

Carlos Coimbra da Luz



Biography

He graduated from the Free Law School of Minas Gerais (1915) and was born in Três Corações, Minas Gerais, on August 4, 1894. In Leopoldina-MG, he was a teacher, the secretary of the Superior Council of Public Teaching (1911-1915), secretary of the State Council (1915); chief of police (1915-1918); prosecutor of the local county (1918-1920); editor and director of the Leopoldina Gazette (1920). He began his political career as a councilman, president of the City Council and mayor of the city from 1923 to 1932, having been removed from office for a short period of time due to the Revolution of 1930. He was secretary of Agriculture, Roads and Public Works of Minas Gerais (1932-1933), secretary of the Interior of the same state (1933-1935) and was elected to Congress (1935-1937) from the Progressive Party of Minas Gerais (PP). He was member of the Administrative Council of the Caixa Econômica Federal (Federal Bank) of Rio de Janeiro (CEF-RJ), and director of its Mortgage Portfolio (1937-1938), he became the vice-president (1938-1939) and president (1939-1946) of CEF-RJ, integrating the Superior Council of the Caixas Econômicas Federais. He was one of the founders and member of the board of directors of the Democratic Social Party of Minas Gerais; he was elected to congress from this party in 1945, but did not assume the office because he was nominated as Minister of Justice and Internal Business (1946). Substituted in the ministry, he assumed his term as congressman, being reelected in following legislatures (1947-1961). He was president of Congress in 1955, assumed the Presidency of the Republic with the death of Getúlio Vargas and the impediment of Vice President Café Filho. He died in Rio de Janeiro on February 9 of 1961.

Presidential Period

In accordance with the Constitution of 1946, the president of Congress would assume the presidency in case of absence of the President and the Vice President. Thus, as President of Congress, Carlos Luz provisionally assumed the Presidency of the Republic on November 8 of 1955, as the legal substitute of Café Filho, removed as head of the government. On November 11 of 1955, due to the political-military movement led by General Lott, Minister of War, Carlos Luz was deposed with the allegation that he was connected to the conspirators that wished to prevent the inauguration of president-elect, Juscelino Kubitschek. He took refuge on the

Tamandaré battleship, from where he tried to organize the resistance, but still on November 11, through a decision made by Congress, he was considered impeded, and substituted by Nereu Ramos, President of the Senate.

Source: National Archive – Information Center of Presidential Collections

Other Information

Fifteenth Period of the Republican Government - 31.01.1951 to 31.01.1956

3rd phase: 08.11.1955 to 11.11.1955

Born: Três Corações - MG, on 04.08.1894

Died: Rio de Janeiro(GB) - RJ, on 09.02.1961

Profession: Lawyer

In Office: 08.11.1955 to 11.11.1955 (3d)

Age when assuming office: 61 years old

Inauguration: on 08.11.1955 substituting the President

Leave of Office: Deposed by a military provision and prevented from assuming the office of President of the Republic by Congress

Observation: As President of Congress, Carlos Luz occupied the Presidency for only 3 days, not being recorded in the Inauguration Book as he substituted the President due to health treatment

Source: Library