

The Brazilian Fraternity Battalion, stationed in the Dominican Republic as part of the Inter American Police Force, has become more than a mere peace-keeping contingent to the residents of the La Rosa area.

The Brazilian Marines ~~and~~ <sup>and</sup> ~~now~~ <sup>now</sup> ~~are~~ <sup>are</sup> ~~conducting~~ <sup>conducting</sup> ~~an~~ <sup>a</sup> ~~anti-guerrilla~~ <sup>warfare</sup> training camp in the area some 8 miles from San Cristobal, recently joined with medical members of their own Army in a two-front Civic Action project.

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Though ~~this~~ this is only one project for the Brazilian members of the ~~Latin~~ IAPF Latin American Brigade, it had a ~~rather~~ unique beginning and funding.

Marines

The Company Commander, Lt. Commander Humbert Baroosa Lima Martins recently was approached by the teacher of a small, thatched-roof school who wondered if it would be possible for the Marines to help her build a ~~new~~ permanent replacement for her school. ~~The~~ <sup>Her</sup> ~~present~~ schoolhouse, if it ~~can~~ <sup>could</sup> be called such, was nothing more than four poles holding up a thatched roof.

It was a unique request, and one unfortunately not called for in the Brazilians planned itinerary of Civic Action. The Company Commander called his men together, explained the problem, and received from them an affirmation of their willingness to donate of their own ~~xxx~~ money and free time to help their fellow South Americans.

Donating one dollar each, the Marines bought cinder blocks and other ~~non-available~~ construction materials and set to work. A few of the men were always working on the building which, though not large, is expected to prove adequate for the needs of the happy instructress.

At the same time, the Brazilian Army was working in the medical field in La Rosa treating the residents various treatments and instructions. Captain Nielsen Lauria and his three sergeants are from the Army's 1st Battalion of the Infantry School Regiment. Both they and the Marines are normally stationed in Rio de Janeiro.

Doctor Lauria's main objects of attention are the abundant cases of malnutrition, anemia, and parasites. Although most work was done in one central location, the doctor also attended several immobil cases in their homes.

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Though the doctor attended several immobil cases in their homes, most of his work was done in one central location, at the site of the new school the Marines were building. As the school neared completion, inclement weather forced the doctor to move inside the schoolhouse to continue his work. The two formerly distinct Civic Action projects were thus brought together during the last few days of work in the La Rosa area.