



COFFEE DELEGATION AND GUESTS AT THE FAREWELL LUNCHEON, PALACE HOTEL, RIO DE JANEIRO, AUGUST 23, 1934

George Westfeldt travelled by aeroplane from Rio and joined the delegation again at Trinidad.

The delegates were especially well pleased by their reception in Brazil. All were agreed that the visit would go far toward producing a better understanding of mutual problems and, eventually, their happy solution. Great hopes were expressed for better quality coffees from Brazil and for some early agreement on a plan for intensive propaganda for coffee in the United States.

CHAIRMAN DELAFIELD AND OTHERS

The delegation was particularly fortunate in having as its chairman Mr. Herbert Delafield, who, because of his previous residence in Brazil, not only spoke Portuguese but was *sympático* with the Brazilian point of view and, so, very much *persona grata* with them. Always dignified, tactful, and brief spoken, Mr. Delafield ably represented his fellow countrymen and the coffee trade of America throughout the entire trip.

Mr. Williamson, in his usual quiet, unobtrusive fashion, also exercised a benevolent management of irritating details that relieved the delegation more than once of delays and embarrassments.

Then there was Mr. A. F. Israel, who journeyed with us from Rio to Santos and then on to New York with his wife and family. What the delegates owe him as guide, counsellor, and friend they can never repay in coffee orders, but don't hesitate to hand them to him; I promise you he'll not refuse any. And shall I not say as much for Mr. Caio Prado, our princely host at São Martinho? I think so!

There was another thing on which the delegates were unanimous and that was the highly efficient manner in which Mr. Carlos Pongratz (otherwise "Sharlie"), Seccão de Turismo, Serviço Internacional de Viagens G. Gernstorff, Rio, handled all the details of their journeying in Brazil. He proved himself to be a courier inestimable and I hope Secretary Williamson will tell him so.

The journey back to New York via Trinidad was uneventful. Many of the delegates experienced their first taste of the Furness-Prince Line brand of steamship and polite service, than which there is nothing finer in all the seven seas.

AND, NOW, A FINAL WORD

May I suggest to visitors to Brazil that there are, so far as I am concerned, only two things they need to remember; one, to take along a cake of soap (like the continental hotels, no soap is provided), and, two, if you are wedded to the typical American breakfast, you must learn how to say ham and eggs in Portuguese; it is, *Presunto com ovos*; also, just for luck, *manteiga* is butter, and *leite* is milk. That'll be all for today.