

Portugal and the Third World

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① Portugal as 1st + last European empire

- as 1st empire:

• contacts with the whole world

• little progress in the European continent itself

- as last empire:

~~(long colonial war)~~

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• total isolation from the world

• concentration on long colonial war + little progress in the European Port.



② Impact of Third World on Portugal

- econ. < - in the past made it rich
- in recent past made it poor
- cult. - opened up P. to other cultures
- shaped a people with a great mixture of features
- polit. - colonial wars as 1st contradiction
blew up other contradictions of the political regime followed

③ Relations with Third World in general

- diversified exchange

- < > of political stand - points
re NIEO - other trade condit
Middle East
Southern Africa



- Arab countries (7 centuries of occupation)
 - Latin America (platonic contact with Brazil, emigrant to Venezuela)
 - Africa (land marks in all places)
- recapturing the route of the Portuguese throughout the world

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④ Identity of P. in Europe

- a new search / new period
- together with the countries born ^{to} from its dependences



⑤ Internal consequences of decolonisation

- "nostalgic" people
- imperialistic business men + army generals
- FLOW of RETURNEES
 - ↓ transporta/
 - ↓ housing - } for 18 months - two years $5 \cdot 10^6$ euros a day
 - ↓ jobs
 - ↓ educa/
- economic responsibility

⑥ Relations with former colonies

- No question of neo-colonialism as there is not any domination
- With Cabo Verde } professional people
Guine } who go there
São Tomé } as part of an agreed
- With Angola } we have not been able to respond to all the demands
Moz }



- ~~sold~~ officers from some of those States are trained in the Port. army schools
- coopera/ in fishing
in basic industries
in setting up admin/istrat/
not as assistance who don't know yet
but as a two-way traffic

⑦ Basic needs

- ideal there
- one political power
clarity of center of decisions
- m-m under control
(unifica/ of countries of Third World)
- clear establish/ of priorities



⑧ Common issue

develop/as:

political admin. autonomy

economic self-reliance

cultural identity

openness to alliances for

the well-being of mankind

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