

# PORTUGAL HOLDS A 'CLEAN-UP' DAY

Millions Devote Sunday to  
Work to Show Support  
for Ailing New Order

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LISBON, Oct. 6—Millions of Portuguese abandoned their traditional day of rest today and worked in their factories, offices and shops while school-children and older students hosed, scraped, scrubbed and washed away five months of political graffiti and posters from buildings and monuments.

It was an impressive display of support for the Government and the armed forces after the crisis of a week ago, which culminated in the resignation Monday of President António de Spínola. But economists and businessmen feel that much more is needed than a one-day show of will to work for a new and democratic Portugal.

The signs of economic crisis are accumulating. Many people fear that a crisis could sweep away the whole effort, begun last April 24 with a military coup, to renew the political, economic and social structures of Portugal.

By next year, it is widely predicted, the unemployment that began to develop a few months ago may affect 10 per cent of the potential work force, or about 300,000 people. The inflation rate is about 30 per cent a year.

## Small Businesses Ailing

Small businesses are having trouble making ends meet because of sharp rises in labor costs and prices of raw materials and continuing low productivity.

Everyone is talking of a need for investments now because of the time they take to show results. But neither the public sector nor the private sector has come forward with an adequate volume of investment projects and money.

Moreover, a lack of confidence by those with money, which became evident after the coup, has been aggravated by last week's political crisis.

Unemployment is expected to be fed by several factors. New arrivals on the job market, lack of opportunities to emigrate abroad because of economic difficulties in other European countries, the possible return of some who have emigrated but lost jobs abroad, the demobilization of troops used in African wars that are now ending and the return of white settlers from territories turned over to black African rule.

## 'We Are Not Pessimistic'

"The Government is worried," Maj. Vitor Alves, a Minister without Portfolio who is serving as Deputy Premier, acknowledged this morning.

"But we are not pessimistic," he added, emphasizing the Government's refusal to accept the gloomy picture that General Spínola presented last Monday in explaining why he could not continue as President.

General Spínola, who was replaced as President by Gen. Francisco da Costa Gomes, the chief of the defense staff, warned of economic crisis, unemployment, uncontrolled inflation, business recession, retraction of investment and governmental ineffectiveness. Major Alves called it a "shocking" speech that had had bad effects because it was "defeatist."

"I have a button on my desk and I could have cut him off the air but I didn't because it would not have been democratic," he said.

## Economists Are Wary

What the major called "defeatist" other are calling "realistic." The Government is insisting that General Spínola was exaggerating, but economists are warning that excess optimism can be dangerous too.

General Spínola left with some of his followers from the Government and other high bodies. As a result, the center of political gravity has shifted farther to the left.

Conservatives in general, of which there are a high concentration in the business community, are under attack. Some are even in prison on a suspicion of indulging in subversion, while the left is shouting, "Victory over the forces of reaction!"