

WORLD COMMUNIST MOVEMENT MOBILIZES FOR DEFENSE OF PCP

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Sept. 6 — CIA-linked top commanders yesterday ousted pro-Communist Gen. Vasco Gonçalves from his appointment as Commander in Chief of the country's armed forces, on direct orders from NATO and U.S. Ambassador Frankie "the Enforcer" Carlucci. Simultaneously the leading whores of the "socialist" Second International met in London to map further plans for counterrevolutionary interference into Portugal. The same day former Portuguese president Gen. Spínola met in Paris with Portuguese fascists and released an interview in which he painted himself as the next government of Portugal, while his Portuguese Liberation Army reportedly is preparing an invasion from Franco's Spain.

This crowd of Rockefeller vultures inside and outside of Portugal is now preparing to turn the Portuguese revolution into another Chilean holocaust. In an interview with a Bulgarian newspaper this week Portuguese Communist leader Alvaro Cunhal "warned against an open counter-revolution."

Cunhal's warning was immediately answered by Communist Parties around the world. The international Communist movement has reacted as never before to the threat of another Chile, with a mass mobilization and propaganda campaign against the Second International butchers, their fascist comrades-in-arms, and the multinationals and banks masterminding the strangulation of Portugal's economy. Now, more than ever, the fate of the Portuguese revolution depends on working-class forces outside Portugal.

Gonçalves, the leading pro-Communist figure in the Portuguese military, was forced to resign his appointment as Chief of Staff of the armed forces yesterday afternoon by intense opposition from NATO-controlled military factions and threats of civil war. At the same time Gonçalves was removed from the Armed Forces Movement's ruling Revolutionary Council along with several other pro-Communist officers and, in token fashion, some of Gonçalves' political opponents as well.

Just previously, pro-CIA officers led by Army head Gen. Fabaio, Lisbon commander and former security head Gen. Carvalho, and Air Force chief Gen. Morais e Silva sabotaged the

planned General Assembly of the Armed Forces Movement by boycotting the meeting.

As today's pro-Communist Lisbon press points out, these maneuvers "can only be a victory for the internal and external reaction." With Gonçalves scheduled to resign as Premier Sept. 8 and a new cabinet already in preparation bringing the CIA's Socialists and rightist Christian Democrats into the government, the important strategic weapon of legality is passing into the hands of the Rockefeller forces.

Ready for Blood

Getting ready for the kill, the top agents of the Second International — West Germany's Willy Brandt, Austria's Bruno Kreisky, Sweden's Olof Palme, Britain's Harold Wilson, France's François Mitterrand, and Portuguese Socialist Party chief Mario Soares — met on Friday in London to set up a "Committee to Interfere in Portugal." The Committee's job will be to illegally pour funds into agent Soares' Socialist front (described by a high-placed Second International source as "15 men and Soares in a cafe") and tighten up the economic blockade around Portugal, in a carefully scripted Chilean-style destabilization operation.

The London conference was open in its intent. While Olof Palme threatened that "the road from Prague to Santiago can be short," Harold Wilson stressed Portugal's importance for "the security of NATO's southern flank." In such an atmosphere Mario Soares shed all pretense to a left cover and unblushingly admitted, "I think that Gen. Spínola could come back to power if he means to abide with the rules of democracy."

Fascist Hordes

Meanwhile Gen. Spínola, the Nazi collaborator-turned-"moderate" who was forced to flee Portugal last March after his second abortive right-wing coup attempt, has just arrived in Paris from Brazil and will soon go to Madrid. There he intends to assemble armed fascist gangs to send across the border into Portugal. The Brazilian weekly *Opinio* reports that paramilitary bands of up to 16,000 persons, consisting of "recently arrived elements from the ex-colonies, ex-PIDE (Portuguese secret police under the former fascist dictatorship) members, and military men who fled" the Portuguese revolution are preparing to invade the country from northwestern Spain.

Inside Portugal the Rockefeller forces continue to escalate provocations against the Portuguese Communists, with no attempt to conceal their connections. Most explicit was the fascist horde of Maoists, Angolan refugees, and Socialists who tried unsuccessfully to storm the pro-Communist newspaper *Diário de Notícias* Aug. 4, then marched straight to the U.S. Embassy in Lisbon demanding that the U.S. intervene!

Final preparations for a bloody civil war against the Portuguese working class will be set Aug. 8 at a top-level New York City meeting between Portuguese bankers and executives and Portuguese section chiefs from First National City, Chase Manhattan, and the rest of Rockefeller's New York banking operations. The Portuguese delegation will arrive directly from the International Monetary Fund conference in Washington. A State Department source corroborated the purpose of the meeting when he noted that State is advising U.S. banks and corporations that the Portuguese government will soon restore "administrative control" of worker-occupied factories.

Communist Mobilization

The international Communist movement has met the Rockefeller offensive against the Portuguese revolution head-on. The Soviet party newspaper *Pravda* gave the marching orders in a Sept. 4 article which said, "The defense of the revolutionary achievements of the Portuguese people is now the front line of the defense of the rights of the peoples of the Western European and other capitalist countries for free sovereign development."

Targeting the Second International, the *Pravda* article continues, "Everyone remembers how dearly the international workers' movement paid for the refusal of the leaders of the right-wing Social Democracy in the 1930s to enter a united front with the Communists. The anti-Communist blindness turned against the Social Democrats themselves, many of whom ended up in the concentration camps together with the Communists." But current Portuguese events show, says *Pravda*, "that lesson did not do certain Socialist Party leaders any good, above all not the Socialist Party of Portugal, whose right-wing leaders' splitting policy...is contributing to the present stormy activation of the reaction in the country."

West German Communist Party chairman Mies followed up the Pravda blast with an open letter to Willy Brandt telling him to stop his meddling in Portuguese affairs and stop supporting CIA agent Soares. Across the border East German radio began to rip into ITT's economic boycott of Portugal, with pointed reference to ITT's bloody history in Chile.

The French Communists aggressively mobilized their forces against Spinoia, under the slogan, "Partisans will not allow Spinoia to plot against the Portuguese democracy in peace." The PCF newspaper L'Humanité even published Spinoia's hotel and room number, his cover name, security arrangements, the hotel exit he is likely to use, and so on. Louis Odru, head of the PCF federation in Seine-St. Denis, addressed the French government in the name of the Communist parliamentary bloc to demand that Spinoia's activities in France be ended immediately.