

'Wrong Address'

The Rio de Janeiro daily O Globo printed the following brief article in response to Elliot Janeway's Washington Star article.

"Clearly with no news to write and bored with the cold weather of New York City, Elliot Janeway of the *Washington Star* sat down at his typewriter last Saturday to defend a risky thesis: since Venezuela, from whom Janeway has Brazil buying great quantities of petroleum, is primarily responsible for the ills which affect the Brazilian economy, the presidency of Brazil should seriously study the hypothesis of invading this neighboring country, in a single blow, and free itself

from the inconvenience of oil imports and gobble up this generous source of petroleum. According to this clever journalist, it would be as easy for Brazil to invade Venezuela as it was for Bismarck, Hindenburg and Hitler to conquer Alsace-Lorraine.

"If one were to follow the logic of this reasoning, it would make more sense for Janeway to recommend this dangerous undertaking to President Carter, because while the U.S. is the main buyer of Venezuela's petroleum, Brazil only purchases 4,000 barrels per day from Venezuela — which represents a little more than \$44 thousand."

An Interview With Eliot Janeway

Q: I'd like to talk to you about your article which appeared in the *Washington Star* on Sunday — "Oil Gouge on Brazil Imperils Venezuela."

A: Sure. That horse's ass of a Venezuelan Foreign Minister is claiming there's a conspiracy to create division in the Third World. You can quote me on this. In the immortal words of King Levinsky? — I should have stood in bed. Ha! Conspiracy to create divisions! There are divisions.

Q: I'm wondering what your information on the Brazilian factional situation is. My sense is that the Brazilian foreign minister would have nothing to do with your war plan. He will be visiting Venezuela in the near future.

A: I don't know anything about Latin American politics.

Just what I read in the papers. If I'm not in U.S. politics, why should I be in Latin America politics.

Q: The *Time* magazine article on the threat of wars the week before yours kicked off similar protest throughout Latin America. With your connections to *Time*, I assume it was their mention of the Venezuela border problems that inspired your article.

A: There's nothing behind my article. Only what's in front of it. Only the article — that's all there is, And I have nothing to do with *Time* magazine. I haven't since 1948.

Q: That's not what *Who's Who* says.

A: If you're going to practice some kind of left-wing McCarthyism, I'm going to hang up.

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