

FASCIST JOBERT CALLS FOR SOCIAL CONTRACT

Nov. 24 (IPS)--After endorsing the program of U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger for reduced energy consumption, former Minister Michel Jobert outlined in the Nov. 22 issue of Le Monde how French society could be better organized to cooperate with these cuts in their standard of living:

"Contrary to what is happening in West Germany, Switzerland, and the Netherlands, decentralization of industrial employment, down to the level of small towns and villages, is very limited in France. This will certainly have to be one of the principal aims of the VIIth Plan, on the national and local level.

"What the French are missing is a democratic plan, based on wide concertation between social partners. If for awhile, alas, our development is threatened, isn't it through concertation that, together, we will be able to get out of our difficulties?"

Jobert, who has cultivated a reputation of Gaullist anti-Americanism, is here explicitly calling for Rockefeller's Social Contract. While Jobert and his followers in the Gaullist and "left" camps continue to pose as staunch opposers to President Giscard d'Estaing, it is clear that they serve a purpose for Rockefeller. After five weeks of strikes throughout the country, Jobert's Gaullist countergang will help bring the "people" together in a "democratic plan" for Rockefeller austerity.