

NATO'S SOUTHERN STRATEGY

PORTUGUESE SOCIALIST PARTY HEAD SOARES PUSHES BELLAGIO LINE

April 28 (IPS)--Portuguese Socialist Party head Mario Soares declared over national television: Portugal's "participation in NATO should not be questioned. We should only maintain a policy of independence in relation to American imperialism and to Soviet imperialism."

BRITISH MILITARY COORDINATING NATO SUBVERSION OF BALKANS

April 29 (IPS)--The joint Rumanian-Yugoslav fighter plane being built will be powered by a Rolls-Royce jet engine, according to Henry Kamm writing in today's New York Times. This is the first indication of the substance of agreements reached between Rumanian military officials and British Defense Minister Roy Mason during his recent visit to Rumania. The cooperation of Rumania, nominally a member of the Warsaw Pact, with NATO is thus being mediated through the British military.

TOP BRITISH COUNTERINSURGENT BRIEFING PORTUGUESE MILITARY ON SOUTHERN STRATEGY

April 29 (IPS)--Field Marshall Sir Michael Carver, Britain's Defense Chief, arrived in Lisbon to "assess Portugal's validity as a member of the Western Alliance," according to yesterday's **Daily Express**. Carver, who will meet with Portuguese President Costa Gomes, is a top counterinsurgent associate of Dennis Healy, who just attended the Bilderberg meeting in Izmir.

PORTUGUESE RIGGED ELECTION MAY INFLUENCE EVOLUTION TOWARDS SOCIAL DEMOCRACY IN SPAIN

April 29 (IPS)--Mooting the activation of Rockefeller plans to activate Portuguese MFA style fascism in Spain, following the crooked Portuguese elections, today's Christian Science Monitor says: "It is to be hoped that the outcome of the Portuguese elections will simulate democratic revolution in Spain..."

TERROR CAMPAIGN INSTRUMENTAL IN PREVENTING LARGE PCP VOTE

April 29 (IPS)--New York Times article today on Portugal brazenly admits that the terror campaign launched against the Portuguese Communist Party (PCP) was a factor in intimidating the Portuguese electorate to vote for the moderate parties. CIA author Henry Gieger describes a village in the Guarda district where a military "enlightenment" team was asked if there were any major problems in the area. "Not many...we have a communist in the next town but we are taking care of him."

PCP WILL CONTINUE TO ACT AS THE VANGUARD OF THE REVOLUTION

April 29 (IPS)--Despite blatant election fraud, in which the Portuguese Communist Party (PCP) received only 12.5% of the vote in the election for members to the Constituent Assembly, the PCP says that it will continue to act "as the vanguard of the revolution," according to Neues Deutschland, April 28. The PCP is quoted: "Even workers who voted against their own interests will be with us in the decisive hour."

DAVID ROCKEFELLER GOES TO THE BALKANS

April 29 (IPS)--David Rockefeller arrived in Sofia, Bulgaria, today for talks with trade officials of that country, according to Prensa Latina. Also in Sofia today is one of Rumania's Deputy Premiers, who, rado Bucharest reports, went there for talks on economic cooperation between Rumania and Bulgaria.

SECOND INTERNATIONAL PALERMO CONFERENCE PLUGS CIA'S SOUTHERN STRATEGY

ROME, April 30 (IPS)--The Institute for Relations Between Italy and Developing Nations (IPALMO), a Second International front, concluded a three-day conference in Palermo yesterday by stressing "cooperation and security" in the Mediterranean. Although ostensibly held to consider "economic cooperation," the conference discussion and coverage in today's Avanti, the daily of the Italian Socialist Party, make it clear that the gathering was part of the ongoing CIA strategy to develop a "non-aligned" Southern and Mideast bloc against the Soviet Union.

PORTUGUESE SOCIALIST MARIO SOARES BEHAVES LIKE A SORE LOSER

April 30 (IPS)--Acknowledging the fraudulent "victory" of his party in the CIA-rigged elections April 25, Portuguese Socialist Party (PSP) head Mario Soares bitterly exclaimed: "The Portuguese Communist Party has more influence than it should have after the elections," according to today's Die Welt. Soares reportedly reneged on his initial offer to the PCP to form an alliance--which the PCP rejected--and he is now blasting away at the PCP's control of the working class.

MFA SPOKESMAN AND YUGOSLAV JOURNAL PUSH CIA'S NON-ALIGNMENT STRATEGY AGAINST THE SOVIETS

April 30 (IPS)--Portuguese Foreign Minister Melo Antunes, a member of the Armed Forces Movement (MFA), and the Yugoslav Journal Politika are publicly pushing a "national independence" neutrality strategy designed by the CIA to set a "non-aligned," NATO-controlled Southern bloc against the Soviets. In an interview in this week's Le Nouvelle Observateur, Antunes said that Portugal will be able to "form an effective security system to contribute to the deepening of active neutrality" with countries like Algeria and Yugos

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Politika recently stated that "it is important that Portugal not be dragged into the game of the great powers, that it not be considered as an appendage of a bloc or one of its points of support, and that it should not be an object of auction of foreign influences so that it may construct independence."

SOVIETS POLEMICIZE AGAINST RUMANIA BY RADIO

April 30 (IPS)--The official radio stations of Rumania and the Soviet Union are engaged in a heated polemical exchange bearing directly on Rumania's status as an ally of the Soviet Union. Relaying the message that the Soviet Union is decisively responsible for Rumania's becoming a workers' state, Soviet Rumanian-Language broadcasts beamed into Eastern Europe in the last few weeks have stressed that it was the Red Army which liberated Rumania at the end of World War II.

At the same time, the radio stations controlled by Rumania's nationalist dictator, Nicolae Ceausescu are consistently down-playing Rumania's ties to the Soviet Union and Warsaw Pact countries. The exchange parallels that between the counter-revolutionary Dubcek regime in Czechoslovakia and the Soviets in 1968.

PORTUGUESE SOCIALIST PARTY'S LACK OF A BASE REVEALED AT MAYDAY RALLY

May 2 (IPS)--Portuguese Socialist Party (PSP) head, Mario Soares was prevented by trade unionists from speaking at a mass May Day rally in Lisbon, sponsored by the Communist Party (PCP), according to French radio reports. Today's New York Times reports further that a crowd of PSP'ers led by Soares forced their way into the sports stadium where the rally was held and began shouting, "The people have voted! The socialists have won!" to the deaf ears and boos of the more than 50,000 pre-PCP'ers assembled there.

CARRILLO CALLS FOR NON-ALIGNMENT AND "SPANISH STYLE" AUTOGESTION

May 2 (IPS)--In an interview with the Yugoslav newspaper Oslobodjenje, Santiago Carrillo, head of the anti-Soviet faction of the Spanish Communist Party (PCE), affirmed that "in these days, we are witnessing the final frightful actions of the Franco dictatorship." Carrillo stated that the PCE, if in power, would turn Spain into "a member of the great family of the non-aligned" and would "institutionalize the autogestion way to socialism."