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PORTUGAL: A military uprising is under way in Lisbon this morning.

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Military Uprising in Portugal; Situation Remains Confused

A military uprising is in progress in Portugal this morning, the state-supported news agency has acknowledged. Troops have blocked access to the Defense Ministry and, according to press reports, a group calling itself the Armed Forces Movement has taken over a radio station. The troops apparently plan to set up a "National Junta of Salvation" and restore civil liberties.

It is not clear, as of 0430 EDT, whom the forces represent or what is

the extent of the uprising. There are reports that the military rebellion has spread to the north of the country.

Last month a military company stationed 50 miles from Lisbon marched to protest the firing of General Antonio de Spínola, the deputy chief of staff of the armed forces, and his boss, General Costa Gomes. The march was stopped by troops loyal to the government who forced the dissi-

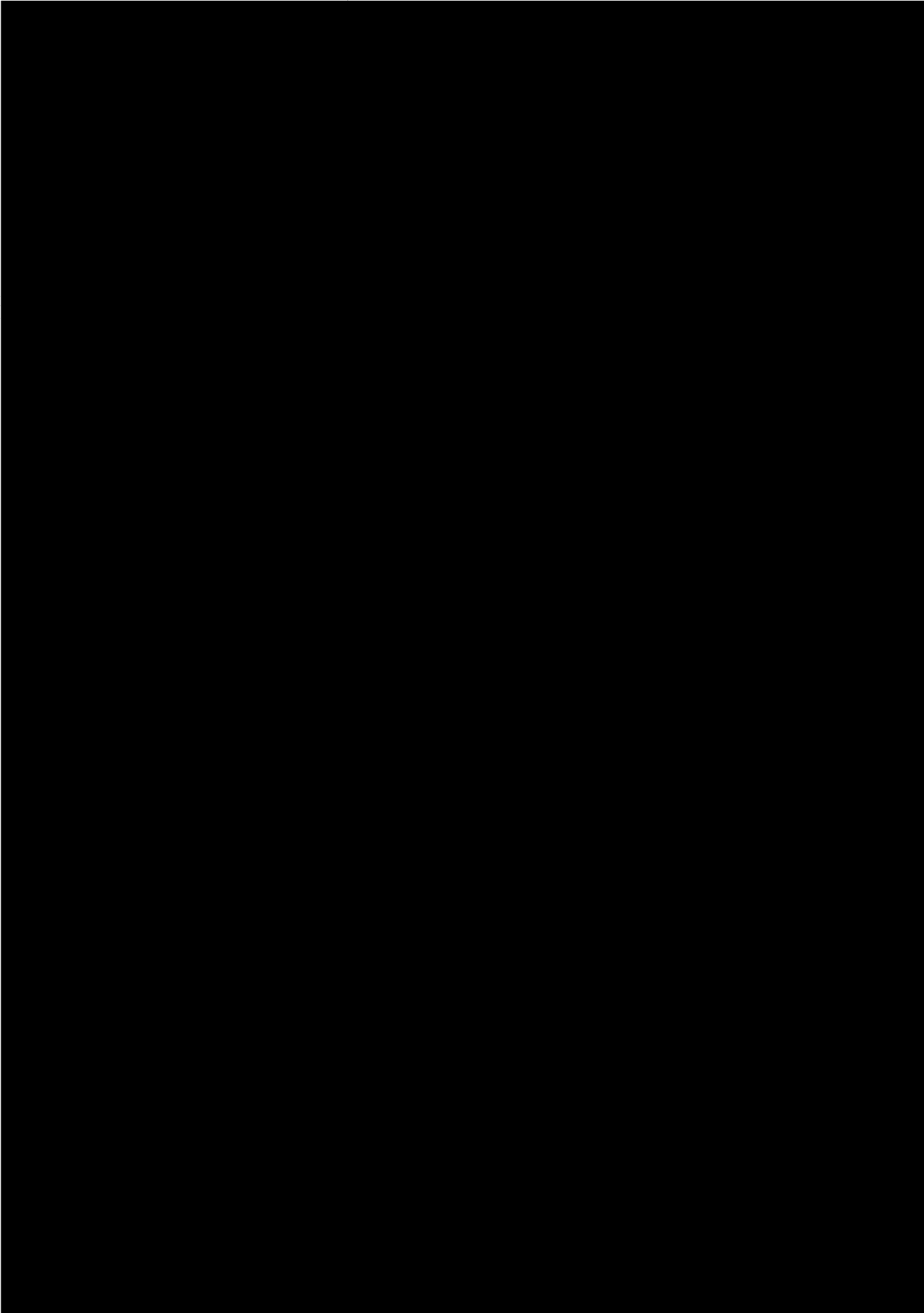
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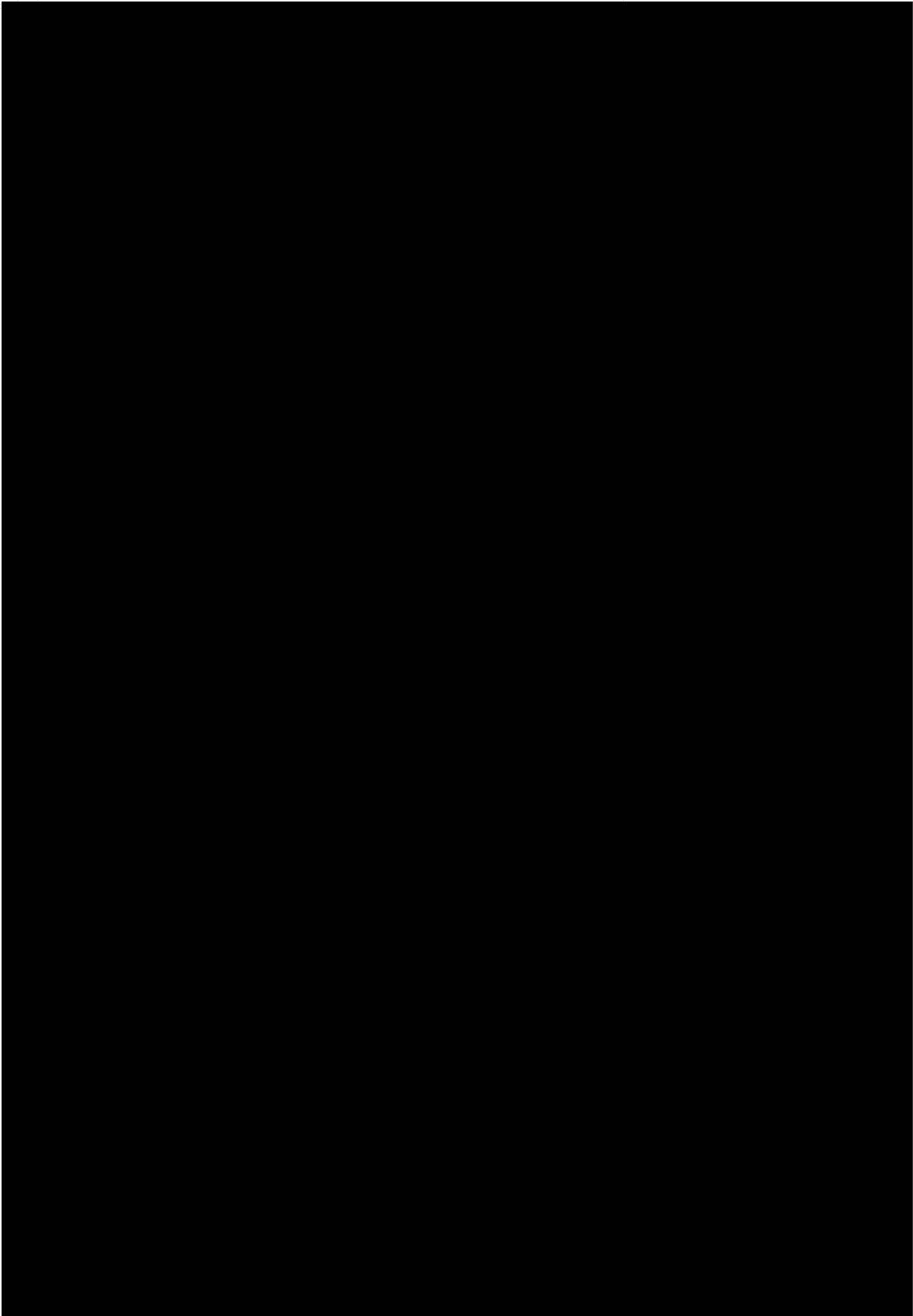
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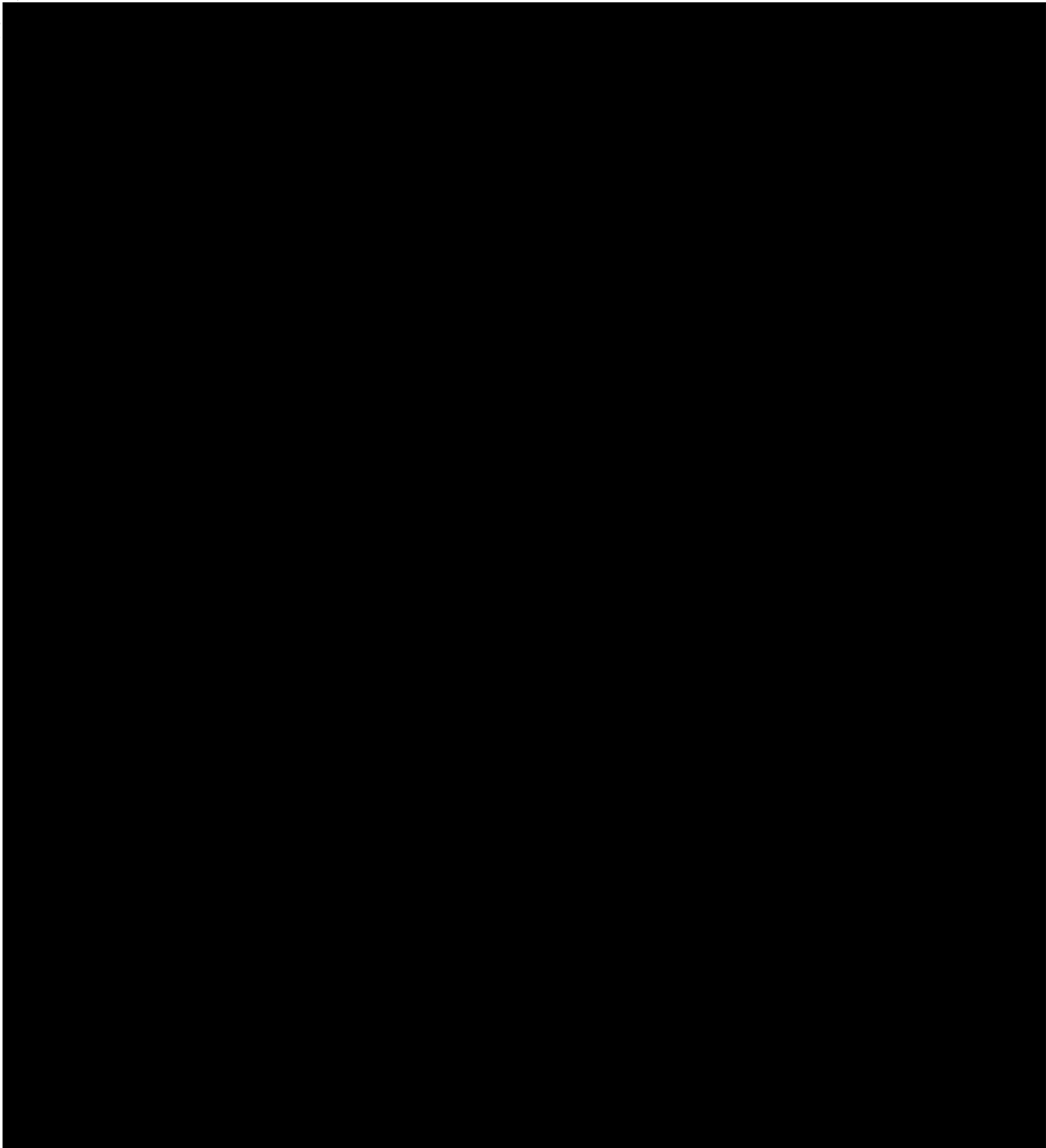
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Portugal...

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dents to return to their barracks. They then surrendered and were arrested.

Spinola was fired because far rightists were outraged over his proposal—in a recent book—to loosen Portugal's ties to its African territories. The government arrested some 200 military supporters of General Spinola, but refrained from further arrests, reportedly to avoid any greater stirring up of the military.

Military dissidents are apparently again manifesting discontent with government policy, and loyal troops have been alerted to intercept them. The strength of the dissidents is not yet clear.

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