

Heavy police precautions as Dr Caetano begins his visit to Britain today

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One hundred detectives, including armed Special Branch men, have been assigned to guard Dr Marcello Caetano, the Portuguese Prime Minister, who arrives in London today on a four-day official visit. Yesterday more than 5,000 demon-

strators protested in a march to the Portuguese Embassy in Belgrave Square against Dr Caetano's visit and the reported massacre by Portuguese troops in Mozambique. Other demonstrations are planned during the visit.

5,000 in London protest march

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The first major demonstration in a coordinated series of protests against the official visit of Dr Marcello Caetano, the Portuguese Prime Minister, was staged in London yesterday. In spite of predictions of street violence, the march and rally passed off peacefully.

More than 5,000 people marched in pouring rain to protest against the visit and the recent allegations of massacres in Mozambique. When they arrived at Hyde Park the demonstrators stood for a minute's silence to commemorate those killed by the Portuguese Army.

The march was led by seven Labour MPs and Lord Gifford, chairman of the Committee for Freedom in Mozambique, Angola and Guinea. It was the first of a series of demonstrations this week.

Fears that militant extremists might take advantage of the strong feelings aroused resulted in massive police precautions. When the demonstrators reached the Portuguese Embassy in Belgrave Square they found it guarded by a double line of policemen, mounted and on foot.

Watching the operation outside the Embassy was Sir Robert Mark, the Metropolitan Police Commissioner. A number of faces from the large South Vietnam demonstrations which took place in Grosvenor Square in 1968 were also conspicuous. A noisy contingent from the International Marxist Group was led at jogging pace past the Embassy by Mr Tariq Ali.

Outside the Embassy, the demonstrators met opposition from a number of small groups including supporters of the right-wing Conservative Monday Club. There were a number of minor scuffles but no arrests. Particular hostility was directed towards a large poster held up from behind a protective wall of policemen which read: "Alle-

gations have proved false. But with no Vietnam—we've got to protest about something."

Youths who were handing out pro-Portuguese propaganda claimed that they had been recruited by a major London employment agency to distribute leaflets. These said: "Portugal fights to preserve non-racialism against all racialsists." One of the youths said: "The agency was asked to get people together, to hand these out, by the Portuguese Embassy. More than 100 people have been asked to do it and we are getting paid a rate of 65p an hour."

The Portuguese Embassy denied all responsibility for the leaflets or employing the youths.

The police have provided Dr Caetano with a hand picked group of 100 Special Branch detectives to act as his personal bodyguard. Among other policemen who have been assigned to assist in the security operation are members of the Special Patrol Group, which provides expert marksmen to guard foreign embassies.

A special check has been made on Portuguese émigré organizations in Britain and a watch has been kept at sea and air entry points.

Among those organizations which support yesterday's march are the Labour and Liberal Parties, the National Union of Students, the Anti-Apartheid Movement, and the Transport and General Workers Union. Many more obscure fringe organizations were also represented, one calling itself "Revolutionary Homosexuals against Portuguese Fascism".

Dr Caetano is due to arrive on a special flight at Heathrow, accompanied by his daughter, Senhorinha Ana Maria Caetano, and his Foreign Minister, Dr Rui Patricio.

After a private luncheon at the Portuguese Embassy, Dr Caetano will have talks with Mr Heath at Downing Street for an hour at tea-time. In the evening Mr Heath will be host at a

banquet for Dr Caetano at the Royal Naval College, Greenwich.

Tomorrow Mr Peter Walker, the Trade and Industry Secretary, will have talks with Dr Caetano at the Embassy before a lunch at Mansion House given by the Corporation of London.

After an Anglo-Portuguese Society reception at the Savoy Hotel, the Portuguese visitors will go to Buckingham Palace for a dinner given by the Queen.

Senhorinha Caetano will visit Bethlem Royal Hospital at West Wickham, Kent, in the afternoon. On Wednesday she will go to the Centre for Spastic Children in Cheyne Walk, Chelsea.

Dr Caetano has talks with Sir Alec Douglas-Home, the Foreign Secretary, for two hours on Wednesday morning. After lunch at Lancaster House he goes to the British Museum to see a special exhibition and on Thursday morning he leaves Heathrow on a special flight to Lisbon.

Canon John Collins, Dean of St Paul's, called yesterday for a full and impartial inquiry into the alleged massacre in Mozambique.

In a sermon at the cathedral Canon Collins said that *The Times* was to be congratulated for carrying full reports of the allegations.

"It is not the editor of *The Times* who is irresponsible, as some of his correspondents would have us believe, but those who would have what may prove to be ugly truth hidden away from the light of public exposure", he declared.

Nine members of the Roman Catholic Justice and Peace Commission yesterday criticized Catholic bishops for their silence over the alleged atrocities. The commission is an advisory body to Roman Catholic bishops.

Bishop Gerald Mahon, president of the commission, said later that the statement was premature as his executive committee is to consider the allegations today.

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