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1. Brazilian Communists Capitalize on Drought.

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Communists in the State of Rio Grande do Sul are changing tactics from simple agitation to a more active and specific plan, part of which is the: (1) organization of as many "ligas camponeses" (rural groups) as possible in the interior; (2) an intensive campaign of medical and pharmaceutical assistance as a prelude to forming "ligas", carried out by doctors and nurses, either Communists or Communist-sympathizers. Free distribution of drugs and medicine will be an essential feature of this program.

ANALYST'S COMMENT: This campaign is identical with Russian tactics to emphasize the free medical aid received under communism. The farmers may be especially susceptible to this propaganda because the state was one of the most severely affected by droughts in northeastern Brazil this year.

2. Rumanian Doctors Going to Korea.

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Many Rumanian doctors are being sent to Korea. They are paid 300,000 lei per month plus other inducements.

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3. Rumanian Medical Clinics

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The postal and railroad employees are very discontent because of their poor wages and meager food. A large number of these employees have presented themselves to the medical clinics and most of them have asthenia and pronounced

anemia. [Redacted]

[Redacted] Seldom do any of the people who come to these clinics have more than a count of 3,000,000 red corpuscles. A normal amount would be 4,500,000 - 5,000,000 red corpuscles.

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ANALYST'S COMMENT: The asthenia anemia reported may be due to food shortages [Redacted] or to widespread incidence of disease. At any rate, this [Redacted] indicates a weakened population that would be highly susceptible to infection.

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