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The Daily Summary

PORTUGAL: General Spinoia, the country's new leader after the coup early yesterday, has pledged an early return to constitutional government and promised to uphold Portugal's international commitments.

Spinola Heads Lisbon Junta; Announces Plans for Elections

Portugal's new leader, General Antonio de Spinoia, publicly pledged last night to work toward the early re-establishment of constitutionality. He said a constituent assembly and then a president of the republic will be chosen in free elections. Spinoia himself is a likely candidate for president.

cept nothing less than complete Portuguese withdrawal from Africa and independence for the territories. They are not disposed to accept Spinoia's plan for increased autonomy within a federal system.

Spinoia also promised to honor all Portugal's "international obligations under established treaties."

The insurgencies will continue in Africa and may even grow as the rebels seek to benefit from the sudden change in Lisbon.

The seven-man junta set up by the officers who seized power early yesterday asserts that the country is under complete control. There are no reports of resistance and the coup itself was almost bloodless.

Rhodesia and South Africa

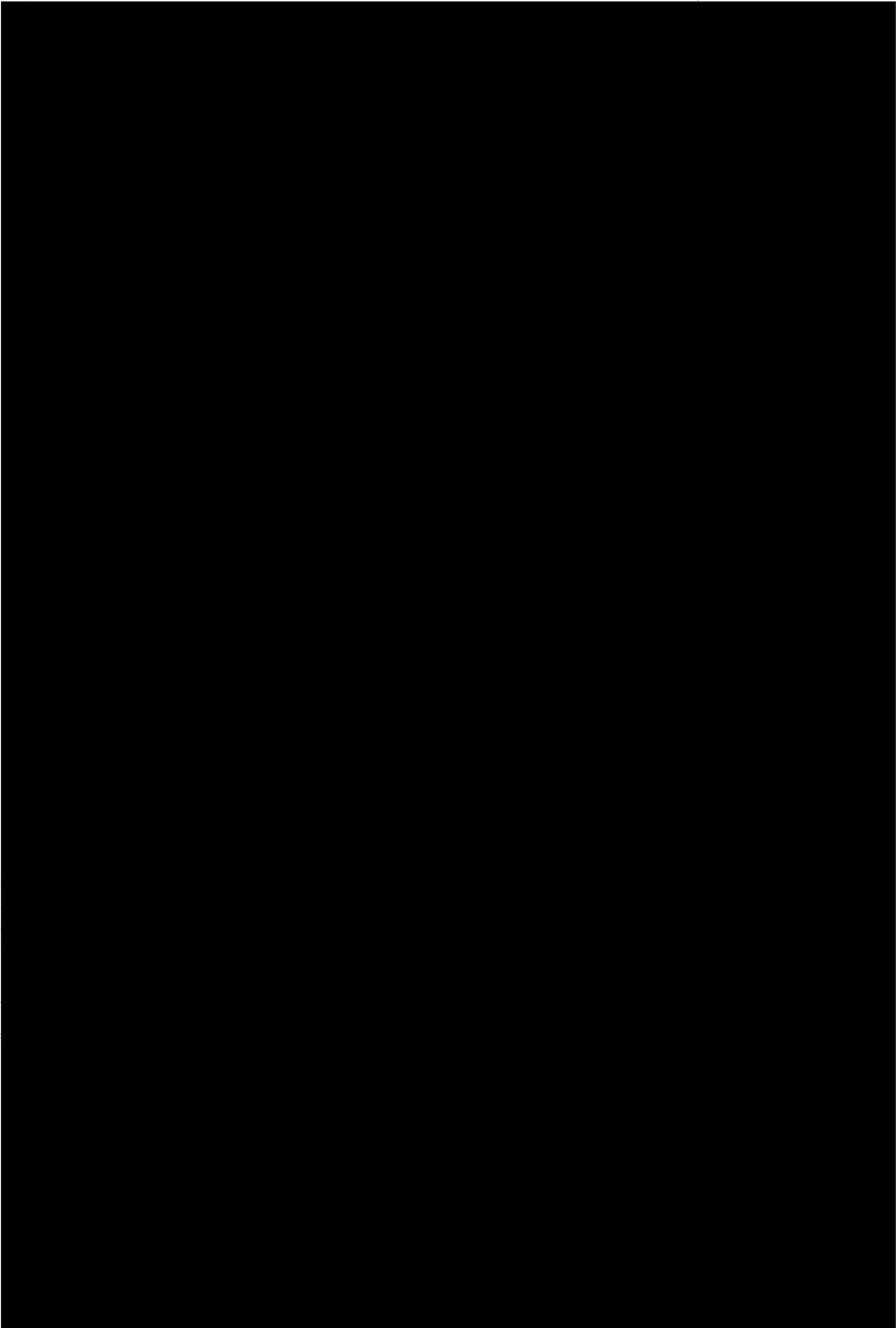
The governments of Rhodesia and South Africa, long suspicious of Portugal's staying power in Africa, will now be inclined to the view that they have no choice but to expand their military forces. Rhodesia, in particular, sees Mozambique as the key to its own security and, in its defense plans, has consistently defined Mozambique as a buffer against increased insurgency in Rhodesia.

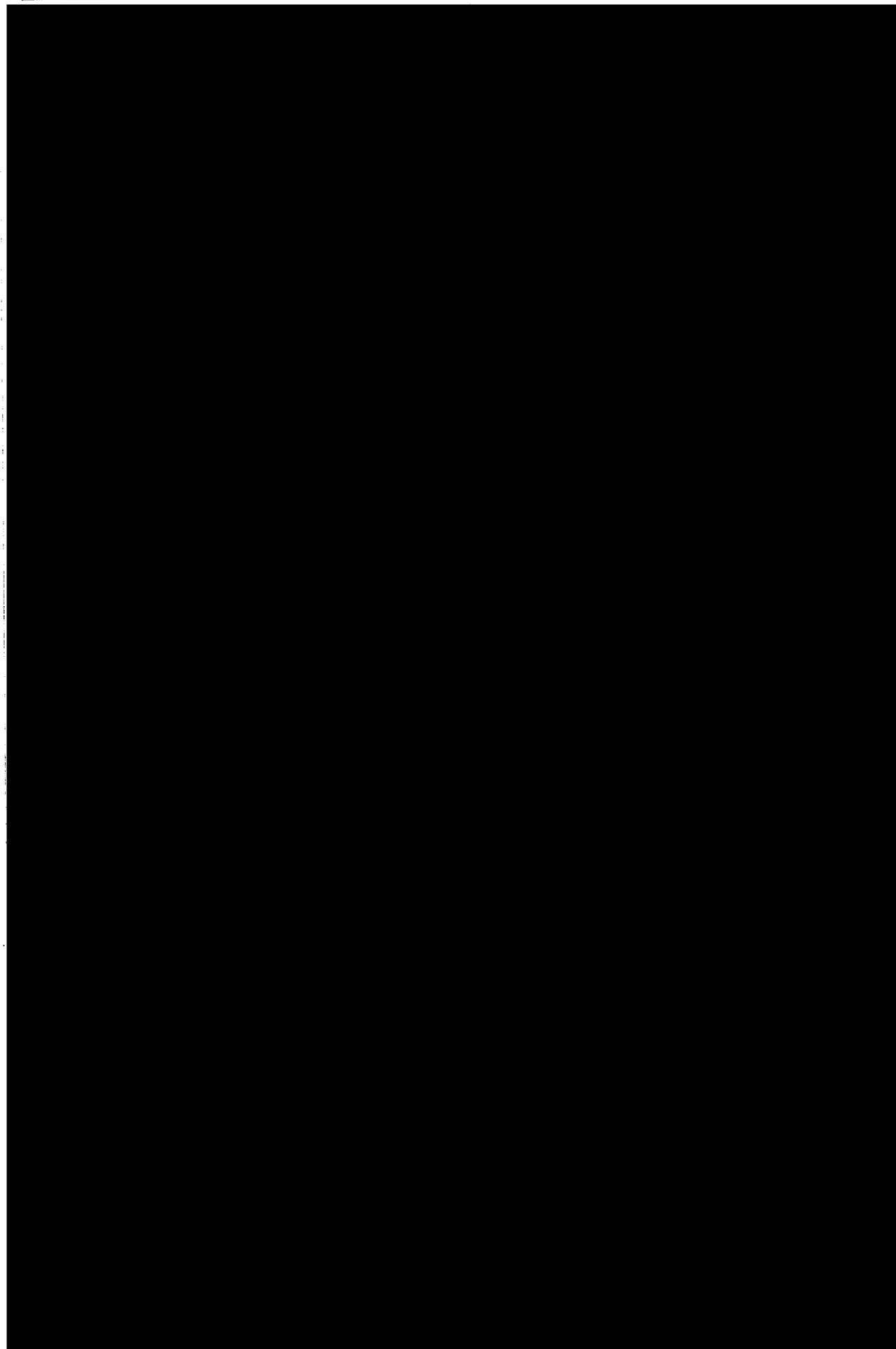
In his speech last night Spinoia made only generalized reference to the principal issue that sparked the coup—Portugal's policy on the wars in its African territories. The insurgents have consistently asserted that they will ac-

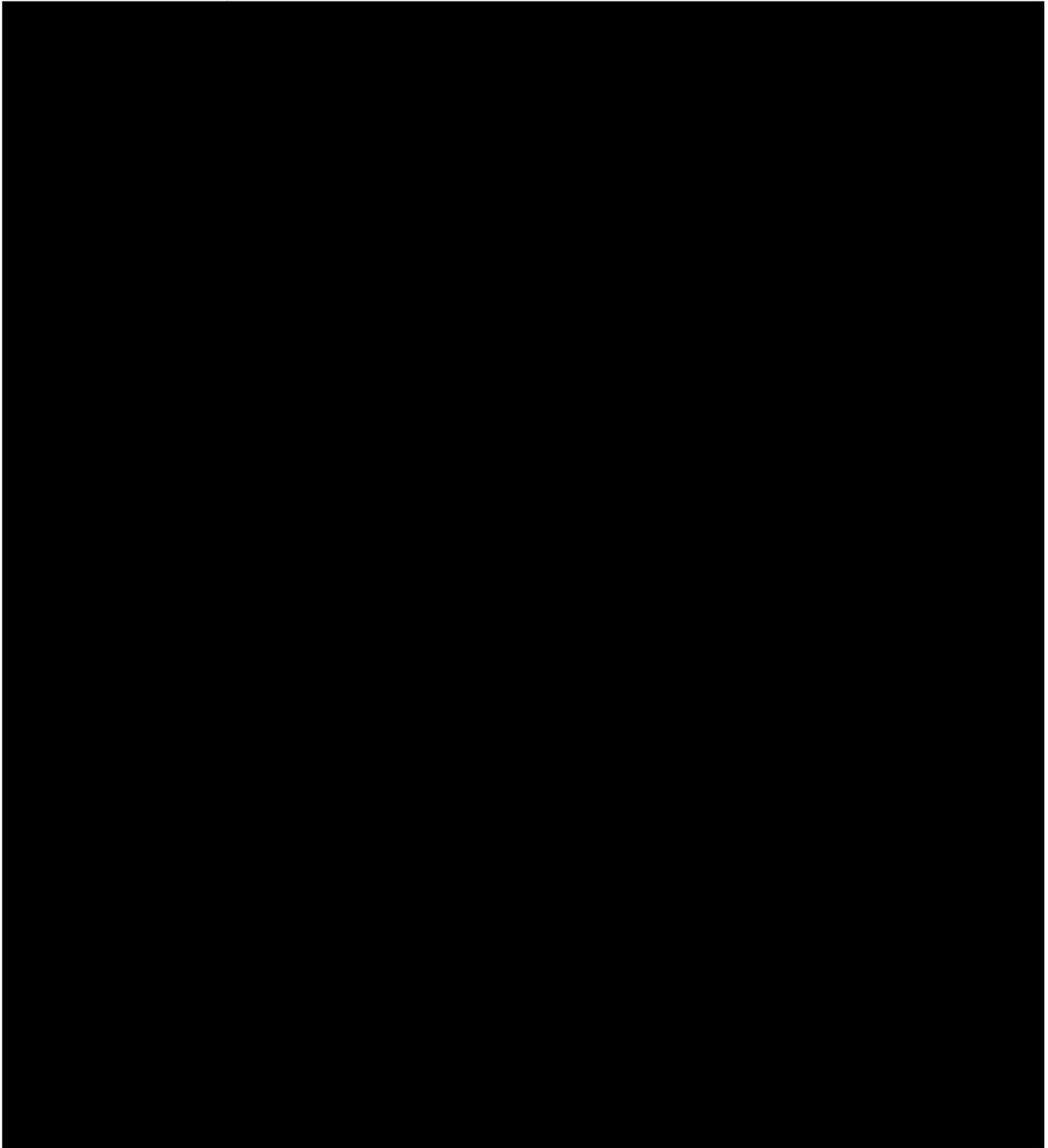
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