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BRAZILIAN LETTER

Palace Hotel, Pocos de Caldas,
Minas Gerais, Brazil.

Imagine my surprise to pick up the morning paper of Feb. 23 here and find no mention of war news on the front page. I had to actually scan through the entire paper to find it hidden away in the back. For there was far more important news for the Brazilians! The headlines ran: "The ministry pronounces itself in favor of a constitutional reform." For these people who have been without the right to elect their president, without House of Representatives, or political parties since 1937, this news was the greatest joy they could have.

Earlier in the year they had had the vicarious pleasure of elections when our armed forces here sent in their ballots, when they listened eagerly to the radio and read the news of the outcomes in the newspapers. Now they would actually be able to do the same as we in the near future. The forces of the opposition have started the bases for a new organization, the National Democratic Union and have put forward the name of their candidate, Brigadier General Gomes. This is the first mention in the press, although U. S. editions of Time published it early in January.

The papers for the past few days have been full of interviews given by important political men, many of them outwardly denouncing the regime. Many are rushing home to see about the reconstruction of the former political parties. We still await the final outcome and the actual voting day.

This Brazilian love of democracy was also seen in the answers to a questionnaire that the Coordinators of Inter-American Affairs sent out over the radio: "If you went to the United States what would you visit first?" I had the job of cataloguing the answers and out of three thousand replies, coming from eleven states (Brazil has twenty states), 856 were for the Statue of Liberty,

235 for Roosevelt and 163 for the White House where he lives. Others wanted to see the monuments of George Washington, Abraham Lincoln and Thomas Jefferson, not so much for the monuments themselves as for what each man had stood for.

Have a guess for the other most voted place to see? I think you will say Hollywood, and it was, with 700. There must have been at least a hundred different answers, showing the wide variety of interest that the Brazilians have in our country—universities, museums, war industries and production, New York City Yellowstone Park, Niagara Falls were among the outstanding. Two answers impressed by the fact that their writers were interested in knowing us as a people. A Sao Paulo man wanted to see if Americans were like the movies: well dressed, well fed, having big roads and enjoying the three liberties. Another, from Rio wanted to see the people's way of life, the transport, internal organization, morale, financial resources, influence of the worker in politics and the way politics are discussed in general.

This gives you a small idea of what the Brazilians think of their sister republic to the North.

RUTH WOODWARD.

—YOU CAN HELP AT RED CROSS

TONIGHT!

A night of stars will be presented Friday night by members of the C. M. E. church Junior Choir.

"BEYOND THE CROSS"

Presented at Tryon colored school Sunday, March 25th, at 6 p. m. to 7 p. m. Friends, please observe the change of time.

The Twelve Tribes of Israel

Want to thank every one, white and colored for helping make our program on Thursday night, Mar. 15th, a success. May God bless all. Rev. C. R. White, Pastor.—Adv't. p.