribunal to 18 months. He was convicted of having given an interview considered subversive which was printed in the student publication <u>Revisão</u> (see Rio's A-411 of September 4, 1970). His lawyer, Dr. Fragozo, informed the Embassy that he will now appeal to the Supreme Court (STF) and that he is very optimistic that the STF will decide favorably for Caio Prado. Since the Supreme Court is in recess at the moment, Dr. Fragozo believes that a final decision will take, at least, another four months to be reached.							
Murry Jorge Lydia, labor columnist of the Rio daily <u>Tribuna da Imprensa</u> , had been sentenced to one year's imprisonment for having criticized Labor Minister Passarinho in his newspaper column. The Military Tribunal's decision thus superceded an earlier action by a criminal court judge who had released Lydia because of an "excessively rigorous interpretation of the press law". (see Rio's A-2).							
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