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According to results of a recent opinion poll published by the daily newspaper, Folha de Sao Paulo, 14% of respondents said they planned to vote for leftist presidential candidate, Luis Inacio da Silva, candidate of the Workers Party (PT). Front runner, Fernando Collor de Mello, polled 28%, and social democrat Leonel Brizola, 15%. Silva said he was confident he would be included in the Dec. 15 runoff. Under the new constitution, if no candidate receives 51% of the popular vote in the Nov. 15 election, the Brazilian electorate will return to the polls in December to select between the two candidates with the largest number of votes. (Basic data from Notimex, 10/23/89)

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