

## The Next Stage Towards a Chile

Needless to say, the new leftwing government is not expected to last long. Predicted rises in rightwing violence, deepening economic problems partly through manipulations by Spínola, and an increasingly chaotic situation in Angola since the resignation, are urgent issues facing the new regime. The MFA itself is undergoing internal splits between the majority Spínolista and moderate officers and the radical officers who dominate the leadership. Prime Minister Goncalves has gone so far as to hint that something might happen to prevent elections planned for March.

Goncalves has also noted the possibility of civil war, and is now calling on all workers to "produce more"--a call which the PCP is supporting! Now, one of the people holding things together is Spínola's co-conspirator President Costa Gomes. On cue from Spínola, Costa Gomes will let the PCP house of cards collapse at the opportune moment of chaos, paving the way for the return of the fascist "liberator."

The Spínola-planned leftwing "takeover" has not accidentally prompted an hysterical anti-communist press campaign throughout Western Europe, equating communism with mass chaos. Pulling no punches, a recent London Daily Express editorial begins with the statement, "Portugal faces anarchy" after the "leftist takeover," and concludes by saying, "The only certainty about anarchy is that it never endures." The West German press in particular has played the anti-communist campaign to the hilt.

Far from the leftist victory insanely being proclaimed by several European Communist Parties, notably the CPs of France and Italy, the PCP can only discredit itself through willingly accepting the role of austerity implementer in the new, "more progressive" Portuguese government. The "deposed" Spínola will be organizing rightist forces and generating confusion from the sidelines in order to effect his long-planned Chilean-style annihilation of the left, and subsequent fascist cannibalization of a demoralized working class.

### CIA HEATING OIL HOAX TO A BOIL; THREATS AIMED AT SOVIETS

Oct. 3 (IPS)--In the past two weeks the CIA has brought the simmering oil crisis to a boil. While Arabian ministers made menacing references to their "oil weapon," the CIA laid the groundwork in the Middle East for a new political crisis amid rising press-orchestrated anti-Arab hysteria in the U.S.

The oil issue, until recently confined to the economic sphere, is being increasingly linked to the issue of Palestine and a new Arab-Israeli war threat. Saudi Arabia's Oil Minister said yesterday in Washington that "the conditions are right for another Middle East war" and explicitly linked oil prices and production cuts to a solution to the Palestinian problem. "I assure you if we solve the Israeli problem, the price of oil will come down," declared Yamani.

Since the Vienna meeting of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) last month, Rockefeller and the CIA have orchestrated an international campaign to blame the Depression on the Arabs. In public speeches around the world, Rockefeller agents the Shah of Iran, Egypt's Sadat, and King

Faisal of Saudi Arabia have gradually escalated their rhetoric. However, the staged nature of the new oil crisis was exposed by a mock serious remark of Henry Kissinger's at a fun-filled dinner Kissinger gave for Arab diplomats at the UN. Henry turned to Saudi Arabian Oil Minister Yamani and said, amid laughter, "My friend Omar has told me he has prepared a crushing reply" (to the attacks which Kissinger has been levelling at the Arabs).

Radio Moscow and the French newspaper Le Point reported that all the CIA station chiefs from the Middle East met in Teheran, Iran, with former CIA head and current Ambassador to Iran Richard Helms to plan the next phase of the psychological warfare campaign around the new "Arab oil crisis." According to Le Point, Helms called the station chiefs together to develop a rumor network about "armed U.S. intervention into the oil crisis." When IPS called CIA headquarters for a comment, the Public Relations officer said, "As far as we're concerned the meeting never took place." Helms' rumor campaign is direct psychological brinkmanship against the Soviet Union.