

Dr. Armando Vidal and one by Mr. Herbert Delafield. Dr. Vidal said:

ADDRESS BY DR. VIDAL

"Mr. Herbert Delafield and ladies and gentlemen of the American delegation: The DNC is extremely sorry you are leaving and that they must say goodbye to you. Thanking you for the kindness of this homage the DNC most respectfully presents its sincere thanks to the ladies who so bravely accompanied us everywhere. We much regret that shortness of time prevented you from visiting other places than São Paulo and Minas Geraes, such as the coffee States of Pernambuco, Bahia, Espírito Santo, Rio de Janeiro, and Paraná.

"Showing you the Commercial Museum of Rio de Janeiro, we tried, however, to give you an idea of the coffee progress in those States, as well as the efforts of the DNC and of the Ministry of Agriculture for increasing the production of fine coffees in Brazil. I have my hopes that your next delegation will realize that Brazil will have made progress in the production of better coffees.

"The DNC must not forget to thank you all for your constant declaration and advice recommending that we increase the production of fine coffees so easily absorbable by the United States. This is good advice, founded in a very true friendship, and we are never tired of repeating this truth.

"The DNC is desirous to maintain with all interested parties in the coffee trade of the United States the most close and permanent understanding and correspondence; and we will receive with pleasure and attention all requests for information addressed to us. More than that: whoever comes to Brazil on this purpose will find the DNC ready

to give willingly all information, explanations and assistance required, and prepared to accompany him not only in the ports but also in the interior of the various coffee States.

"It should be of great importance and utility to encourage the regular visits to Brazil of those most interested in coffee trading, without exclusion, of the next delegation, which we hope will not be long delayed.

"The DNC was very happy to introduce you all to the Brazilian Ambassador for the United States, Dr. Oswaldo Aranha, who knows perfectly and thoroughly the economic problems of coffee. Dr. Aranha is himself the principal factor in solving the coffee problem in Brazil. Ambassador Aranha will certainly be, hereafter, the great Brazilian promoter of the development of Brazilian-American commercial intercourse, and in him, gentlemen, I am sure, you will always find a courageous and intelligent friend.

"I hope that you have found, all of you, during your stay in Brazil the confirmation of all that I told you at our first meeting, relating to peace in labor, as well as to the love of working in this country; also as regards coffee's statistical position and services of elimination; and the cordial desire and good-will of all Brazilians, in dealing in a friendly way with all foreigners who come to cement the work, and consequently the progress, of Brazil.

"You will have clearly noticed in all of us our admiration and deep esteem for your wonderful country, whose friendships for Brazil is certainly one of the mainstays of our foreign policy. In my own name, and on behalf of my colleagues of the Directorate, as well as in genuine expression of all those which live on coffee in Brazil, I have



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