

THIS WEEK'S HEADLINES

PORTUGAL: RIGHT WING ATTEMPTS COUP; AIR FORCE ATTACKS ARMY

March 11 (IPS)--Early this morning, the Portuguese Air Force attacked the first artillery regiment of the army and the civilian airport of Lisbon, allegedly because of its growing hostility to the Armed Forces Movement's (MFA) institutionalization as the government.

While Prime Minister Vasco Goncalves claims that the government has the situation under control, the government radio in Lisbon has demanded that everyone leave the streets. Unconfirmed reports indicate that rebellion has also broken out in Leira, north of the capital.

ICLC POLICY STATEMENT: PCP VICTORY DEMANDS INTERNATIONAL WORKERS' MOBILIZATION

March 13 (IPS)--Following the declaration by the so-called Armed Forces Movement (MFA) in Portugal this week that it is in fact, a fascist military dictatorship, the Executive Committee of the International Caucus of Labor Committees issued the following statement today:

"Immediately after the fraudulent 'attempted coup' by supposed followers of former Portuguese President Antonio de Spinoia, the NATO-controlled Armed Forces Movement announced that it had assumed permanent government powers, including the right to ban political parties "not in the best interest of the people," to reject presidential candidates, to veto legislation, and to control the economic and defense ministries.

"The open declaration of military dictatorship is an obvious consequence of the weakness of the Rockefeller/NATO position effected by the courageous resistance of the Portuguese Communist Party against austerity and corporativism. Because of the strength of the communist party, NATO has not been able to put into power the normal civilian front operation which would disguise military rule.

"The outstanding work of Comrade Cunhal and the Portuguese Communist Party (PCP), with the international support of the French and East German Communist Parties, in thwarting the implementation of corporativist austerity policies by the MFA has forced the class enemy into a thoroughly disadvantageous disposition of forces. Only those fools who saw the initial Spinoia coup as anything but a fascist military government under 'democratic guise' will believe that this latest MFA move is a defeat for the working class.

"The lines of struggle are absolutely clear. Now international forces must be mobilized to take advantage of this tactical victory. The French Communist Party, the East German Socialist

Unity Party, the League of Communists of Yugoslavia --all workers and communist parties-- must join in rooting out the social democrats and traitors in the workers' movement through whom the 'democratic face' is applied to corporativistic fascism. The fight in Portugal against social democracy can only be carried out by an international campaign against the 'polycentrist' social fascist element, whether in Portugal, Italy or Sweden.

"The campaign against the Amendolite factions of the Italian and Swedish communist parties is the avenue by which we can follow up the tactical situation given the workers' movement by the victory of the PCP."

COMMUNIST PRESS STILL CONFUSED OVER PORTUGAL

March 13 (IPS)--Soviet and other Eastern European press and radio today and yesterday presented the phony coup attempt in Portugal as a victory against "reactionary forces." East German official radio quoted French Communist Party head Georges Marchais saying that the CIA was involved. Support for the Armed Forces Movement (MFA), the pro-Nat beneficiaries of the coup scare, was expressed by Radio Moscow, whose commentators March 12 predicted "a more active role for the MFA in the democratic developments in Portugal." The East German Communist Party daily Neues Deutschland today cited a Portuguese CP (PCP) statement that "the union of the MFA and the people defeated reaction."

DETROIT P.O.C MEETS, SUPPORTS PORTUGUESE COMMUNIST PARTY

March 14 (IPS)--The Detroit Provisional Organizing Committee (POC) met here in Detroit last night and discussed the international consolidation of working class forces to defeat Rockefeller's "Fascism with a Human Face." Citing the current programmatic organizing thrust of the Portuguese Communist Party (PCP) which forced Rockefeller's unmasking of his "Jack-boot fascism" in Portugal this week, the POC drafted a telegram to the PCP in support of their continued efforts. The first paragraph reads as follows:

"Comrades: The Midwest Provisional Organizing Committee realizes that the fascist policy of Rockefeller has shown its face. We urge the PCP to turn its face even more aggressively toward its thrust for international economic development and expanded production."

PCP WAVERS ON PORTUGAL

March 14 (IPS)--Today's L'Humanite, official organ of the French Communist Party, wavers on taking a stand against the Armed Forces Movement (MFA) of Portugal which in the wake of a phony coup attempt pronounced itself as a dictatorial body. Rather than blasting the coup, L'Humanite simply chides the MFA for having been too "generous" with the enemies of democracy.

The PCF's only decisive act is to attack the conservative democra-

tic Party of Portugal (PPD) and, notably, the Portuguese Socialist Party (PSP) in the following terms: "For the socialist leaders-- who, through their statements about 'threats of civil war', their accusations against the PCP, their campaign against unity, have contributed to a considerable extent to give a false image of Portuguese reality-- the moment of clear and unequivocal choices has come for them too."

PORTUGUESE DEMOCRATIC MOVEMENT MUST POLICE WORKING CLASS OR BE BANNED

March 15 (IPS)--According to a March 14 AFP dispatch, sources close to Portuguese Prime Minister and MFA member Goncalves reveal that the economic and finance ministries will be entrusted to members of the Portuguese Democratic Movement (MDP), the so-called "sister party" of the Portuguese Communist Party (PCP).

The dispatch points out that the institutionalization of the Armed Forces Movement (MFA) has created a "new type of legality" in Portugal, which the political parties "will have to accept," or face being banned. It appears obvious that if the MDP does not collaborate with the MFA's economic austerity program, which it has expressed opposition to in the past, this may serve as the grounds for its being banned.

GREEK PRO-NATO DAILY WORRIED THAT MFA DISCREDIT ITSELF

March 15 (IPS)--The pro-government Greek daily Kathimerini of March 13, which expresses CIA-Nato policy on Greece, reacted with horror to the recent developments in Portugal.

In an editorial entitled "Comparisons and Conclusions," Kathimerini states that parliamentary democracy has functioned in Greece due to the "maturity and sense of responsibility displayed by the entire political community in its handling of the great and critical national issues."

It is this cooperation on the part of the KKE which has allowed the military-Nato regime in Greece to maintain a democratic facade, while in Portugal the military had to intervene openly in order to intimidate the communist workers' movement.

JOURNAL DO BRASIL SLATES PORTUGAL FOR THIRD WORLD STYLE "DEVELOPMENT"

March 15 (IPS)--Stating that Spinoza's "attempted coup" represents a "grave error that will have consequences in the future." An editorial in the March 13 Jornal Do Brasil stresses that "more than ever the power in Portugal is military," which means the "loss of the relative influence of politicians and parties."

The editorial then speculates on the future nature of the Portuguese regime: "If the Communist model is not viable, being unacceptable in all its implications, and if the European democracy model is made unviable by the military character of the Lisbon regime.... Imagine an African type of development uniting Lisbon to the Arab Mediterranean where experiences of a Jacobinist character and of under-developed socialism have been carried out, both of which do

not ex. Je the participation of foreign capital."

STRIKE DEMONSTRATION IN PORTUGAL

March 16 (IPS)--East German radio (StimmerDer Dor) reported today that thousands of workers went into the streets of Lisbon and converged on the First of May Stadium, where the electoral rally of the Portuguese communist party (PCP) was taking place.

NATO SHIPS ARE OUTSIDE OF LISBON

March 16 (IPS)--Although the U.S. State Department and the Portuguese Embassy deny reports made by Sued Deutsche Zeitung yesterday that Nato ships were outside of Lisbon. A Mr. Griffin of the Foreign Desk from the Washington Post said that there are one or two ships left over from last month's Nato maneuvers in Atlantic waters outside of Lisbon, which are still carrying out maneuvers. L'Unita the Italian Communist Party's paper, yesterday gave the same information and added that one U.S. Nato official and a German official had landed in Portugal, whose business was not known.

CUNHAL REPEATS PROGRAMMATIC CALL

March 16 (IPS)--Portuguese Communist Party (PCP) leader Alvaro Cunhal has reiterated his party's commitment to expanded socialist reproduction under conditions of overt threat of Nato bloodbath in Portugal. In an interview to Diario de Noticias reported in Unita, the Italian Communist Party daily, Cunhal stressed that in the present situation all national resources must be mobilized to control the economy to stimulate the growth of industrial and agricultural production in order to increase exports and improve the standard of living of workers while combating unemployment. To implement agrarian reform, the Party Secretary continued, it is necessary to pull Portuguese agriculture as rapidly as possible out of its centuries-old backwardness.

SOCIALIST STATEMENTS FROM PCP HEAD CUNHAL

March 16 (IPS)--An unconfirmed report from the Baltimore Sun quotes Alvaro Cunhal, head of the Portuguese Communist Party, as saying: "Socialization of the means of production will be inevitable once it is generally accepted by the democratic forces that Portuguese democracy will have to lead to socialism." The article did not specify to whom or where Cunhal made this statement.

LONDON TIMES: "SECURITY OF WESTERN EUROPE...ENDANGERED BY PORTUGAL"

March 16 (IPS)--In an Op Ed conglomeration of "Nato-related issues," the London Times writer George Hutchinson cites a "change" meeting

he had with Jose Almeda Araujo, Secretary of the outlawed Portuguese Liberal Party, which was overthrown by Spino-la's coup last year. Araujo said provocatively that "this week's events represent not only a dramatic victory for the left but could well be a major lost battle between western Europe and communism."

SWEDISH CONSERVATIVE PRESS PLAYS UP "LEFT MILITARY DICTATORSHIP" IN PORTUGAL

March 16 (IPS)--The conservative national Swedish daily, Svenska Dagbladet, today gave major coverage to what it called "the establishment of a permanent left military dictatorship." Portugal is the subject of the editorial as well as two other articles. The front page covers "Confuses Rumors After Coup Attempt: Spino-la Was Cheated," referring to the fact that Spino-la is "used by dark forces and a bitter martyr."

CIA PRESS CONDUITS PAVE WAY FOR NATO COUP IN PORTUGAL

March 16 (IPS)--Throughout the afternoon today in western Europe and since 1910 Hours in New York City, two CIA propaganda conduits, the U.S. Armed Forces network in Western Europe and the Associated Press in the U.S.A., are spreading the wild rumor that 26 ministers of the Portuguese cabinet "have resigned" or "are expected to resign."

The news manufacturers at the Armed Forces network and AP are either masturbating publicly or they are following instructions from the State Department and Nato's High Command in preparation for a massive bloody intervention in Portugal.

ROCKEFELLER LAUNCHES RED SCARE

LODERER DEFENDS RED-SCARE TERROR OPERATION

Weisbaden, West Germany, March 11 (IPS)--German Metalworker's Union head Eugen Loderer today published a defense of the red-scare campaign in West Germany which followed the kidnapping of Christian Democratic Union mayoral candidate Lorenz two weeks ago. Writing in his union's newspaper, Loderer says, "Democracy now finds itself put to the test, and right now the constitution and its institutions deserve special protection and respect."

FRENCH GOVERNMENT USES FASCIST ATTACKS ON LEFTISTS AS PRETEXT FOR SEARCH-AND-SEAL OPERATIONS