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A NEW STATE OF ALERT WAS IMPOSED ON PORTUGAL'S ARMED FORCES TODAY FOLLOWING REPORTS THAT YOUNG OFFICERS WERE HOLDING A PROTEST MEETING. POLICE SURROUNDED THE MILITARY ACADEMY IN LISBON AS YOUNG OFFICERS MET INSIDE, ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS.

ALSO EARLY TODAY, ONE OR POSSIBLY SEVERAL SMALL MILITARY UNITS WERE TURNED BACK WHEN THEY TRIED TO MARCH ON LISBON IN SUPPORT OF OUSTED GENERAL SPINOLA. THE PORTUGUESE MILITARY RADIO REPORTED MANY TROOP MOVEMENTS NORTH OF LISBON, ACCORDING TO UPI, BUT COULD NOT DETERMINE WHETHER THE MOVEMENTS WERE PRO- OR ANTI-GOVERNMENT.

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