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An article on p.3 reports on 2 communications: (1) an extensive communication of the National Secretariat of the SP (1-24-77) repudiating a ~~purge~~ "Trotskyist infiltration" and (2) in the SP "organ" O Dia, news of the formation of a Portuguese SWP <sup>formed before</sup> the up-coming SP Congress.

The SP Secretariat communique say there is a "group of 'enlistees'" (i.e., 'card-carrying') (never "militants") ~~of~~ Trotskyists who have the ultimate aim of dividing the SP, by forming a kind of SWP that would proceed with a preconceived strategy on the part of its mentors, at the same time the SP would be reduced to the dimension of a small bourgeois party."

This group would contest the government most in the areas of its policy on labor legislation, agrarian reform, economic policy, etc.

In previous SP Congress, this element was accused of "non-adaption to the responsibilities of the Government Party," and now are denounced as adversaries to the "programmatic orientation based in the principles and strategy of Social Democracy." (PRP links this purge to Soares' negotiations with the U.S., especially.)

O Dia reports of the creation of a Portuguese SWP, mixing Otelo, Lopes Cardosa ("Left" SP, ex-Agr. Minister), SP dissidents, FEPU dissidents, MES and MSU ~~militants~~ militants, elements of MSD and Socialist Intervention Group ("Left" SP, I believe). O Dia as "organ" of SP bolsters those who want SP-FSD alliance, in claiming as a fact (the "Trotskyist infiltration") what SP Secretariat claimed as "intention" in its communique.

What I get out of it is that there's an internal fight in SP, initiated from Right to purge Left, with Soares very much in command...