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## The Daily Summary

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PORTUGAL/AFRICA: Lisbon seems confident that the talks beginning today in London will result in an early cease-fire in Portuguese Guinea

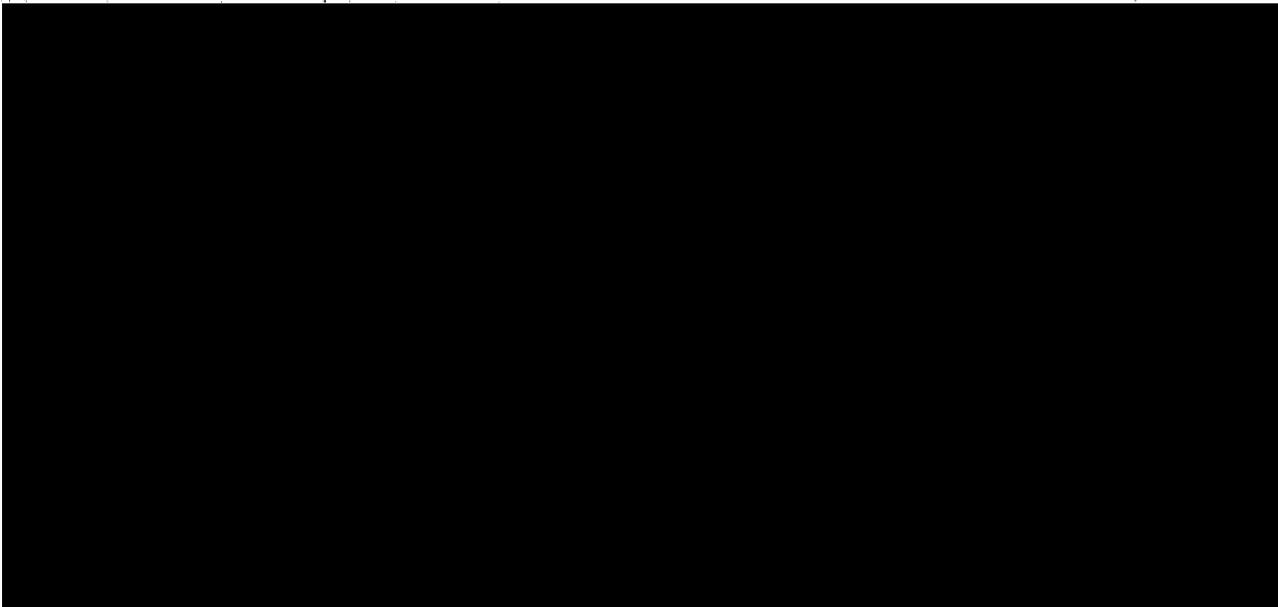
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AFRICA

Portuguese, Bissau Rebels to Start Truce Talks

Talks are scheduled to begin in London today between representatives of the new government in Lisbon and leaders of the insurgent movement in Portuguese Guinea. Although billed as cease-fire negotiations, they will almost certainly focus on what Portuguese Foreign Minister Soares has called "an agreement on a process leading to self-determination and independence."

Soares arranged for the talks during preliminary discussions with rebel leaders in Senegal last week and will head the Portuguese delegation. Aristides Pereira, the top rebel leader, will speak for his side.

Pereira does not have a post in the "government" of the "Republic of Guinea-Bissau" that the rebels proclaimed last year, but he is the secretary general of the rebel political organization, the African Party for the Independence of Guinea and the Cape Verde Islands.

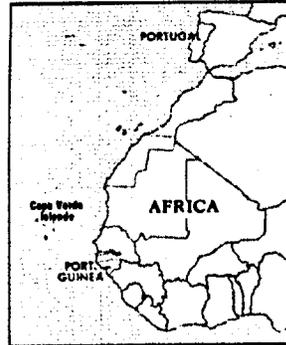
Portugal is far from reluctant to turn Portuguese Guinea loose. The territory is a liability to Lisbon. Lisbon will probably insist that a transfer of control to the rebels be carried out gradually, following a referendum.

Portuguese officials appear confident that the talks will result in an

early cease-fire.

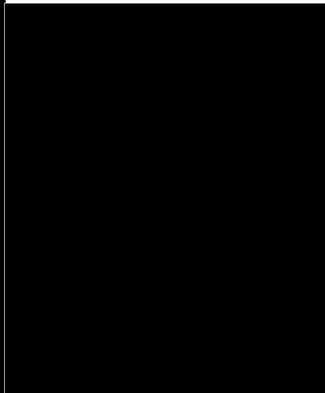
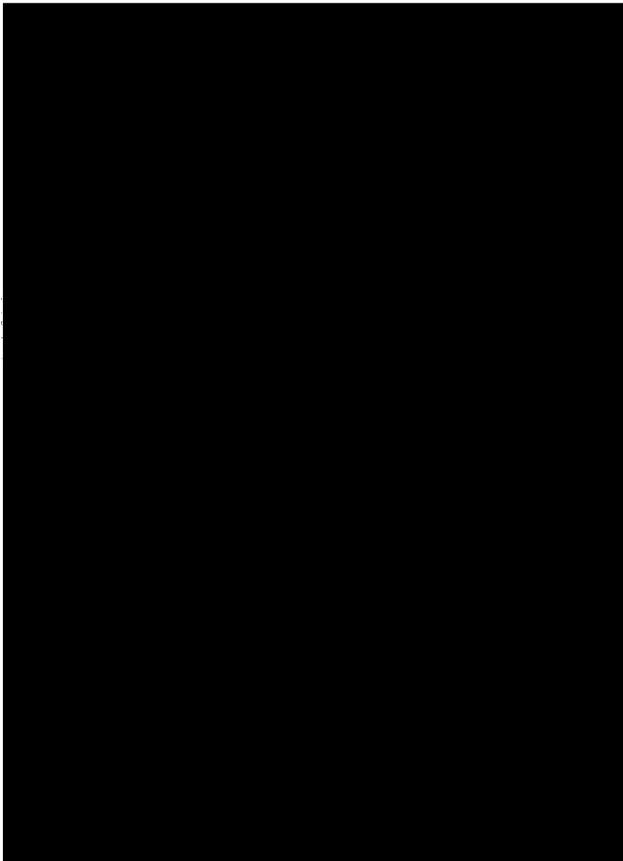
both sides are tired of the war and anxious to end it.

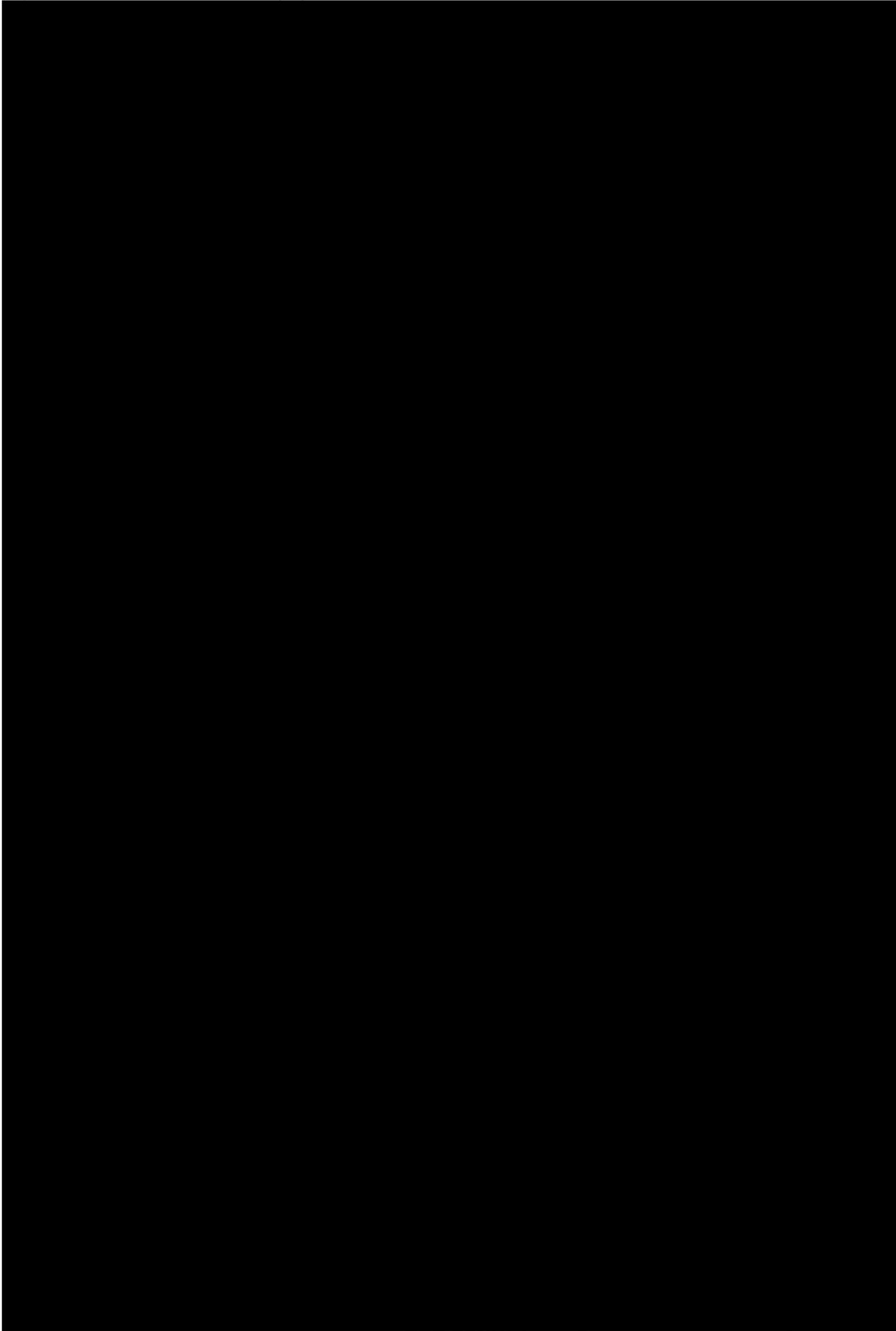
The rebel movement claims to represent the Cape Verde Islands, the



birthplace of many of the top rebel leaders, but Lisbon apparently hopes to exclude the islands from the negotiations. The junta has taken the position that the islands are of strategic importance to Portugal.

Portuguese officials are encouraged by Pereira's failure to discuss the islands when he met with Soares in Dakar. The rebels have indeed played down their ties with the Cape Verdes since they proclaimed their government last fall.





# Compromise Still the Order of the Day in Portugal

A spirit of compromise still prevails within Portugal's fledgling political structure. Leftist complaints over the exile to Brazil of ex-president Thomaz and ex-premier Caetano have been defused somewhat by the imprisonment of the former defense minister and head of the security service. They and several hundred lesser lights will presumably be prosecuted for the alleged injustices committed by the former regime.

The trials may be held quickly so as to reduce the possibility that they might become a rallying point for the far right. The cases will be tried in military, not civilian, courts. This will remind the people that the military is the ultimate authority in Portugal.

The provisional government is stressing moderation in its handling of labor disputes. Without shedding its image as the champion of the workers, the Portuguese Communist Party is also signaling a preference for orderly change. In a recent interview, party leader Cunhal said the workers had the right to protest, but warned them about those on the far left who want to end the democratic process in Portugal.

The respected minister of economic coordination, Vierra de Almeida, who is generally considered a centrist, recently told a group of industrialists that Portuguese workers have acted with admirable restraint. He promised that the provisional govern-

ment would maintain a favorable climate for business, but added that management would have to concede to legitimate labor demands.

The rash of strikes throughout Portugal will keep the business community on edge, particularly since businessmen are aware that communists have assumed key posts in the leadership of the unions. Yesterday, the Lisbon subway system was paralyzed by a new strike. No violence has been reported in connection with any of these labor disputes.

The appointment yesterday of Francisco Sa Carneiro as deputy prime minister is another sign that the new cabinet is slightly right of center. Sa Carneiro, who comes from a prominent Portuguese family, is a former deputy to the National Assembly and is active in forming the Centrist Popular Democratic Party.



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