

## THIS WEEK'S HEADLINES

### PORTUGAL

#### ONE MAN'S GULF OF TONKIN RESOLUTION

March 17 (IPS)--In a speech delivered by President Gerald Ford at Notre Dame University today, Rockefeller forces announced their intentions to decisively resolve the conflict between the Administration and Congress over appropriations for Cambodia by destroying the last vestige of Congress' hold on foreign policy.

Ford's speech states: "If nations are to develop...They must be able to defend themselves. They must have the assurance that America can be counted upon to provide the means of security as well as the means of sustenance. While we pursue a peaceful world in which there is unity in diversity, we must continue to support security against aggression and subversion. To do otherwise, would invite greater violence."

This address which "rejects the new isolationism" signals the threat of unconstitutional U.S.-Nato intervention into either or all three international hot spots: Portugal, Indochina, and the Middle East. This planned military intervention is a direct slap in the face of Congress.

#### AP IN LISBON REVEALS THAT IT LIED ON CABINET RESIGNATION REPORTS

March 17 (IPS)--An Associated Press (AP) reporter in Lisbon confirmed in an interview last night that AP stories on the resignation of the Portuguese cabinet were total fabrication.

#### PCI PAPER JOINS ROCKEFELLER RED SCARE

March 17 (IPS)--In line with Rockefeller's building red scare, the Italian Communist Party's newspaper, Unita, today reports that an "ample reconstitution of the Portuguese government is imminent." Unita also says that a "super ministry" will be created to implement an economic program described as one of "socialist inspiration."

#### SWEDISH MILITARY HEAD CONFIRMS MFA UNDER NATO CONTROL

March 17 (IPS)--A top official of the Swedish Defense Department, who just returned from Portugal, confirmed in an interview that the present MFA military government is wholly Nato-controlled and independent of communist party control. Department Secretary Mr. Jan Eliasson told IPS not to "worry, because it is a right-wing faction within the MFA that is in power now."

#### WEST GERMAN BUSINESS SOURCES FEAR INSTABILITY FROM A NATO COUP IN PORTUGAL

March 17 (IPS)--Highly placed West German business sources are looking unfavorably on Washington based rumors of a Nato intervention in Portugal, possibly to be carried out through Spanish military forces because of the unstable conditions it would create in the rest of Europe.

#### UPI CONTINUES RED SCARE IN PORTUGAL COVERAGE

March 17 (IPS)--The Portuguese frontier with Spain remained sealed yesterday to all but foreign passport holders and approved travellers, according to various press reports. Adding to the general red-scare press campaign on Portugal, the London Sunday Times yesterday reported that "revolutionary brigades" of communist led mobs are preventing the Portuguese from crossing. The brigades, commonly portrayed as "communists" in the media, are actually maoist counter-gang formations controlled by the CIA.

#### ARMED FORCES MOVEMENT TO ROOT OUT PCP

March 17 (IPS)--Various bourgeois press sources today assert that the military dictatorship of the Portuguese Armed Forces movement (MFA) will remain in power at the expense of the Portuguese Communist Party (PCP), using the PCP as a scapegoat to root out dissident elements within the Armed Forces.

#### ICLC STALLS ANTI-COMMUNIST BLOODBATH IN PORTUGAL

March 18 (IPS)--A full political mobilization by the International Caucus of Labor Committees has temporarily stalled the Rockefeller faction's plans for an anti-communist Nato bloodbath in Portugal by focussing world attention on their red-scare plot. In the past 48 hours, ICLC briefings to thousands of North American and western European workers, trade union leaders, press and government officials have shown the CIA that at this time the political cost of a

head-on assault against the international working class in Portugal would be too high.

Members of Congress briefed by IPS have quickly responded by putting pressure on Federal agencies. One Congressional aide told the Labor Party that the House Foreign Relations Committee held hearings Friday on CIA involvement in Portugal, and that the Committee was not satisfied with State Department denials, "We're trying to find some vehicle for finding out CIA involvement," he told IPS. "We've contacted the State Department and are trying to get the Foreign Relations Committee to hold further meetings."

#### DAILY EXPRESS CITES DANGER OF PORTUGAL; CALLS FOR SANCTIONS

March 18 (IPS)--Resurrecting the domino theory with a Mediterranean setting, London Daily Express foreign editor John Ellison portrays the events in Lisbon as "an extraordinary coup for Russia," which will have serious repercussions. According to Ellison, Spain is also facing potential threat from communist-infiltrated trade unions and Italy "already has the most emancipated and powerful communist party in Europe." "The dominoes in Europe are all set up," Ellison says, "If the first to fall is Portugal, there is no telling where the line might end."

#### CIA PRESS SEWERS FIND NO CONDUITS IN FRANCE

March 18 (IPS)--Reflecting the growing unwillingness among European capitalist circles to accept Rockefeller's strong-arm methods in Portugal, the major French dailies, Le Monde and Le Figaro, today carried stories on Portugal in direct contradiction to the red scare picture which the CIA-controlled press is trying to paint.

#### SPINOLA PLANNING TO RETURN TO PORTUGAL?

March 18 (IPS)--According to yesterday's issue of the Lisbon daily O Seculo, former Portuguese President Antonio de Spinoza, now in Brazil, declared to an EFE correspondent that "it's completely false that I said I don't intend to return to Portugal."

#### WASHINGTON POST PUSHES SPANISH INTERVENTION INTO PORTUGAL

March 18 (IPS)--Today's editorial in the Washington Post openly lays out a possible strategy for Rockefeller forces to crush the Portuguese Communist Party (PCP). The editorial notes that: "It remains to be seen whether Portugal's lurch to the left is sustained by...the radical officers in the Armed Forces movement, or whether there will be open civil war and perhaps foreign

intervention most likely launched from Spain."

#### PRESS DOWNPLAYS FORD SPEECH ON INTERVENTION

March 18 (IPS)--President Ford's foreign policy speech at the University of Notre Dame, previewed in the international press yesterday as a strong, interventionist statement implicitly justifying possible Nato or U.S. intervention in Portugal or the Mideast, was covered from a sharply different angle, as a defense of the "domino theory" in Southeast Asia, in both the Baltimore Sun and the New York Times today.

New Solidarity IPS correspondents in the press room where national newsmen were viewing Ford's press conference on closed circuit television reported that reporters were unable to control their laughter during Ford's remarks, particularly when the President responded to question with "I spoke to Vice President Rockefeller about that." When an IPS reporter took the podium after the press conference to make an announcement on the Rockefeller faction's efforts to provoke a military confrontation in Portugal, reporters from the CIA conduit known as the Associated Press attempted to wrestle him off the podium.

#### SPAIN TO TAKE PLACE OF PORTUGAL IN NATO

March 18 (IPS)--The Spanish monarchist daily ABC editorialized yesterday that Spain could take the place of Portugal in Nato, since it was likely Portugal's sharp turn to the left would lead to its separation from Nato, leaving the western flank of the Atlantic alliance exposed. "Spain can make up perfectly for this possible defection," ABC said.

#### CONFLICTING UPI REPORTS ON SPANISH MOBILIZATION

March 18 (IPS)--Deliberate false reporting on Portugal by UPI and AP has resulted in the intended chaos and confusion--within even the ranks of the press itself. IPS discovered today that UPI sources in New York were confused about troop movements in the Iberian peninsula reported by their own press service. Madrid UPI correspondent Peter Uebersack wired that Spanist troop mobilizations were occurring against possible Moroccan territorial disputes in the Spanish Sahara. The story was published in the Chicago Defender. Another UPI source in New York claims that Spanish border patrols are on alert but reports no troop movements.

#### PORTUGAL ARMED FORCES DELEGATION IN USA TO OBTAIN CREDIT

March 19 (IPS)--According to a reliable Portuguese source, representatives of the ruling Portuguese Armed Forces Movement (MFA) are

now in the United States "to make an act of allegiance and to try to obtain economic aid."

According to Portuguese newspapers, and to the press attache of the Portuguese Embassy, however, the MFA delegation is in the U.S. on a "cultural mission."

#### SPAIN USES PORTUGAL TO INCITE RED SCARE CAMPAIGN

March 19 (IPS)--This week's London Economist echoes the resurgence of right wing forces, who are especially worried about the possibility of Spain's large working class going communist. Using Portugal as a pretext to air anti-communist terror, the Economist starts off its article by saying that: "The Spanish authorities are not unhappy to see Portugal illustrating their theses that in Iberia, at least, political freedom produces chaos." The piece goes on to quote the well known right wingers, Don Blas Pinar and Sr. Giron, have complained that the army might not remain inactive due to subversive activities going on in Spain.

#### CIA TIMES:: INFLAMMATORY RED-SCARE EDITORIAL

March 19 (IPS)--Today's CIA New York Times' editorial on "Portugal and Detente" advances the CIA press red scare campaign. The Times editorial states that although Nato is retracting its military power, the USSR is expanding its forces. "In the Indian Ocean, in the Mediterranean, in the Red Sea and the South Atlantic, there are growing signs of an outward thrust of Soviet military power."

The Times uses as a pretext the Soviet request to have fueling privileges off Lisbon, From here, the editorial hysterically proceeds to discuss nuclear weapons. In addition to the possibility of the port facility to be used for the gathering of intelligence, the editorial says: "If submarines tenders can be moved in and, ultimately a submarine base built, the efficiency of Soviet strategic nuclear-missile submarines could be substantially increased." The writers imagination accelerates exponentially by citing how weak Nato is becoming; Greece and France left; Turkey is threatening; Portugal may follow.

#### FACTIONS BREWING IN WEST GERMAN CP OVER PORTUGUESE QUESTION

March 19 (IPS)--Lines are being drawn within the German Communist Party (DKP) over support of the fascist military government of Portugal, IPS learned today from sources within the DKP. Heading up the proto-faction which opposes the fascist Portuguese Armed Forces Movement (MFA) is an exile from Chile, who apparently learned the lesson of the fatal danger of communist support for "popular unity" political formations.

## ROCKEFELLER-LINKED BANK IN PORTUGAL FINANCES RIGHT-WING GROUPS

March 19 (IPS)--The Lisbon daily O Seculo reported March 17 that the Portuguese Espirito Santo Bank of the Rockefeller linked Libra group gave millions of dollars to right-wing and "fascist, neo-Nazi" political parties in order to finance the so-called silent majority demonstrations in September 1974.

Parties receiving financing through phoney bank accounts included the Partido Liberal, the Partido Do Progresso, and the Christian Democratic Party--all presently banned--as well as the Social Democratic Center (CDS), and most, recently, the Popular Democratic Party (PPD). All of the information is reported to be "fully documented" with bank account numbers and photostats of documents.

## WALL STREET JOURNAL WARNS THAT DOMINOES ARE FALLING

March 19 (IPS)--In today's lead editorial the Wall Street Journal warns, "the much ridiculed domino theory has a good measure of truth after all." Warning that Portugal, Greece, Turkey, and Southeast Asia are falling from U.S. control, the Journal says that the U.S. must show some resolution. The editorial continues to criticize Rockefeller's inability to force austerity on the working class by imposing severe economic programs and energy policies.

## PORTUGUESE VICE-CONSUL ADMITS PRESS LIED; DENIES PORTUGUESE GOVERNMENT IS LEFTIST

March 19 (IPS)--In an IPS interview with the Vice-Consul at the Portuguese Consulate here yesterday, he admitted that press coverage on the Portuguese "coup" and events since have been reported on falsely but refused to denounce the false coverage. Initially stating that "everybody knows that it's a military dictatorship in Portugal," when asked by IPS if this is a "leftist dictatorship" and if the Communist Party of Portugal is taking over the government the Vice-Consul firmly replied, "No."

## DR. MOURA, MDP HEAD, RUMORED TO ENTER PORTUGUESE CABINET

March 19 (IPS)--It is rumored throughout the international press today that the head of the Portuguese Democratic Movement (MDP), Dr. Perreira Da Moura, will enter the new Portuguese cabinet as the Economic Minister. Da Moura has been described as a "catholic marxist economist," and a leading contender for power with the hardline head of the Portuguese Communist Party (PCP), Alvaro Cunhal. The MDP is known in the press as the PCP's sister party, "to the left of" the pro-Soviet PCP.

In the past few days, the press has used this description of the MDP to bolster fears of the "red menace" in Portugal. In fact, the MDP is much more open than the PCP to counterinsurgent mani-

pulation by Nato-CIA forces because it is a coalition of anti-fascist groups rather than a communist cadre organization like the PCP.

#### HANDELSBLATT PUSHES BILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS TO PUT PRESSURE ON PORTUGAL

March 20 (IPS)--The leading press organ of West Germany's large industrialists, the Handelsblatt, rejected any Nato effort to assume direct influence over Portugal. In place of a heavy-handed Nato intervention, the Handelsblatt favors the use of bilateral economic negotiations between individual Nato countries and the Portuguese to exert pressure on the labile situation. Handelsblatt writes, "The view taken by Nato General Secretary Luns that if Portugal leaves Nato, Spain will be taken up in its place is not taken seriously in Brussels...Thus Nato can only hope that bilateral influence of individual members' countries will succeed in holding Portugal in line."

#### IPS EXPOSE OF AP HAS REPERCUSSIONS

March 20 (IPS)--Tuesday's edition of the London Times reports from Lisbon that "the correspondent of Associated Press news agency was summoned to the Information Minister for the second time in two days to hear a complaint about his dispatches." The Times report is just one of many repercussions that have followed the Labor Committee's exposure of the CIA-controlled Associated Press campaign to set up a bloodbath in Portugal.

#### PCP CONDEMNS FOREIGN PRESS RUMOR CAMPAIGN

March 20 (IPS)--A UPI dispatch from Lisbon today reports that the Portuguese Communist Party (PCP) paper Avanti has "launched a virulent attack against the foreign press organs." It specifically condemned UPI for attempting to "conspire against and sabotage" the revolution, adding that other press agencies had sent correspondents to Lisbon who had been expelled from other countries for espionage activities. Avanti called for "revolutionary vigilance" against the foreign press organs sending news to the U.S., Brazil and Great Britain.

#### PORTUGUESE PRESIDENT COSTA GOMES LED FASCIST TROOPS AGAINST SOVIETS IN WORLD WAR II

March 20 (IPS)--IPS learned that Portuguese President Costa Gomes head of the Armed Forces Movement (MFA) Revolutionary Council, commanded Portuguese elements of the infamous SS Blue Division which fought against the Soviet Union on the Eastern Front in World War II. The Blue divisions is known for atrocities it committed against the Russian population. Costa Gomes reportedly

held a rank equivalent to that of an SS colonel.

#### ARON DENIES PCP CONTROL OF MFA

March 20 (IPS)--French sociologist Raymond Aron denied in Le Figaro March 19 that the Portuguese Armed Forces (MFA) is controlled by the Portuguese Communist Party (PCP).

#### BUCKLEY PUSHES PORTUGAL RED SCARE

March 21 (IPS)--Senator James Buckley (C-NY) has asked Secretary of State, Henry Kissinger to return home from the Mideast in order to discuss the present situation in Portugal, according to a UPI dispatch. Buckley called the situation there "the most profound crisis since the end of the Second World War because the Portuguese Communists are trying to take over the government."

#### WILL PORTUGUESE COLONIALS INTERVENE INTO PORTUGAL

March 21 (IPS)--Yesterday's London Financial Times reports that colonial troops of the Portuguese Armed forces are poised to intervene against the Portuguese Communist Party. The Financial Times says: "Many leading Armed Forces Movement officers still on duty in the African colonies (Mozambique and Angola) are uneasy at the turn of events since the failed coup."

#### SENATORS BUCKLEY, HUMPHREY CALL FOR U.S. INTERVENTION IN PORTUGAL

March 22 (IPS)--Senator James Buckley (C.-N.Y.), a well-known CIA operative, joined by Senator Hubert Humphrey (D.-Minn.), the liberal who has been the leading supporter of Rockefeller fascist national planning proposals, issued a call yesterday for U.S. intervention in Portugal.

#### RED SCARE IN U.S. PRESS: LIES THAT COMMUNISTS ISSUED DEATH THREATS AND ABDUCTED WIVES AND CHILDREN OF OPPONENT PARTIES

March 22 (IPS)--Today's Washington Post and yesterday's UPI have created another red-scare line: that the communist parties of Portugal (PCP) and its front group, the Portuguese Democratic Movement (MDP) have resorted to personally attacking the members of the Social Democratic Party (CDS), a party closely associated



with the Christian Democratic Party, recently banned from elections.

#### MFA'ER GETS COMPLETE COUNTERINSURGENCY TOUR WHILE IN U.S.A.

March 22 (IPS)--While the CIA press continues its red scare about the "communist-backed" armed froces movement that governs Portugal, IPS learned today that a Captain Rosa, member of the MFA, is in the U.S. for two weeks, visiting every major counterinsurgency think-tank and organization. Rosa has already visited: Radio Free Europe, Columbia Broadcasting System (CBS), the AFL-CIO, the Pentagon Civil Liaison Division, the Deputy Assistant for European and Nato Affairs, and the Chief of International Social Security Training. Captain Rosa has been trained in psychological warfare, like most MFA'ers, and operates out of the Air Force.

#### U.S. MAY WITHDRAW AID TO PORTUGAL

March 22 (IPS)--Columnists Evans and Novak reported yesterday that the U.S. will give \$20 million foreign aid: \$10 million to Portugal, \$5 million to the Madeira Islands, and \$5 million to the Portuguese colonies. "Yet at some point in the future, aid may have to be withheld. Otherwise, the communist controlled regime might try to claim American support."

#### ROCKEFELLER COLLABORATORS TRACED ON PORTUGUESE HIGH COUNCIL OF THE REVOLUTION

March 23 (IPS)--Four new military men have been added to Portugal's all military run "high council of the revolution," bringing its present number up to 28 officers. At least two of the added officers are known to be first-rank Rockefeller collaborators: Major Victor Alves, a Nato liaison man, and Major Melo Antunes, an admirer of the economic policies of World Bank murderer Robert McNamara.