

lateral Commission when asked about it. Why be shy when David Rockefeller has such confidence that you will play a primary role in establishing world fascism?

SPINOLA STAGES "LEFTIST VICTORY" IN PORTUGAL

Oct. 3 (IPS)--Stating that "new forms of slavery are being prepared under the flag of a false freedom" and predicting the oncoming of a period of leftist anarchy, Portuguese president Antonio de Spínola has resigned as head of state. He has left political power in the hands of the semi-amorphous "Armed Forces Movement" (MFA) and its principal ally, the Portuguese Communist Party (PCP). Together with his top collaborator, the newly appointed stand-in president General Francisco da Costa Gomes, Spínola is now preparing to first discredit and then annihilate the Portuguese left along Chilean lines.

General Spínola, having achieved the necessary populist stature, has little use for the leftist forces which were instrumental in bringing him to power. Initially, Spínola engaged in "tactical" collaboration with Portuguese leftists (and actually nurtured their recent revival) as the popular support which has turned him into Portugal's unrivalled fascist figure. With relative success he has involved the PCP and other left forces in promoting "self-policing style" strike-breaking austerity and other anti-labor activities.

But growing political opportunism on the part of numerous left and certain right political groupings has become an obstruction to the efficient intensification of the "New Portugal" fascist regimentation policies as well as to the initiation of labor-intensive "development" projects along similar popular participation lines in the African territories of Angola and Mozambique.

Part of the Plan

The so-called "political crisis" which led to Spínola's abrupt, theatrical resignation this past weekend was in fact planned from the outset by the expert counterinsurgent himself. Over the past two weeks, Spínola has intentionally instigated open confrontation with both the PCP and the MFA. In the case of the former, he began by implicitly referring to the PCP as "totalitarian extremists," while in the case of the latter, he, as well as Armed Forces head Gomes, began calling for the dissolving of the Coordinating Committee of the MFA, saying that it has completed its function.

Swallowing the bait, the PCP, in collaboration with the MFA, launched a renewed campaign to "guard against the returning forces of reaction." Overnight, the so-called "silent majority" group, composed of rightists allegedly supporting Spínola and the MFA factions against growing PCP influence, sprang up. An initial rally held by the "silent majority" group in Lisbon led to massive PCP counterorganizing and subsequent confrontations between left and right groups. After this incident, Spínola pushed for further provocations by supporting a similar "silent majority" rally the following week, although there were clear signs that mass public disorder would occur. "Despite" Spínola's last minute banning of the rally, there erupted violent street fighting incidents between rightists and leftists. Rumors of assassination plots against MFA member Prime Minister Goncalves and a rightwing takeover raced through the city. These precipitated an eventual leftists' condemnation of reactionary maneuvers by Spínola, which resulted in his resignation as well as the dismissal of several conservative junta generals and ministers.

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