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1. FIRST ROUND, IN DEPTH, SOUNDINGS OF SCIENTIFIC COMMUNITY ON THIS WEEK'S PROFESSIONAL PURGE COMPLETED. IMPLICATIONS FOR FUTURE HEALTH BRAZILIAN SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL COMMUNITY CAN FAIRLY BE CHARACTERIZED AS OMINOUS. DAMAGE INFLECTED BY THIS PURGE SIGNIFICANT BUT NOT AT THIS STAGE IRREPARABLE. SOUNDINGS INDICATE THAT IF TREND CONTINUES OR ACCELERATES, AS EXPECTED BY MAJORITY OF CONTACTS, GOB COULD WITHIN NEXT SIX TO TWELVE MONTHS INFLECT SUFFICIENT DAMAGE ON COMMUNITY TO ESSENTIALLY STALL IMPROVEMENT OF COMMUNITY FOR INDETERMINATE PERIOD. SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS FOR BRAZILIAN ACHIEVEMENT DEVELOPMENT OBJECTIVES GOES WELL BEYOND IMMEDIATE PROBLEMS IN FIELD SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY.

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2. ABOVE CONCLUSIONS AND FOLLOWING AMPLICATORY DETAILS BASED ON EXTENSIVE CONTACTS IN RIO AND SAO PAULO COMMUNITIES AIDED BY ACCIDENT THAT CNPQ MEETING WAS IN SESSION APRIL 28 WHEN FIRST LIST OF FORTY-FOUR ANNOUNCED. THIS PERMITTED RAPID CONTACT WITH SENIOR REPRESENTATIVES SCIENTIFIC COMMUNITY FROM ALL OVER BRAZIL.

3. ALTHOUGH SCIENTIFIC COMMUNITY IN NORTH EASTERN UNIVERSITIES HAS BEEN UNDER HARASSMENT FOR SOME TIME, CONSEQUENTIAL DAMAGE TO OVERALL BRAZILIAN COMMUNITY HAS BEEN LIGHT BECAUSE OF LOW GENERAL QUALITY COMMUNITY THERE. LATEST PURGE, HOWEVER, STRUCK SQUARELY AT HEART HIGH QUALITY SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL COMMUNITY I.E. SAO PAULO AND RIO. PRINCIPAL DAMAGE APPEARS TO BE FOLLOWING:

A. WIDE SPREAD DEMORALIZATION FACULTIES IN RIO AND SAO PAULO WITH RUB OFF ON PORTO ALEGRE AND RUDDING INTERIOR INSTITUTIONS SUCH AS SAO CARLOS IS CLEARLY EVIDENT. TENSION IS APPRECIABLY HEIGHTENED BY FIRM CONVICTION AMONG LARGE PORTION COMMUNITY THAT PURGE BASED AS MUCH ON PERSONAL VENDETTAS AND INCREASING INFLUENCE OF "RIGHT WING LUNATIC FRINGE" AS ON ANY LEGITIMATE DESIRE GOVT TO PROMOTE "ORDER AND PROGRESS".

B. PROMISING REFORM AT SAO PAULO UNIVERSITY PROBABLY DEAD AS FOUR LEADERS OF REFORM INCLUDING ACTING RECTOR AMONG THOSE PURGED.

C. SECONDARY SCHOOL SCIENCE PROGRAM DEALT SEVERE BLOW BY PURGE OF RAN. ALTHOUGH SEVERAL GROUPS IN BRAZIL HAVE BEEN WORKING ON PROBLEM OF INCREASING QUALITY SECONDARY SCIENCE PROGRAMS TO EASE LOAD ON UNIVERSITIES HIS PROGRAM HAS BEEN ONE OF MOST AGGRESSIVE AND SUCCESSFUL.

D. PURGED ALBERTO DE CARVALHO SCIENTIFIC DIRECTOR SAO PAULO AMPARA (FAPES) CONSIDERED BY MANY "PARANOID" SLAP BY GAMA E SILVA AT LONG STANDING "SILENT POLICY" OF AMPARA TO MAKE AWARDS BASED ON SCIENTIFIC MERIT PROPOSALS RATHER THAN

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R. WEATHER VANES FOR FUTURE WILL BE WHETHER OR NOT PURGES CONTINUE, STUDENT REACTION AND INCLUSION OF ANY OR ALL OF FOLLOWING POSSIBLE TARGETS IN FUTURE PURGE LISTS:

A. RECTOR UNIV OF RIO FOR OPPOSING PRESENT PURGE (CONSIDERED UNLIKELY DESPITE WIDESPREAD BELIEF IN SAO PAULO THAT HE HAS EXPRESSED OPPOSITION ON WRITING.)

B. SALA, MARTA VANUCCI, AND SIMON MATHIAS FOR FAVORING UNIVERSITY SAO PAULO REFORM AND OUTSPOKEN DEFENSE PURGED ACTING RECTOR.

C. JOSE GOLDEMBERG, JAQUES DANON AND CARVALHO DE LIMA FOR YOUTHFUL LIBERALISM AND EDUCATIONAL PROGRESSIVISM.

D. SERGIO MASCARENHAS, GERHARD JACOB AND DARCY CLOSS FOR "AMPARA THINKING" (SEE 3D ABOVE). LOSS OF ANY ONE OF ABOVE WOULD REPRESENT LOSS CAPABLE PERSON SPEARHEADING MAJOR EFFORT PRODUCE COMPETENT BRAZILIAN SCIENTISTS AND ENGINEERS. BRAZILIAN COMMUNITY TOO SMALL TO ABSORB LOSS ANY SIGNIFICANT PORTION THESE POSSIBLE TARGETS. FURTHER EVEN PRESENT PURGE WILL UNDOUBTEDLY ACCELERATE BRAINDRAIN AND TOUCH OFF SOME VOLUNTARY RESIGNATIONS. APPRECIABLE INROADS BY GOVERNMENT INTO ABOVE GROUP STANDS CHANCE OF TRIGGERING MASS RESIGNATIONS AMONG COMPETENT MEMBERS SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL COMMUNITY. GOVERNMENT PRESSURE AND SUPPORT FOR EXTREME NATIONALISM IN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AT ALL LEVELS (I.E. UNIVERSITY, INDUSTRY, AND GOVERNMENT CONSIDERED LIKELY DEVELOPMENT AND DEFINITE WEATHERVANE BY MAJORITY OF SAO PAULO CONTACTS THO THIS NOT MENTIONED BY CONTACTS FROM OTHER AREAS BRAZIL. (SEE SAO PAULO 2441 OF 26 SEPT 68). BELTON

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