

Spinola Quits With a Blast

LISBON (AP) — Gen Antonio de Spínola resigned as president of Portugal today after the leftist forced him to cancel a conservative rally in his honor.

The 64-year-old front man for the young military officers who overthrew the heirs of the Salazar dictatorship in April announced his resignation

in a television broadcast. His departure removes the last prominent conservative from the ruling military group.

His voice breaking with emotion, Spínola said he was quitting because the country was crumbling into "chaos and anarchy" and he was powerless to prevent it.

He said the principles of the April revolution were being betrayed and Portugal was speeding toward "false democracy."

Spínola tried at least twice to increase his own power at the expense of the younger and more liberal officers of the Armed Forces Movement.