

# Political Police Report in Brazil Links Jews to Communist Party

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RIO DE JANEIRO, March 5 —The political police in São Paulo have charged that the leader of the opposition majority in the State Assembly, Alberto Goldmann, was elected with the support of what was described as a "Jewish sector" of the Brazilian Communist party.

This is the first public indication that there might be such a branch in the Communist party, which is illegal here. The accusation has caused concern in the Jewish community, which numbers 150,000 in this country of 105 million people.

In a report made public today in the Brazilian press, the São Paulo political police charged that an opposition member of the Federal Chamber of Deputies, Marcelo Gato, was also elected with the help of the Communist party.

The report named 27 persons implicated in the current crackdown on the Communist party. Neither Mr. Goldmann nor Mr. Gato was on the list. Most of those named are active in trade unions or members of the liberal professions.

Twenty-one of the 27 have been put under "preventive arrest." Most were arrested several weeks ago, but this was the first official notice.

The Minister of Justice, Armando Ribeiro Falcão, announced the new drive against the Communists at the end of January and suggested that some opposition members of Congress had been elected with Communist votes.

The Brazilian Democratic Movement, the only opposition party authorized by Brazil's military régime, scored a sweep-

ing victory in the Senate elections last November and made important gains in the Chamber of Deputies and state legislatures. The party's biggest success was in the important industrial state of São Paulo.

Opposition sources in São Paulo said that the wave of arrests among party militants began on Nov. 17, two days after the election.

At that time, the police are said to have obtained the names of 200 persons who were described as financial contributors to the Communist party. Those listed, many of whom were called in for questioning, belong to São Paulo's well-to-do bourgeoisie and include businessmen, professors and journalists.

Today's police report said that the Communist party set up a special projects department whose mission was to obtain financial contributions, particularly from the Jewish community.

According to supposed confessions by some of those implicated in the Communist crackdown, the party ordered its members and sympathizers to vote for Brazilian Democratic Movement candidates. In São Paulo the party was said to have chosen Marcelo Gato and Alberto Goldmann.

The Brazilian Democratic Movement denies any links with the Communist party and maintains that the Government is giving exaggerated importance to the Communists by attributing the opposition victory to them. Informed sources say there are only about 6,000 Communist party members in the country.

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