

# PORTUGUESE JUNTA OPPOSES FREEING THE AFRICAN LANDS

**General Spínola States That  
Self-Determination Does  
Not Mean Independence**

## A WARNING TO LEFTISTS

**Military Says It Might Have  
to Use Force to Prevent  
Anarchy in Country**

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LISBON, April 27—The military junta now ruling Portugal after a coup two days ago made it clear today that it was not prepared to end the wars in the African territories by granting independence.

Gen. António de Spínola, the head of the junta, told a meeting of newspaper editors that "self-determination should not be confused with independence."

The statement appeared to indicate the possibility of future conflict between the junta and leftist forces in metropolitan Portugal, but an open break may not come for some time.

### Leftists Parade

Already General Spínola was showing signs of alarm at some of the activities of the left as it gave vent to feelings that had been contained by almost a half century of dictatorship. He warned that he might have to use force to prevent anarchy in the country.

Yesterday a mob sacked the offices of the right-wing newspaper Epoca. Last night young leftists paraded with banners calling for the end of capitalism and the war against black African rebels and sprayed revolutionary slogans on monuments and sidewalks. Military and police forces avoided confrontation with the crowds by staying out of sight.

[United Press International reported that troops had fired shots into the air Saturday to disperse an unruly crowd that reportedly attacked some suspected members of the secret police.]

### Leftists Urge Independence

Over the long range a confrontation was in prospect over African policy. General Spínola's reference to self-determination involved his proposals to offer Portuguese Guinea, Mozambique and Angola equal status with metropolitan Portugal in a federation. Under his proposal the peoples in the African areas would be allowed to express freely their allegiance to this new Portuguese community through a referendum, but the general said that they were not yet ready for such a vote.

The proposals are contained in a book by General Spínola that was published in February. In it the general first made public his disagreement with the policies of the Government of Premier Marcello Caetano and said that the African war was unwinnable by military means and that a political solution was needed.

But the particular solution he advocates is regarded by most

in the leftist opposition as inadequate, and they have instead sought the opening of negotiations with black rebels in Africa that would lead to independence.

The liberals and leftists were so happy with the sudden overthrow of the Government in Lisbon that no issue was being made of the differences on Africa. The main opposition group here issued a proclamation hailing the armed forces movement and the widened prospects "for both the immediate exercise and the conquest of democratic freedoms."

Tomorrow the left is scheduled to recover one of its principal leaders when Mario Soares, the 49-year-old secretary general of the formerly outlawed Socialist party, is expected to return here after five years of exile in Paris.