

Labour demand for inquiry at massacre scene

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Mr Harold Wilson and Mr Michael Foot will lead for Labour in the Commons debate tomorrow on the visit of Dr Caetano, the Portuguese Prime Minister, demanding that the Portuguese Government should give facilities immediately for an international team of inquiry to visit the scene of the reported massacre. Sir Alec Douglas-Home, Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary, will speak for the Government.

Labour speakers will put the case for suspending Portugal's membership of Nato and stopping supplies of arms.

Mr Foot said yesterday on BBC radio that Portugal had been sabotaging sanctions against Rhodesia, was engaged in three "brutal, bloody colonial wars", and was on the side of oppression in southern Africa in alliance with the Government of South Africa and the Smith regime in Rhodesia.

Labour and Liberal politicians have declared that they will boycott all the official functions arranged for Dr Caetano's visit. Thirty-six Conservative backbenchers have signed Sir Douglas Dodds-Parker's Commons motion recognizing the unique character of Britain's 600-year alliance with Portugal and welcoming the visit of Dr Caetano.