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# Berlinguer makes unity tour



From AP in Madrid  
ENRICO Berlinguer, the Secretary-General of the Italian Communist Party, yesterday met his Spanish colleague, Mr Santiago Carrillo, in Madrid.

Mr Berlinguer arrived for a two-day visit on Sunday night from Lisbon, where he held talks with the Portuguese Communist leader Dr Alvaro Cunhal. Mr Berlinguer's visit to Madrid is believed to be to discuss with Mr Carrillo and other party officials the political situation

● Mr Berlinguer (left) and Mr Carrillo

in the Mediterranean area, and matters of mutual interest.

*Jill Jolliffe adds from Lisbon: The Portuguese Communist Party unofficially began its campaign for the December elections, with the appearance of Mr Berlinguer.*

Campaigning is officially banned until one month before the December 2 elections, but the militant mood of the thousands of party members and supporters who attended Lisbon's Sports Pavilion on Saturday night left no doubt that it had begun in earnest. The pavilion could not hold all who came, and many supporters

listened to the Communist leader from loudspeakers directed into the streets.

Portuguese Communist leaders have denied that Mr Berlinguer's presence marks a change in the party's traditionally hardline political stance. The Italian party was a forerunner of Eurocommunist movements which advocates parliamentary change and is critical of the Soviet Union, while the Portuguese Communist Party is known as the most Stalinist party in Western Europe.

But the fact that relations between the two parties have been cool until this visit, and

the coincidence of Mr Berlinguer's visit with the ongoing electoral campaign in Portugal, the Portuguese Communist Party is expected in looking at the individual ideas of the Italian communists, and associating them with the campaign.

Mr Berlinguer's address followed by a longer speech by Dr Cunhal, highlighted some important differences between the two parties. Both referred to disagreements about Portugal's Common Market entry, but stressed that these were mutually-respected differences which would not harm inter-party relations.