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The Paris Commune - A small Maoist political group in Porto in 1971. It was made up of Joao Barros (engineer), José Oliveira (architecture student), José Pacheco Pereira (philosophy student) and José Teixeira Gomes (medical student). The group's name has to do with the 100th anniversary of the Paris Commune in 1971.

Although it never carried out political activities in its own name, it controlled a group of student activists at the Faculty of Medicine that began publishing in 1971 the journal Criticism. This newspaper and the student group that formed around it were the origin of an associative tendency (“For a teaching at the service of the people”) that represented the legal face of UEC (m-1).

The Paris Commune Cell emerged in the process of growing clandestine organization in the student communities of Porto in 1970-1, which also gave rise to The People's Cry. Therefore from the beginning their activities confused if, although later the two groups separated. The main differences between the two groups had to do with the appreciation of the role of the associative movement, defending the Commune Cell of Paris the participation in the student associations, which The People's Cry considered “reformist”.

The Paris Commune Cell dissolved at the end of 1971, with two of its members (José Oliveira and José Teixeira Gomes) joining The People's Cry ,and Jose Pacheco Pereira the PCP (m-1).

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