

Farmworkers shooting inquiry

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The Portuguese Prime Minister, Maria de Lurdes Pintasilgo, has insisted an inquiry into the shooting of two Left-wing farmworkers in the southern Alentejo province last week.

Antonio Vasquinha, 37, and Joao Geraldo Caravello, 37, were buried yesterday in their native village of Escoural, 80 miles east of Lisbon. Ten thou-

sand farm labourers from agricultural collectives throughout the province attended the funeral. Official mourners included the Communist party leader Alvaro Cunhal, the former Revolutionary President General Vasco Gonçalves, Admiral Rosa Coutinho, a leader of the armed forces movement which effected Portugal's 1974 revolution.

The Communist party has moved to calm the situation

created by the killings. Central committee member Antonio Gervasio told mourners that they should express their anger in the forthcoming elections by voting to defeat the Right-wing democratic alliance. The party has given no sign that it intends to withdraw support from the Government.

The Communists called on the Government to halt the return of land seized during the 1974 revolution.

