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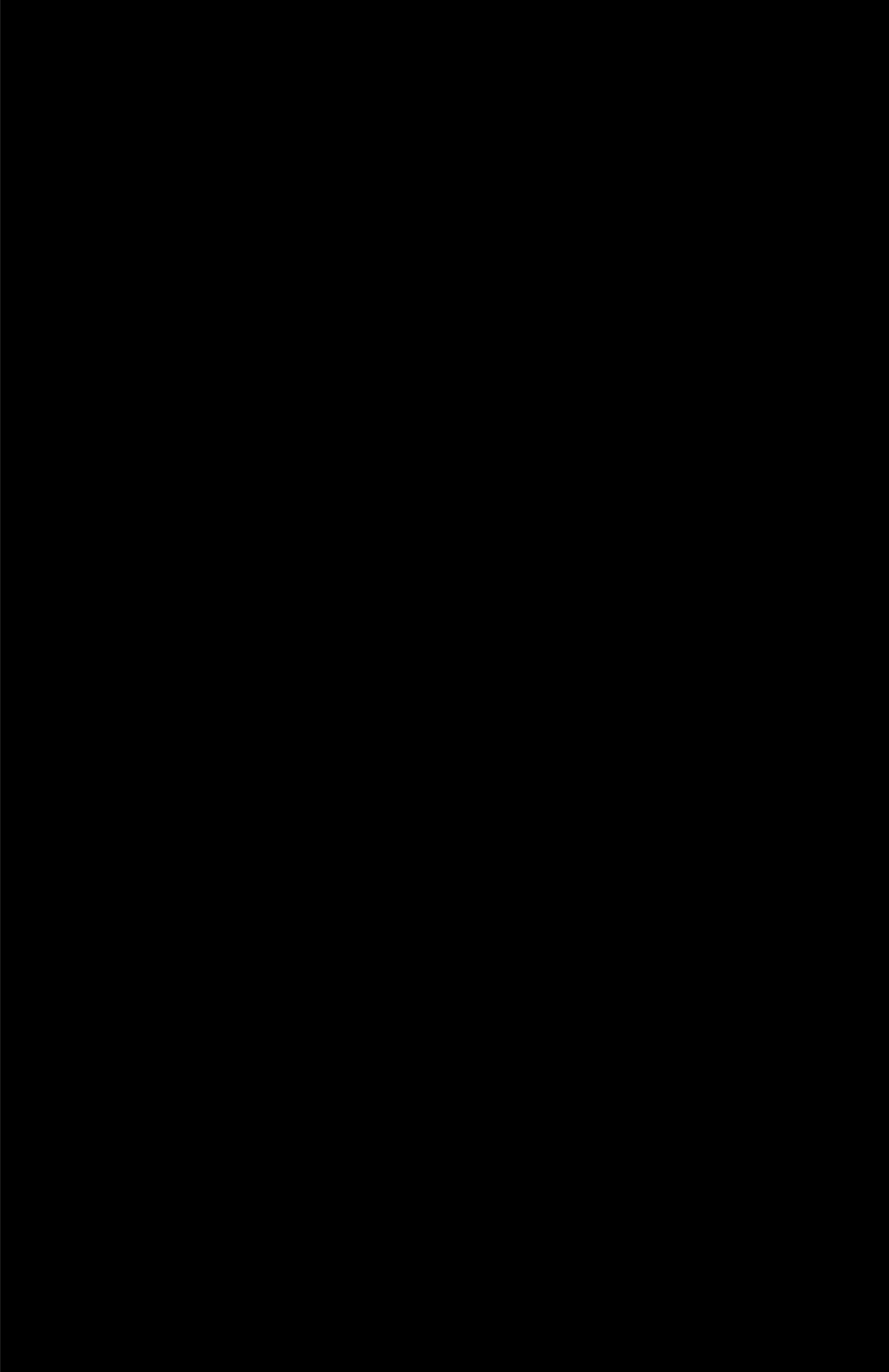
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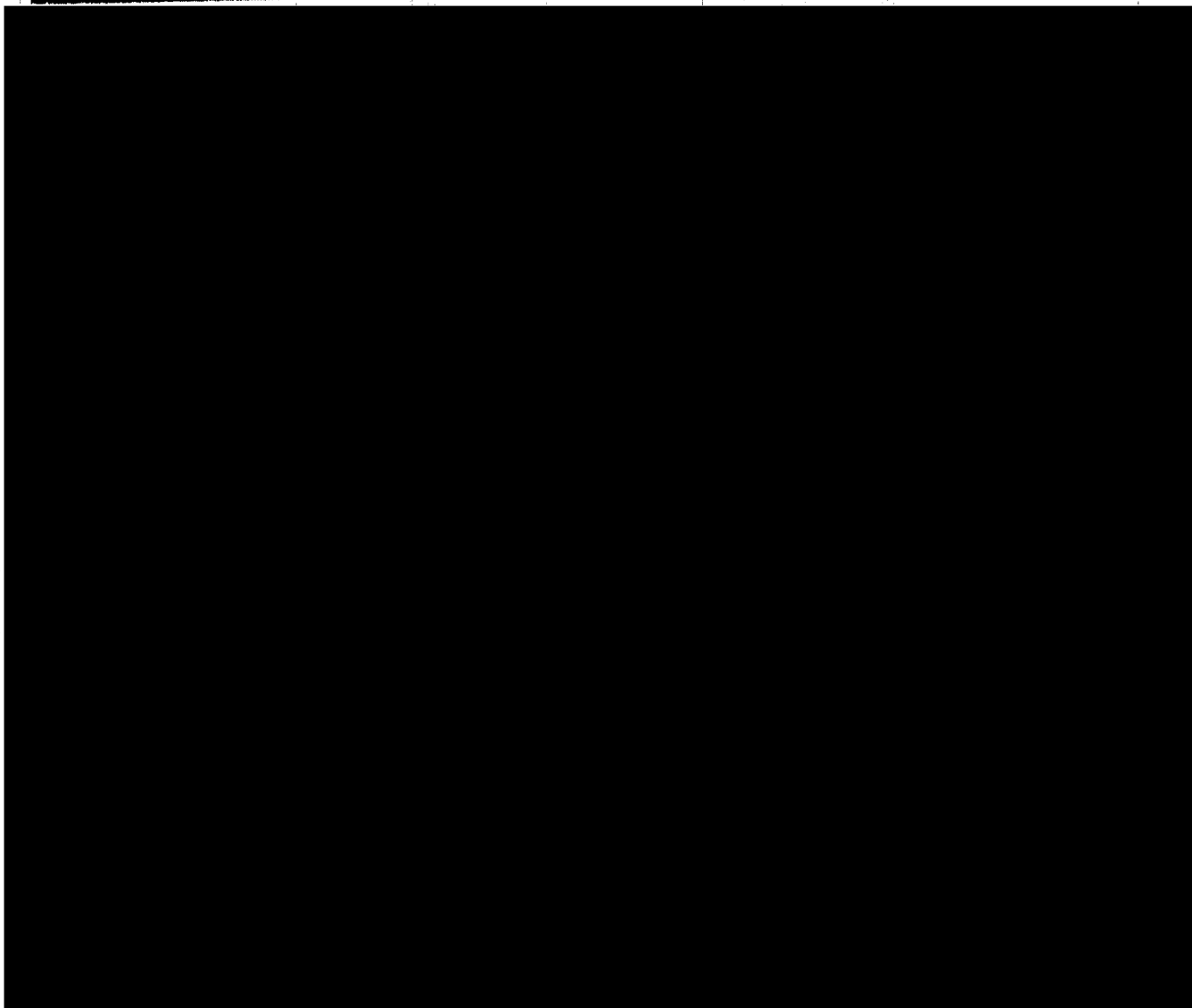
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Constituent Assembly Election Campaign Opened in Portugal

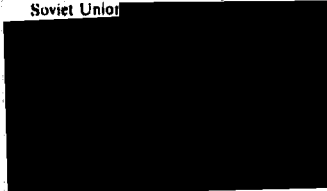
The campaign for Portugal's constituent assembly election officially opened yesterday without incident. The Socialist and Popular Democratic parties held mass rallies just after midnight; the Communists scheduled rallies throughout the country during the day.

The government has promised to deal severely with anyone attempting to disrupt the campaign. The Revolutionary Council has warned that anyone convicted of trying to break up a political rally will be sentenced to up to eight years in prison and fined.

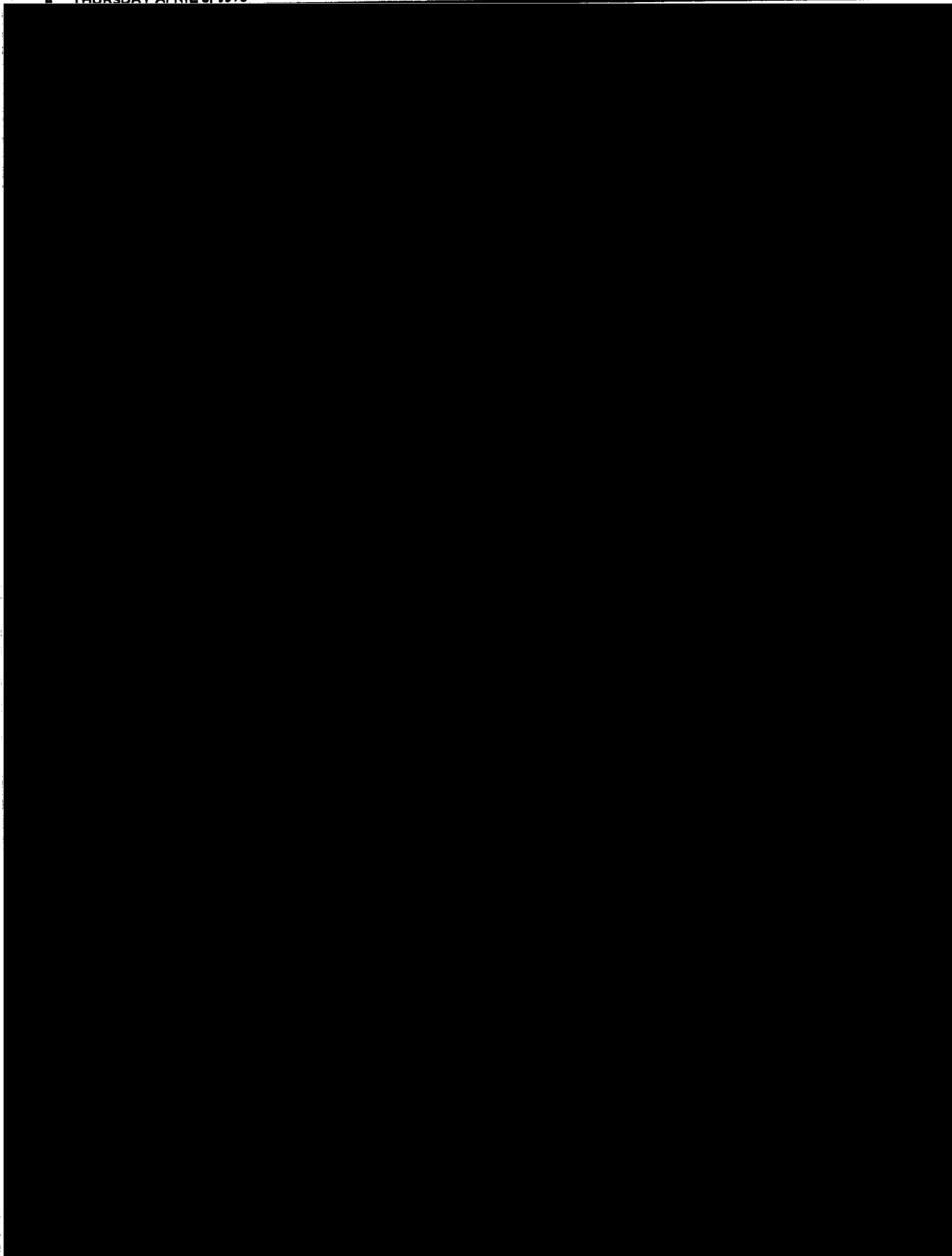
The election, scheduled for April 25, has lost much of its meaning, but it will provide the public their first opportunity to express an opinion on the direction the Armed Forces Movement has taken.

Meanwhile, Labor Minister Costa Martins, back from Moscow, said the Soviets would aid Portugal and that President Costa Gomes had been invited to the Soviet Union.

and insurance companies, along with promises of more to come, have shaken the confidence of foreign investors. One consortium that had planned a major home-building project has discovered that banks in New York, London, and Paris are not interested.



The nationalization of Portugal's banks



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