

# Dr Caetano and Mr Heath meet angry demonstrations at Greenwich after peaceful day

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When Dr Marcello Caetano, the Portuguese Prime Minister, arrived yesterday at Heathrow airport with his daughter, Ana Maria, there were no protesters in sight. They were escorted to the Portuguese Embassy by 10 police outriders.

Outside a group of about 40 people, mainly from the End the Alliance campaign, shouted anti-Portuguese slogans. Compared with the show of strength on Sunday's protest march, it was a small demonstration and the protesters were outnumbered by journalists and plain-clothes detectives.

Lord Gifford, chairman of the Committee for Freedom in Mozambique, Angola and Guinea, said that one reason for the small turn-out was the secrecy which had surrounded the timing of Dr Caetano's movements. "This will be something that will work up throughout the week", he added.

Strict security was in operation throughout the day. In the afternoon Dr Caetano's car avoided a crowd of about 50 demonstrators waiting to heckle him on his visit to 10 Downing Street. Instead of entering the street, it took a back route, leaving the protesters about 200 yards away, waving placards and chanting.

Mr Heath had "cordial" talks for more than an hour with Dr Caetano. The questions of the demonstrations in London was not raised, and it has not been made clear whether Mr Heath touched on the delicate subject of the alleged massacre in Mozambique.

Later in the evening there was a dinner in honour of the Portuguese Prime Minister at the Royal Naval College, Greenwich. In spite of the boycott by eight or 10 leading members of the Labour Party—Mr Wilson and his senior colleagues all re-

fused invitations some weeks ago—two Labour MPs decided to attend.

Mr Ben Ford (Bradford, North) and Mr Reginald Paget (Northampton) decided to accept invitations and ignore the March 28 directive from Transport House that the celebrations to mark the 600-year-old alliance between Britain and Portugal should be ignored. Mr Ford is chairman of the Anglo-Portuguese parliamentary group.

Angry demonstrators shouting "assasino, assasino" broke through a cordon of more than 200 mounted and uniformed policemen as Dr Caetano's official car drew up to the gates of the college.

There were a number of angry scuffles and three of the demonstrators were led away by the police. The crowds were much larger than any met by the Portuguese Prime Minister earlier in the day.

For 30 minutes before he arrived, more than 1,000 demonstrators carrying placards lined the entrance road to the college jeering and booing each of the guests as they arrived.

The demonstration was staged by several groups, including the End the Alliance committee and the Committee for Freedom in Mozambique, Angola and Guinea. Among the protesters was Mr Tariq Ali, the revolutionary leader.

Three vanloads of policemen drove into the college grounds as demonstrators awaited Dr Caetano's arrival.

Ten Young Conservatives, calling themselves the Ad Hoc Anglo-Portuguese Friendship Society, handed in a bouquet of flowers and a letter of welcome to Dr Caetano at the Portuguese Embassy.

Later Lord Gifford said the demonstrators had behaved quite peacefully.

Evidence to UN: Father Adrian Hastings, the priest who first disclosed the Wiriyamu massacre allegations in *The Times* a week ago, has been asked to give evidence to the United Nations General Assembly's special committee on colonialism.

He will fly to New York on Thursday, and the 24-nation committee is expected to meet on Friday.

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Mr Heath greeting Dr M. Caetano at No. 10, Downing Street