

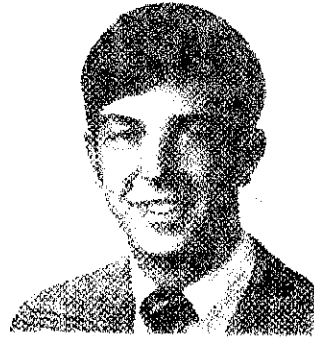
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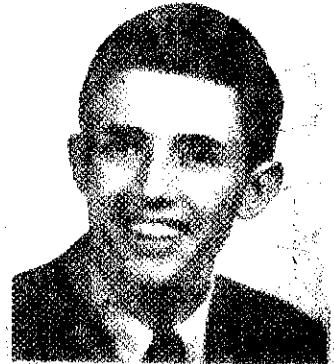
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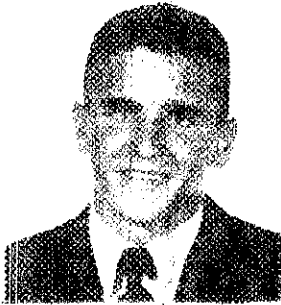


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# TEACH ALL NATIONS

Fellow Missionaries,

The theme of this month's "Desafio" is, "Go ye therefore and teach all nations." This commandment has been given to all those to whom the fullness of the gospel has been given. In the most recent 1971 April General Conference, Elder David B. Haight said this about our responsibility in regards to our teaching: "The mission and responsibility of this church and it's members have been made abundantly clear, to proclaim the Lord's teachings unto the whole world. We, as missionaries have received a more explicit calling; that of teaching the gospel to the Brazilian people.

As we have all heard, President Gates renewed in our minds the purpose for which we were called. We, as the servants of God, were given the call to give the Brazilian people their chance to partake of these glories of godhood. Who are we to deny these people this opportunity?

In the priesthood session of the general conference, Elder Haight also said;....."The church is now beginning an interesting period when members of this true church in increasing numbers will be able to proclaim 'I know,' for they will have been effectively taught." The responsibility rests on us to give the people in the scope of the Brazil North Mission the chance to say "I know." I would exhort you to go out and, with the assistance of the spirit of the Lord, do the teaching of the Lord.

Sincerely,



James A. Johnson  
Editor-Commissarian





# teach the children of men...

Perfection in anything comes from long and diligent practice. One does not become a great pianist, without many hours of hard practice coupled with excellent lessons. Likewise in sports, you cannot become a record holder or champion without putting in the effort. While in high school a friend of mine went out for the pole vault. He was fast and well coordinated, but for two years he and his companions couldn't win a track meet in the pole vault. They were all mediocre. Then, in their senior year, at the beginning of their season, the Reverend Bob Richards, World Decathlon Champion and Pole vault Champion, was invited to school to help them. He gave them a rigorous training schedule and taught them the finer points of pole vaulting. That year my friend was all state in California. He held the record for many years.

How does this apply to us? We've been given the technics and we have been given the talent, but we haven't been practicing our profession. We must teach every day. As we do I promise we will improve in effectiveness. While playing football, we had a tackling drill where one man would lie on his back, while the other would stand approximately ten yards back of his head. The ball would be centered to the standing man and at the same time, the man on the ground would have to roll over, rise and tackle the man with the ball. The more experienced runners would often run right over the top of a slow tackler. My first time, that happened to me. His heel took about two inches of skin off of my upper lip. As I practiced, the tables turned and that never happened again.

The unrighteous and wicked will try to run over us. But a skilled, well practiced servant of God cannot and will not suffer defeat. Most important, he will bring many souls to the kingdom of God as he effectively, in a professional way, preaches the Gospel.

"Again I say, hearken ye elders of my church whom I have appointed: Ye are not sent forth to be taught, but to teach the children of men the things which I have put into your hands by the power of my Spirit:

And ye are to be taught from on high. Sanctify yourselves and ye shall be endowed with power, that ye may give even as I have spoken."

(D&C 43: 15-16)

This scripture states clearly the proselyting program of this mission for the next three years. Anything less than this is unacceptable. Thus, I admonish you to commence immediately teaching a minimum of 25 first lessons a week per missionary pair, continuing to do so until instructed otherwise to phase two of the above program, i.e. "Sanctify your



Dear Family,

This has been the most marvelous, busy, wonderful, hectic, exciting month in my entire life. Three months ago we had just settled down for a long winter's nap, when all of a sudden, the phone rang and President Tanner asked if we would accept a call to serve in Brazil. What a choice blessing it is to be once again in the mission field, especially to be with all of you and these wonderful Brazilian people!

Our boys are happy too. Jeffrey (six) and Scott (five) started school this week at the Escola Americana. It is a lovely place and we are thrilled with the teaching that our boys will have here in Brazil. Grant (two) happily spends his days waiting for his brothers return from school, playing with his clackers, drinking bottles of Nescau, climbing up and down our four flights of stairs, receiving love from the missionaries, and napping occasionally. The boys have traveled with us, except to the north, and also enjoyed meeting all the missionaries.

Jeffrey is really quite a missionary himself. While we were on the plane to Belo I had a gospel discussion with some lovely ladies from Yucatan, Mexico. He kept giving them reading material and then was so enthused about sharing the gospel that he said to me, "Say, Mom, when you're through talking to those ladies, I know someone you can 'preach', then he pointed to the steward.

As I contemplate the program of teaching in this mission, I am reminded of a statement by one of the great teachers of the church, Dr. Harvey E. Taylor. "A great teacher is not one who simply imparts knowledge to his students (investigators), but one who awakens their interest in it and, makes them eager to pursue it for themselves." As we carry with us the spirit in our teaching, we will light a spark in the souls of the honest in heart that will cause them to hunger and thirst after righteousness.. "to pursue it for themselves.

Therefore, our greatest responsibility as an instrument in His hand is to so order our lives that we do carry with us that spirit. Dr. Taylor also said, "No teacher in this church can be 100% successful if his life is filled with disharmonies."

May the Lord continue to bless all of you. Please let us help you in any way that we can, as it is a joy to serve you.



Richard Stayner  
Proselyting Asst.



Steven Huffaker  
Co-Assistant

## SACRIFICE FOR THE LORD

There was once a rich young man who asked Jesus what he had to do to gain eternal life. Jesus asked him if he was obeying the commandments and living God's law. The man said he was; even as he had been taught from his youth. Christ then said, "...If thou wilt be perfect, go and sell that thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come and follow me."

The Lord wanted very little of this young man. He promised him eternal treasures in exchange for his sacrifice of earthly ones. We, as missionaries, are given the same contract. The Lord has promised us such great blessings. All we must do is become committed enough, to want to sacrifice a little for the Lord. We all ask the question, how can we baptize, but many times we aren't committed enough to do a whole part of that which we must to baptize.

I am reminded of an incident which happened several years ago at a BYU track meet. BYU was to compete against one of the best teams in the nation. On this team was the fastest miler in the world circle. Many people went to see this great runner break the world record once again. About halfway through the race, one of the BYU runners fell and lost his shoe. This man wasn't a quitter. He had set his sights to finish the race. It isn't remembered today what the record holder did that day, but those watching the race will never forget the bare-footer runner finishing the race on a cinder track.

We, as missionaries, must become like the runner; not like those young rich men. We must commit ourselves to the work of the Lord. We must not let anything get in the way of our being obedient, prayerful missionaries. The President has given us the plan; those of us which make up our minds to follow the plan will be successful missionaries.

I should like to take this, my opportunity, to thank the Elders in the mission for the support that has been shown for this new program. It is a humbling experience for me to travel around the mission and meet with such great missionaries everywhere I go. We're engaged



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## LABOR WITH YOUR MIGHT

One of the most important and necessary gifts that a missionary can obtain during his mission is that of spirituality. The Lord commands us to get the spirit with the admonition that if we don't, we shouldn't teach. There are many ideas and theories on how to be spiritual with most of them being valid. I would like to talk about one of these ways: WORK.

"Work- a spiritual necessity," is a statement made by Richard L. Evans. He also said, "If you don't work, you don't grow." I never really thought that work, and when I say work I mean 65-70 hours of proselyting, was that important in the quest for the spirit. But, in the past couple of weeks my eyes have been opened greatly.

Missionary work and hours is a lot like a job. When you work 8 hours a day you get regular pay. When you work less, you get less, but when you work overtime, you get double dividends! In the Lord's work I believe this pattern holds true, especially when we are in the stratosphere category of 65-70 hours.

When we are constantly working at this level and obeying all mission rules the Lord can give us double dividends as far as his spirit and baptisms are concerned.

Right now in the mission, there is a comp pair that has baptized for nearly five weeks straight. During this time they have averaged, 68 proselyting hours. The Lord blesses those who work diligently.

In D&C 75: 3-5, the Lord gives the following command and promise; "Behold, I say unto you that it is my will that you should go forth, and not tarry, neither be idle but labor with your might, Lifting up your voices as with the sound of a trumpet, proclaiming the truth according to the revelations and commandments which I have given you.... And thus, if ye are faithful ye shall be laden with many sheaves, and crowned with honor, and glory, and immortality, and eternal life."

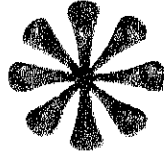
I pray that we'll be able to revise our schedules and re-dedicate ourselves. I love each and everyone of you brethren. May God bless you as you go forth.

# TOP BAPTIZERS!



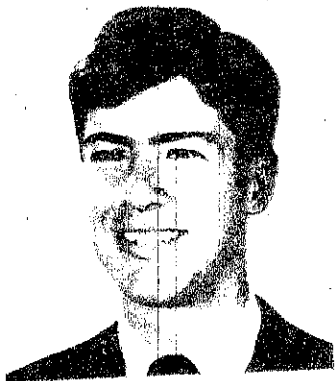
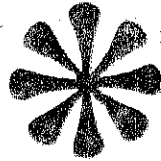
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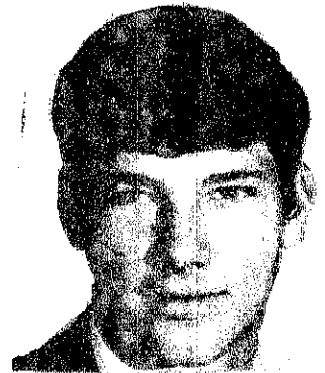
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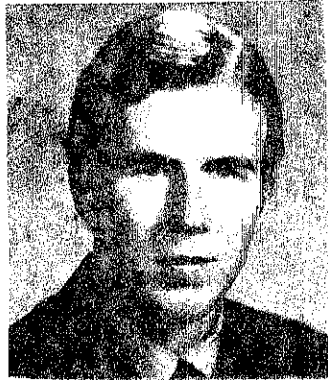
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Elder Trost

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Elder Smith

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Elder Taft

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 Baptisms are the results of hard work and much prayer.

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\* The District of Taguatinga has broken a mission record for district baptisms in one single month. Their nineteen baptisms can be matched and surpassed by each district in the mission by diligence in the work and teaching. The top is the limit.



## POLICIES and PROCEDURES

**desafio fotos;** Due to an anticipated increase in the use of pictures of most missionaries in the "Desafio", we are requesting that, each of you, all 137, send immediately to the MO in your next weekly report, a picture of your cara (face), high contrast black and white, on fairly thin paper.

**mo visits;** To facilitate your visits to the MO, the following procedure has been suggested by the President.

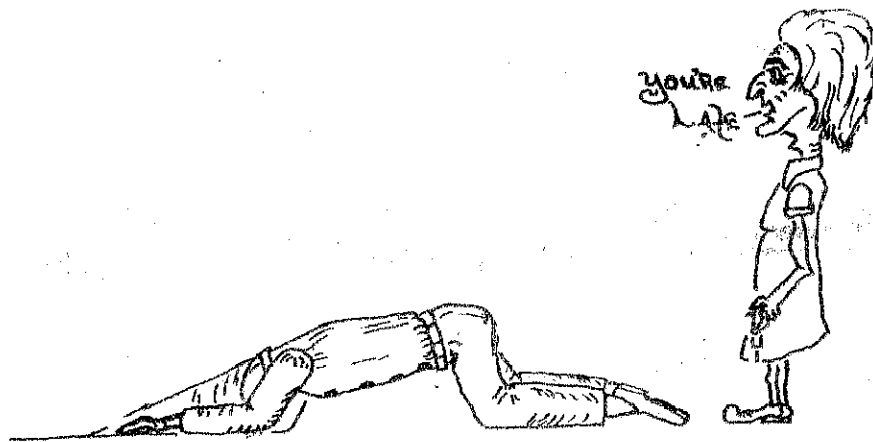
- Notify your ZL for an OK to leave the zone area.
- Call the MO ahead of the time you will visit, so that we can have everything ready for you, including books, pamphlets, projectors, report forms, mail, a set time for interviews with the President, etc. as to allow for a minimum loss of your valuable time.

**mission business;** President Oakes requests that all mission-business be handled directly through the Mission Secretary. Upon arrival at the MO or upon calling for information, help, or permission to do something, please contact me first, so that the request can be handled on a more efficient basis than is being done at the present time.

**no-fps;** Please send these immediately to the MO after the baptismal, so that our statistics for the "Desafio" and for the Church might be prepared on time.

**flight plans;** Although many of you who are leaving in the next two months don't want to go, that's no excuse for not having sent our travel agency your flight plans. Please send them to Elder Holt today.

**the commissarian;** Elder Johnson, besides being the editor of the "Desafio", is the new Mission Commissarian. Please contact him for all supplies, books, Friburg pictures, teaching aids, pamphlets, audio-visual equipment, pastas, and report forms.



# GAMMA

June



Neil Randall  
Michael Hart  
Thomas Hathaway  
Bruce Warner

July



Robert Pamme d  
Francisca Rosales  
Nathan Broadbent  
Ronald Heaston  
Parker Robinson  
Lyman Solomon  
Stephen Tomsik  
James Toone  
Brent McMillian  
Leon Bybee  
Franklin Lovell  
Richard Stayner  
Joseph Harman  
Bryan Wyatt

For behold, it is not meet  
that I should command in  
all things; for he that is  
compelled in all things,  
the same is a slothful and  
not a wise servant; where-  
fore he receiveth no re-  
ward. (D. & C. 58:26)

"There is no greater need in  
the Church than improved  
teaching. There is no greater  
challenge than gospel teaching.  
There is no greater honor than  
teaching the gospel."

Charles Hobbs

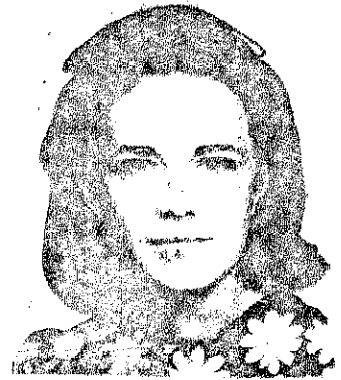
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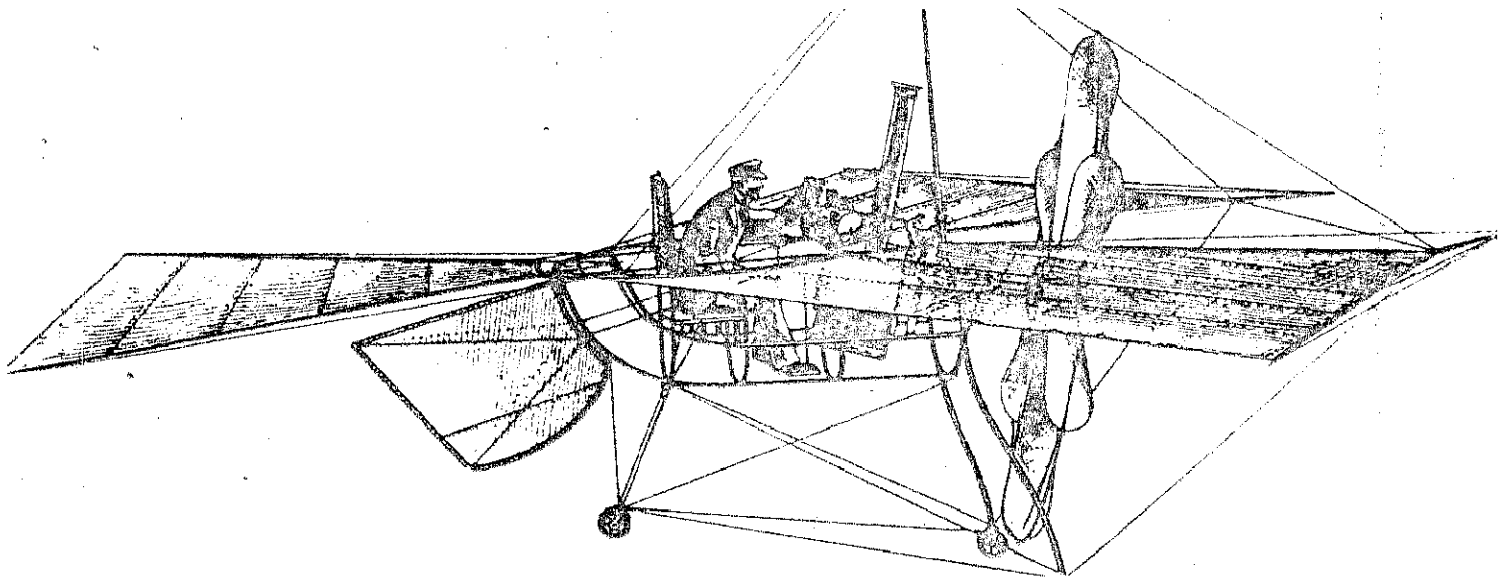
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			1	2 New missionaries arrive 3 Missionary Pres. mtg. w/mission boards 7:30 pm	4 3 Missionary Conference Fortaleza	4 Missionary conference Recife
	6	7 Brazilian Independence Day	8	9	10 President to Belo	11 Missionary Conference Belo member ldshp. conf. Belo
12 Belo District conference	13 ELDER BOYD K. PACKER mission mtg. 8am Tijuca members 7pm	14	15	16	17	18
19 President to Vict6ria	20	21	23	24	25	26 Missionary conference BRAZILIA member ldshp. conference Brazilia
27 Brazilia District conference	28	29 Missionary conference Tijuca Region	30 Missionary conference Headquarters Region			
DOMINGO	SEGUNDA	TÉRÇA	QUARTA	QUINTA	SEXTA	SÁBADO

Coming Event--Sister's Conference Oct. 27,28,29

## FORTALEZA

Michael Hutchings  
Dennis Brown  
Craig Benson  
Jan Davis

## RECIFE

Stephen Brady  
Robert Hammond  
Barton Baldree  
William Wiggins

## MADALENA

James Norman  
Stephen Wilde  
Thomas Smith  
Ronald Heaston

## BOA VIAGEM

Richard Lamm  
Lyman Solomon  
Bruce Wirner  
Robin Henrie

## JOÃO PESSOA

Steven Tanner  
Brent McMillian  
Thomas McIntire  
John Andelin

## CAMPINA GRANDE

Craig Swenson  
David Gagon

## NITERÓI

Rodney Davies  
Michael Speed  
Keith Bame  
Clark Wiscomb

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Craig Seldon  
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Max Greenhalgh  
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Wiford Hansen  
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Gregory Snyder  
Keith Fackrell

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John Welch  
Franklin Walker  
Robert Zhart  
Gregory Larsen  
Greg Smith

## IRAJÁ

Eawlie Barber  
James Thatcher  
Reed Sparr  
Heber Hall

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Merril Higginson  
John Christensen  
David Nadeau

WHEDE ADE VONS





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Robert Elggren  
Francisca Rosales  
Ruth Nielson

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John Baumgarten  
Joseph Harman  
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Parker Robinson  
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William Shillig  
Julianne Briggs  
Dorair Alexandria

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John Hendrickson  
Noberto Lopes  
Briant Buckwalter  
Daniel Frei

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Michael Southwick  
Lysle George  
Samuel Woffinden  
Paul Gustavson  
John Higley

SERRA

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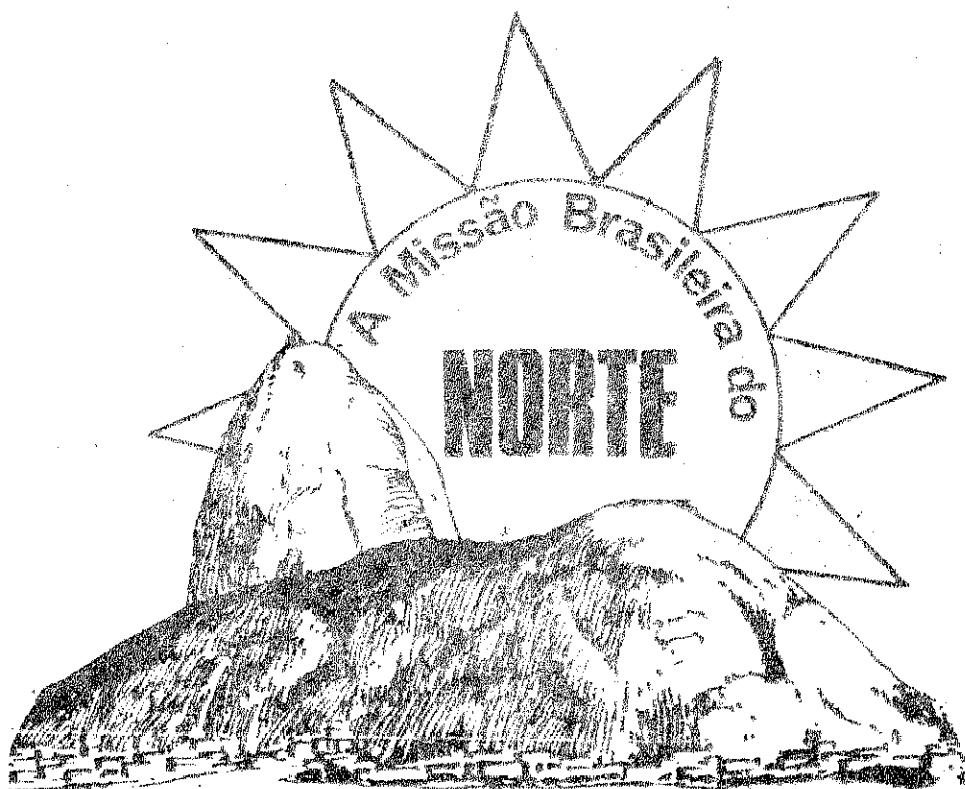
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