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U.S. PRESS CONTINUES RED-SCARE LIES ON PORTUGAL

March 31 (IPS)--Henry Giniger, writing in today's New York Times, attempts in a contradictory article to smear the Portuguese Communist Party (PCP) by falsely implying that it "fooled" other coalition members in the government by giving a moderate impression when it put down strikes which were not in the economy's interest.

Giniger writes that the Supreme Revolutionary Council, the highest authoritative power of Nato's ruling Armed Forces Movement, is "strongly weighted to the communist view." A few sentences later, he contradicts himself, saying that "there are considerable number of officers who are opposed to communist influence." Even the New York Times' own March 29 editorial stated that officials in the council hardly had any communist sympathizers.

ANGOLA REQUESTS "DISCIPLINED" TROOPS

March 31 (IPS)--The French daily Le Figaro reported March 29 that the government of Portuguese Angola is pressuring the MFA regime in Portugal to dispatch troops to the colony to avert "possible civil war."

Early this week, the CIA-controlled faction of the Angolan rebel movement, backed by Zaire mercenaries on orders from Second International Congolese President Mobutu, seized and slaughtered 51 young revolutionary recruits of the Popular Liberation Movement of Angola (MPLA), the pro-Soviet allies of the Portuguese Communist Party. Any MFA troop deployments to the colony now would be aimed at continuing the massacres of MPLA cadres.

CIA LINKED FOUNDATION TO COUNT VOTES IN PORTUGUESE ELECTIONS

March 31 (IPS)--According to the Lisbon daily, O Seculo, March 29, the counting of votes in Portugal's elections for a Constituent Assembly April 25 will be handled by a computer located at the headquarters of the Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation in Lisbon, a CIA funding conduit and think-tank. The Royal Dutch Shell connected Gulbenkian Foundation, besides having been used to finance Vietnam-style pacification projects in Portugal's African colonies, is also known to have channeled funds to the Tavistock Institute in London and the ultra-reactionary Opus Dei group in Spain.

"PORTUGUESE LIBERATION ARMY" TIED TO CIA EX-NAZI OTTO SKORZENY

March 31 (IPS)--The Lisbon daily O Seculo March 29, citing the French maoist paper Liberation, reports that one of the "brains" behind the rightwing Portuguese Liberation Army (ELP) might be

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the notorious ex-Nazi Otto Skorzeny. The Portuguese ultra-left group Revolutionary Union and Action League (LUAR) meanwhile also denounced Skorzeny as being one of the main figures behind the ELP.

Skorzeny, recruited from the SS to the CIA by Allen Dulles after World War II, has long been a key operative for the agency in Europe.

LE MONDE PLAYS DIPLOMATIC GAME WITH PSP HEAD SOARES

March 31 (IPS)--Continuing to undermine Portuguese Socialist Party (PSP) and CIA agent Mario Soares, today's Le Monde reported that Soares has openly advocated his party's exit from the government coalition in order to provoke a "focible confrontation" and international consciousness. "One can find it strange that a formation (the PSP-Ed.), having finally accepted to remain in the government coalition, now appears to call back this acceptance." Le Monde's coverage of Soares, over the past week, includes a statement from Rio de Janeiro correspondent, Vanhecke, linking Soares to Spínola's "love for democratic socialism."

U.S. PRESSES PEKING SUPPORT OF PORTUGAL BLOODBATH

April 1 (IPS)--The U.S. is attempting to enlist the support of Peking for a Nato bloodbath in Portugal. According to the New York Times, American officials have revealed that Chinese diplomats in Washington and other capitals of Nato countries have been warning against a Soviet peril in Portugal. Some of the Chinese officials, they said, have urged action by the western powers to prevent Portugal from coming under the control of the pro-Moscow Portuguese Communist Party.

BRITISH CP DENOUNCES NATO; SUPPORTS PCP

April 1 (IPS)--According to a report in the British Communist Party newspaper Morning Star of March 29, the CPGB is adding an anti-Nato campaign to their current anti-EEC thrust. A headline article under the title: "Britain Must Reject Nato," calls for building a movement against Nato, against U.S. bases and for nuclear disarmament.

The Star also carries an anti-Nato article on Portugal, implicitly supporting the actions of the Portuguese Communist Party.

AGNELLI'S PANORAMA SETS UP PRETEXT FOR INVASION OF PORTUGAL

April 2 (IPS)--According to the March 28 issue of Panorama, Spain and Portugal signed an anti-communist pact in 1939, whereby at the request of either country, the military forces of the other could enter to put down an invasion or a communist takeover. Panorama also mentions that a Portuguese Armed Forces

Movement (MFA) delegation went to Spain to discuss "rumors" of invasion.

GERMAN FOREIGN MINISTER TO MEET WITH SPANISH OPPOSITION

April 2 (IPS)--According to today's German press, Hans-Deitrich Genscher, Germany's Foreign Minister is presently meeting U.S. Senator Hubert Humphrey, and he will be going to Spain for a two-day, high level visit. He will meet with Franco and (unspecified) Spanish oppositionists, while paying minimal attention to the heir to the throne, Juan Carlos. The talks will concentrate on the future of Spain, as well as the situation in the Mideast, the Mediterranean, Nato and Portugal.

FIASCO IN SPAIN

April 2 (IPS)--In the CIA's attempt to create a bloody riot last Sunday in Guernica, where only 20 people showed up for the Nationalist Basque Organization's (ETA) rally, two Belgium parliamentarians and an American freelance journalist were among those arrested. Well-informed sources, the Italian ANI and Reuters, say that the two Belgium deputies were waving Basque flags around just as hundreds of faithful were leaving a church service!

FRENCH COMMUNISTS PUSH PCP PROGRAM FOR PORTUGAL, STRESS EAST-WEST TRADE

April 2 (IPS)--Today in a major article in its daily L'Humanite, the French Communist Party (PCF) gave a major impetus to the Portuguese Communist Party's (PCP) drive for industrial and agricultural expansion. The PCF placed the task of rebuilding the Portuguese economy as the number one agenda item, stressing it is a task which will require not only nationalization of key industrial sectors, and land reform, but expanded trade with the workers' states and Third World countries.

PSI CALLS FOR CRACKDOWN ON PCP

April 3 (IPS)--Bettino Craxi, undercover Nato agent who is Vice-Secretary of the Italian Socialist Party (PSI), has confirmed that "corrective action" by the military against the Portuguese communists is a favored option of Nato. Upon his return from an "information visit" to Portugal where he engaged in a "long and fraternal exchange of ideas" with Portuguese Socialist head Mario Soares--a CIA agent--Craxi condemned "penetration" and "trickery" by the heroic Portuguese Communist Party against other political forces.

PCF PICKS UP PRO-SOVIET SPANISH COMMUNIST ATTACK

PARIS, April 3 (IPS)--Yesterday's L'Humanite, newspaper of the French Communist Party (PCF), carried an article from Mundo

Obrero, organ of the Spanish Communist Party, which strongly supports the banning of the Christian Democratic Party of Portugal for its participation in the March 11 putsch against the Portuguese government.

CARLUCCI FORCED TO DEFEND SELF AGAINST CHARGE OF DESTABILIZING PORTUGAL

April 4 (IPS)--U.S. Ambassador to Portugal Frank Carlucci, has found that his "image has been tarred with allegations that he is a top operative assigned to destabilize Portugal," the Washington Post's Lisbon correspondent reports today.

PCP MOVES TO ATTACK SECOND INTERNATIONAL'S PORTUGUESE SOCIALISTS

April 4 (IPS)--In an unprecedented hardline lead editorial, yesterday's issue of the Portuguese Communist Party paper Avante states that while being "attacked by agents of reaction from the ultraright, the communists will never take the defensive" and that "we will also be very firm in the defense of our principles and our policy."

In an extremely strong attack, the Avante lead editorial goes on to attack the CIA and the Second International by saying that "between Washington and Bonn, there is a whirlpool of famous politicians interested in starting up the cold war climate again," specifically fingering U.S. Secretary of State Kissinger and Craxi of the Italian Socialist Party.

PSI LIES FOR CIA ON PORTUGAL

ROME, April 4 (IPS)--Avanti, daily newspaper of the Italian Socialist Party (PSI) blatantly lied today that Portuguese Communist Party head "Cunhal has started his electoral campaign in more moderate tones than at any other time."

SOVIET PRESS COVERAGE OF PORTUGAL PICKS UP STEAM

April 5 (IPS)--Coverage of Portugal in the Soviet press has shifted toward firmer backing of the revolutionary line of the Portuguese Communist Party (PCP). Breaking through the common pattern of the past several weeks of bland generalities about the "unity of the Armed Forces Movement and the people," Pravda April 2 described a speech by PCP leader Cunhal in which he denounced the illusion of western-style democracy stating that it serves only the interests of the capitalists. Pravda also reported Cunhal's criticism of the Portuguese Socialist Party.

PORTUGUESE ARMED FORCES MOVEMENT DECLARES MILITARY DICTATORSHIP

April 5 (IPS)--The ruling junta in Portugal, the Armed Forces Movement (MFA) and its Supreme Revolutionary Council, have openly discarded any pretext to democracy, publicly ridiculing the forthcoming elections for the Constituent Assembly and the New Constitution. Commander Jose Jesuino, the Information Minister declared that: "The elections are important primarily as a pedagogic exercise," according to yesterday's Daily Telegraph.

EAST GERMAN PRESS SCORES GENSCHER'S DIPLOMACY WITH FRANCO

April 4 (IPS)--Today's Neues Deutschland, newspaper of the East German Communist Party, blasted West German Foreign Minister Genscher for his meeting with the Spanish "fascist regime, to discuss matters of joint interest." Genscher, says Neues Deutschland is hoping to achieve closer military cooperation with Spain, which the article describes as yet another interference by the West German government in the internal affairs of Portugal.

PORTUGUESE DEMOCRATIC MOVEMENT - A COUNTERGANG TO PORTUGUESE COMMUNIST PARTY

April 6 (IPS)--According to reliable sources the Portuguese Democratic Movement (MDP) is pressuring the Portuguese Communist Party (PCP) to relax its ties with other communist parties, especially with the Communist Party of the Soviet Union. For the last several weeks the MDP has been falsely described in the capitalist press as the PCP's sister party or a PCP front group. In the latest issue of Spanish Magazine Cambio, Alvaro Cunhal, leader of the PCP, delineated the separateness of the two groups: "The MDP is autonomous and independent with its own line, completely different from that of the PCP."

CARRILLO GENERAL STRIKE CALL A FLOP

April 6 (IPS)--The Lisbon daily O Seculo reported April 3 that a one-day general strike call in the Basque country by the fake CIA wing of the Spanish Communist Party (the anti-Soviet Carrillo faction) and other supposed leftists received only minimal working class response.