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the campaign of Colonel Nelson de Mello to wrest control of the Associaçao dos Ex-Combatentes do Brasil (Brazilian Veterans' Association--ADECB) from the Communists has met with little success because of the efficient organization of the latter. During a recent session, the board of officers expressed disapproval of Mello's actions, and he resigned his key position in the association.

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the ADECB has departed from its stated aims of rendering medical assistance and other benefits to veterans and is instead becoming a center for the diffusion of Communist propaganda. Many of its three thousand members are said to meet in nightly groups at the headquarters on Avenida Augusto Severo, 4, to discuss politics.

of the ADEGB had been elected: the following directorate

President:	Humberto de Alencar Castelo Branco
Vice President:	Tacito Livio Reis de Freitas
First Secretary:	Pedro Paulo Sampaio de Lacerda*
Second Secretary:	Joachim Xavier da Silveira
Assistant Secretary:	Jose Marcondes da Silva
Cultural Secretary:	Jose Goes de Andrade
Financial Secretary:	Ademar de Queiroz
Secretary for Interchange of Culture and Information:	Daniel Pereira de Souza*
Secretary of Propaganda and Publicity:	Milton Eloy Vaz*
Secretary of Recreation and Sports:	Jose Maria de Lima Campos*
Treasurer:	Manoel Henriques Pontes
<u>Fiscal Commission:</u>	Joao Alberto Faria Ribeiro Silvino Castor da Nobrega Elias Lobo

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Alternates (for Directorate):

Raimundo Rodrigues de Souza	Salomao Malina*
Reinaldo Oliveira	Samuel Saker
Walter Freire de Castro	Jorge Pinheiro Carneiro
Eurico Capitulino de Barros	Gerardo Goes
Francisco Leandro de Souza	Maldeniro da Costa Linental

Alternates (for Fiscal Commission):

Jono Carlos Gross	Dauto Alves de Souza
Gloria Cordeiro de Andrade	

1. The newspaper Ex-Combatente, official organ of the association, has a circulation of about five thousand. Its intellectual and commercial features are improving, according to source, and it now has a competent editorial staff, as well as numerous voluntary contributors.

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* Comment: Those marked with an asterisk have been previously reported to be Communists or Communist sympathizers.

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