

"In a word, a good deal of the territory of West European countries and the surrounding seas now recall a theatre of military action" (*Izvestia*, April 27)

and identifying an "intentional escalation of militaristic psychosis." Even *Pravda* dismissed the psywar rumors emanating from Vienna last month that Yugoslavia was threatened by Soviet invasion through Austria (rumors widely attributed to foreign intelligence sources). This slander was readily debunked by pointing out the absurdity of circuitous line of march suggested.

... *But Still Limited*

Grechko and the military apparat generally understand the strategic menace of mad bomber Schlesinger and his missiles, but their view is limited. It must be complemented by an understanding of Rockefeller's political strategy, the Reesian psywar methods available to him and the cabal's precise knowledge of Soviet ideological vulnerability to such methods. Such an understanding would give substance and political impact to *Pravda's* editorial claim April 26 about the Warsaw Pact leadership: "*We are realists ....*"

## LIBERAL FASCISM TAKES OVER WITH COUP IN PORTUGAL

May 3 (IPS) — Antonio de Spínola has successfully carried out his "golpe branco" (bloodless coup) against the "ultras" in the Portuguese army and government. Immediately upon seizing power April 25 and giving President Thomaz and Prime Minister Caetano free vacations on the island of Madeira, Spínola proclaimed amnesty for political prisoners, freedom of the press, freedom of association and the possibility of legal elections within six to nine months. All over the world the bourgeois press hailed this "liberalizer" who was long overdue. *Pravda* and the world Communist Party press joined the chorus. Portuguese Socialist Party head Mario Soares declared that he would return immediately to Lisbon after several years in exile in Paris.

### *Monocled Macho of Lisbon*

Who is Antonio de Spínola? The U.S. working heard of him only this past March when his book *Portugal and the Future* caused such an uproar that several hundred army captains were arrested and Spínola himself was removed from responsibility only two months after being decorated with the highest medals ever awarded a Portuguese officer. However, Spínola has been around for a long time, carefully watched and groomed by experts. Since his youth he has been involved in one form or another of anti-working-class, anti-communist fascist warfare. He fought with Franco's fascist insurgents in the Spanish Civil War. He next went to Nazi Germany for the finishing touches on his military training under Hitler, who sent him to Stalingrad as a special observer for Nazi SS forces.

### *"Taming the Natives"*

Taking his Nazi education back home in the early 1950's, Spínola became the head of and main strategist for the National Republican Guard (the Portuguese Gestapo), where he became known for his ruthless repression of the labor movement and peasantry of Portugal. He was shipped to Africa in the early 1960's to establish and coordinate the most sophisticated counterinsurgency operation possible, using his Nazi background. In the colonies of Angola and Guinea Bissau he stood out as a brilliant counterinsurgent who skillfully mixed psywar with brutal repression and torture. Among his feats:

- Forming counterinsurgency armies composed of black soldiers led by white officers;
- Instituting iron discipline in those armies;
- Razing entire Angolan villages suspected of harboring rebels;
- Offering "special concessions" to all rebels who wished to give up the struggle and return to slave labor on the Portuguese *latifundios* (large land holdings) or mines;
- Directing the murder of Soviet protege Amílcar Cabral, leader of the PAIGC (Popular Action for the Independence of Guinea and Cape Verde);
- Establishing *aldeamentos* (strategic hamlets) which divided and enslaved the native population.

### SPINOLA: SMILES AND BLOOD

*Quotation from a statement by Amílcar Cabral, assassinated leader of the PAIGC, January 1973:*

"Spínola is not a new element in Portuguese politics ... Spínola belongs to a group of officers of the extreme right — fascist — who would like to take the helm of Portugal. We know that Spínola and Kaulza de Arraga want to be President of the Republic."

#### *On Psychological Warfare*

"Spínola introduced what we call the war of Smiles and Blood into our country. Smiles, affection, demagoguery towards those Africans under his control. Napalm, barbarous crime, terrorism, destruction, assassination, poison — that is the Blood. Spínola will not achieve his political hegemony in Portugal on the basis of the crimes he has committed against us; for we will cover him with shame and defeat him in the battlefield."

*Cabral was assassinated by a Portuguese agent a few days after making this statement.*

White-gloved, whip-carrying Spínola belongs to the people who own and direct Portuguese and colonial economics. The de Mello family of the Companhia Uniao Fabril owns or controls all major means of transportation, including the TAP (Portuguese Airlines), the pharmaceutical, cellulose, electric, hydroelectric, insurance, cattle, tin, steel, iron, copper and diamond industries. They also own the publishing house which "dared" to print Spínola's book in February. Their bank, Banco de Totta, is one of the largest financial institutions in Portugal, with a subsidiary bank in Angola (Banco de Angola). It is affiliated with the Standard Bank of South Africa, which is one of the key investors in the huge Camorra Bassa dam in Mozambique.

The Champalinaud family owns the Banco de Pinto Sotto Mayor and controls most of the cement and steel industries of Mozambique and Portugal. It was their bank bulletin which published an "audacious" statement, signed by Champalinaud himself, in support of Spinoia's policy and dress rehearsal in March.

#### *The Rockefeller Connection*

Behind this "progressive" coup are these enlightened Portuguese industrialists and the family of them all — the Rockefeller consortium. It is the Chase Manhattan bank which controls the Standard Bank of South Africa, the Banco de Angola, Banco de Pinto Sotto, Banco de Totta and the largest Portuguese bank, Banco do Espiritu Santo. This last bank is a member of the Rockefeller Libra group, which controls Latin America. Banco de Brasil, the main instrument of the Libra group in Latin America began investments in Angola, Mozambique and the rest of Africa almost three years ago. Since then Brazilian ties to Portugal have threatened Brazil's credibility with the Organization of American States. Only two weeks ago the Brazilian government decided to sign a declaration by the African States to be presented to the United Nations denouncing the Portuguese colonial policies.

#### *Why the Coup?*

If this degree of control has been assured for so long, why pull a coup? Won't more freedom mean that the Portuguese population will begin demanding unions, political parties and minimal economic rights, thus threatening the economic hegemony of the two leading families and the Rockefellers behind them? Won't Spinoia's new government give the African colonies the necessary moment of temporary instability in Lisbon to take the offensive and sabotage the greatest source of income for Portugal and every major corporation investing in that area?

The Spinoia story is oft-told: "Give them an inch and off with their heads." The pathetic response of the left is more devastating to the working class than any junta of murderers Spinoia could weld. The coup is part of the Rockefeller advance against Europe and his all-out attack on the Third World through McNamara's labor-intensive World Bank plan for fascism. *In no way* does this coup spell freedom for the African peasantry.

With the colonies under Spinoia's control, millions of tons of iron, copper, petroleum and agricultural goods can be easily be cut off from Europe as Angola and Mozambique join Rockefeller's raw materials shortage hoax (see *United Nations Report*, IPS, Vol. I, No. 1) as "independent" nations. In 1970 Spinoia took this into account when he predicted a shortage and proposed a restructuring at home in order to deal with it.

Even more significant, Portugal is aptly named the backdoor of Europe. A coup at Europe's backdoor, soon to be followed by a similar upheaval in Spain, is a grave matter when seen in relation to the simultaneous attacks launched by Rockefeller in Italy, France and West Germany, where Willy Brandt's Watergate is shaking the very foundations of the European Economic Community.

#### *Left Groveling*

And FRELIMO, the MPLA (Popular Movement for the Liberation of Angola) and PAIGC? Will Spinoia generously grant them the independence the SP and the CP's grovel for? Obviously not. In fact, major Greek newspaper *Acropolis*, writing from experience of how to run a CIA coup, warned Spinoia in a recent front-page editorial that things may get out of hand if he allows Communists to get government positions. By setting up the United Group of Mozambique and a similar organization of African and Portuguese industrialists, Spinoia has prepared the nucleus of his multiracial counterinsurgent federation of Lusitanian states to spring into action. These industrialists declared only a few days ago that they had sent a proposal for federation to the governor of Mozambique in April which proved that they were not "opportunists." These anti-communists will henceforth be in charge of repressing the working class and peasantry in the colonies. Their black troops have had sufficient self-degrading training from Spinoia to carry out that task.

The effects of the coup will be multiple. South Africa, where the apartheid policy has been an impediment to real profits for the capitalist class, has been warned. Spain and the rest of Europe have been alerted to the fact that Rockefeller is deadly serious: In less than six weeks of publicity he can convince the world of the progressive nature of his warfare. The Soviet Union must take note. The nauseating "critical support" the Portuguese Communist Party offers to outright fascist Spinoia is based on the blind hope that he will allow them to surface in the labor movement. This corrupt idiocy of the CP's and SP's has led to slaughter repeatedly — Brazil, Argentina, Peru, Uruguay, Chile. Will it take nuclear war directed at the USSR itself to force them to recognize the role they are playing? The Portuguese coup is not a Portuguese coup — it is an overt fascist offensive against the EEC, the world's working class and the Soviet Union, planned and carried out by Rockefeller and the Nazi technicians he recruited during World War II.