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## Quadros Crosses 'E

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The Kennedy Administration's New Frontier "experts" on inter-American affairs have been rocked on their heels anew by the recent spectacular developments in Brazil.

The Harvard clique in the egg-head braintrust operating in and close to the White House these days was reported "shocked" at the sudden resignation of the enigmatic Janio Quadros from the Brazilian presidency.

At least four of the so-called experts who have been handling and mishandling Latin American policies outside normal State Department channels since President Kennedy was inaugurated were particularly dumbfounded.

Among the hardest hit was Richard Nathan Goodwin, 30-year-old White House staff adviser, who has set himself up as the kurgin for inter-American affairs in Washington. He made his first visit to Latin America after he landed in a White House office early this year.

Goodwin, who attended last month's Alliance for Progress conference at Punta del Este, Uruguay, and distinguished himself by getting mouse-trapped by Brazilian officials into a cocktail party meeting with Cuban Communist chieftain Ernesto "Che" Guevara, had taken heavily on being a critic of Quadros.

At Punta del Este, Goodwin made sure everyone within hearing knew that Quadros had asked him personally to accompany him on his planned trip to the United States in December and escort him across the country.

With Goodwin, whatever the Brazilians wanted at the conference the United States should make every effort to oblige.

Sharing this sentiment — to the point of embarrassment at one stage — was Lincoln Gordon, Harvard economics professor who has just been confirmed as the new U. S. ambassador to Brazil.

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When Brazil joined Cuba at the conference to knock out a phrase in the Charter of Punta del Este calling for periodic, free and democratic elections — a phrase sponsored by the United States and Peru — Gordon, who was a member of the U. S. delegation, counseled that it was something the charter could get along without. The phrase was deleted.

Ambassador Gordon was of the opinion that massive U. S. economic aid to the Quadros government could keep him on the side of the United States, despite the Quadros flirtation with the Sino-Soviet bloc.

Ambassador Stevenson and Arthur Schlesinger Jr., another White House staff "expert" on Latin America, had expressed strong confidence in Quadros to lead Brazil out of its economic and political difficulties.

Now the experts can try another country.



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