

VARGAS DEATH

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Inside Brazil's presidential palace in Rio de Janeiro, President Getulio Vargas is dead -- a suicide after military leaders had forced him out of office.

Photographed with President Roosevelt, Vargas put his ~~country~~ country squarely behind the United States, declaring war and sending a force to Italy.

His inaugural in nineteen fifty marked his return to power for a second time -- he had ruled before from nineteen thirty to nineteen forty five.

Floral tributes pour in for the Vargas -- beloved by the Brazilian people as the "gauche" president. Mourners file past his bier -- straining for a final glimpse of the leader, whose death shocks and saddens the people of Brazil.

VARGAS DIES.

Before dying from self-inflicted pistol shots, President Vargas wrote "I leave life to enter History", and in the Palace of Catete, where for so long he presided, his bier is the calm centre of a sadly disturbed gathering of his family, friends and followers.

The political crisis that would have had him vacate his high office, brought on his disturbing act, and now both friends and enemies alike mourn his passing. There's turmoil in his wake, but even in it the world hopes calmer heads will prevail, that Brazil, once again, may go forward to its destiny as a great nation.

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