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## PORTUGAL

Army chief Eanes' presidential campaign in Portugal picked up steam last week when he gave a strong performance in a televised debate among the four candidates still in the field.

Eanes, as the front-runner, was the center of the debate, and he was a more aggressive and articulate adversary than the other candidates expected. Prime Minister Azevedo, whose poorly financed campaign has barely gotten off the ground, will suffer the most from Eanes' performance. Azevedo was counting on the contrast between the two personalities to put him on top.

Eanes still cannot be sure that he will win a majority in the first round on June 27. A poll taken two weeks ago by a respected weekly newspaper showed that Eanes was favored by 33 percent of the respondents, but nearly 40 percent were undecided or declined to answer. Although Azevedo and far left candidate Otelo de Carvalho trailed far behind the front-runner, the poll showed they both were still slightly better known than Eanes.

Some of Eanes' more conservative supporters are concerned that his political views are being dictated by the Socialists. The centrist Popular Democrats—who will tacitly support a Socialist minority government as long as they are given the opportunity to exercise some influence on policy—were alarmed by Eanes' recent assertion that a minority government

ceases to be a minority when backed by a popularly elected president.

The Popular Democrats and the center-right Social Democratic Center still prefer Eanes because of his reputation as a strong leader. Neither party is likely to withdraw its endorsement of Eanes.

The popularity of former security chief Otelo de Carvalho is the most surprising development in the campaign to date. In a recent poll, Carvalho had more support among those who voted for the Communists in the April legislative election than did Octavio Pato, the Communist candidate.



Otelo de Carvalho