The French Ecology Movement

Rockefeller Sets Up 'Greens' To Shut Down France's Energy Production

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France's commitment to nuclear energy development, a carry-over from the Gaullist era, is being fundamentally threatened by a mushrooming "left" ecology movement whose purpose is to plunge the country back into the peasant nightmare of Vichy.

Underneath the labyrinth of family squabbles that passes as French political life, the battle is being fought over whether France will survive as an industrial nation, or will collapse into a "democracy of the rabble" where the rights of bestial peasants to refuse progress will be upheld by a left-run government. The question at issue is whether France's pro-industrial business, trade unions, and political leaders will speak out against the zerogrowth perspectives of the ecology movement — and its fascist policy concomitants — or will stand by while Vichyite left-pretender François Mitterrand of the French Socialist Party is swept into national leadership to implement Rockefeller's economic austerity for France.

Late French President Georges Pompidou, a foremost spokesman for industrial development, encouraged the nationalized "Electricité de France" (EDF) to launch a mammoth 20-year nuclear energy development program aimed at supplying one-fourth of the country's total energy needs through nuclear reactors by 1985. Comparative figures for Europe as a whole are 10 percent.

Now, the combination of the economic depression, that has sent prices shooting up (uranium has risen 175 percent since 1972), a hostile government and the fungus of ecology threatens to make continuation of the program impossible, unless pro-development spokesmen join EDF's lonely fight for nuclear power.

For the years 1974-75, 13,000 MW (Megawatts) of nuclear reactors were contracted and construction started. In 1975-76, 13,000 MW of capacity were begun. For the next two years, however, experts foresee 5,000 MW of capacity begun annually at the most, and the rate of realization of projects already begun is falling sharply. The delay in implementation is already 22 months, according to top EDF administrator Delouvrier, and a major electricity shortage is in sight for the year 1982-83. Because of press scares about the "Dark Winter of 1982," EDF has had to take a fall back position and propose to the government the construction of two coal-powered electricity plants, one near Metz and one in Le Havre,

that are faster to build than the nuclear installations. But even this emergency proposal is running into the opposiiton of the "left" parties because the Le Havre plant would use imported Polish coal instead of French fuel!

With the coming to office of French President Giscard d'Estaing, who shared none of his predecessor's commitment to industrial growth, difficulties started for companies such as EDF. While Giscard has paid lip service to nuclear energy, saying he will naturally continue the program, his administration has used most of its efforts to promote inefficient solar energy, and enacted an environmental legislation which, in the words of the President, is one of the "toughest in the world" though not yet fully put in practice.

Invasion of the Ecologists

This spring Rockefeller-Rothschild networks in France unleashed the ecologists to help enforce Giscard's noenergy program. Like an invasion of termites that surfaced all over the country at once, the ecologists have used every available means to prevent construction of new nuclear reactors and to stop those in progress. As a result, France has the peculiarity of having the largest nuclear development program in the world which must face down the biggest ecology movement in Europe.

The ecologists' sabotage operations have been increasingly successful because of the support lent by the local Socialist-run and increasingly communist-run municipalities. Leftist City officials have organized "referendums" among backward villagers against local sites chosen for nuclear reactor construction. Very often one hundred or so 'noes' in a local population of several thousands (most people abstain) is sufficient to give these authorities a legitimate reason to refuse the site to EDF.

On June 26, an anti-nuclear energy demonstration at Nogent-sur-Marne, near Paris, succeeded in bringing out 10,000 people, the largest contingent made up of idle Parisian youth attracted by what looked like a country fête with music etc. The ecology festivities will increase throughout the summer, with a planned mass demonstration (100,000 people expected) against the building of France's Super-Phenix fast breeder reactor at Creys Malville on July 30. The local government and police are pleading for a large police contingent, rightly fearing that a few provocateurs will start a riot.

The CFDT's Role

Aside from the usual gaggle of leftists and counterculture freaks, the management and corps of the ecology

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French Gov't. Deeply Divided Over Nuclear Program

French President Giscard D'Estaing and his Prime Minister Raymond Barre are fundamentally at odds over the question of France's nuclear development program.

According to the July 7 Le Monde, Barre has agreed to French National Electricity Company (EDF) plans for the construction of 5000 Megawatts of nuclear reactors per year for 1977-78; most experts and press sources had predicted the ongoing program would be slashed to 4000 MW per year or even less.

Industry Minister Monory, known for his views in favor of debt moratorium and industrialization before he took office a few months ago, was to announce Barre's decision on June 29. The announcement was canned allegedly because of Giscard's trip to the London summit, for which the Council of Ministers meeting - where the announcement

was to be made - was shortened. Rescheduled for July 6, Monory's presentation has now been adjourned by the President, this time without any explanation.

While Le Monde reports that Giscard is "possibly worried about the reaction of ecologists," it is well known that the President could not fear a group he is in fundamental agreement with. The recent Franco-German agreement on the development and export of the nuclear fast breeder, with openings for Soviet cooperation as well, was organized, not by Giscard, but by the head of the French Atomic Energy Commission Giraud, a representative of pro-development forces opposing Giscard's deindustrialization policy. Among these are the EDF, the oil industry around Compagnie Française des Petroles (CFP), certain Gaullists, and the government forces around Barre and Monory.

movement is provided by France's second largest trade union, the Mitterrand-linked CFDT.

The avowedly terrorist "Creys Malville" anti-nuclear committee is run out of the CFDT offices in Grenoble. The CFDT is also conducting brainwashing sessions for its own membership, manipulating the CFDT employees of nuclear-related industries into strikes over "security." This led to this year's months-long strike at the La Hague uranium reprocessing plant. The nuclear energy specialist of the CFDT-EDF Federation led one such session recently in the Isère département where he told the assembled delegates, "The Gas and Electricity (EDF and its complement GDF) CFDT Federation doesn't rule out the use of nuclear energy but it demands a moratorium on all new construction." This, he claimed, was due to threats to the environment, security problems, etc.

This is the position adopted in practice by the agentrun Socialist and Communist Parties of France to sell ecology to their pro-growth constituencies: "Just a little moratorium for a while," like "just a temporary vasectomy."

EPHE 6 and the Greens

The instigators of the ecologist plague can be readily located as the professors of the Ecole Pratique des Hautes Etudes - EPHE 6 - (Practical School for Higher Studies), an institution responsible for just about all the Fabian operations conducted in France since World War II.

This school of counterinsurgency was set up after the war by the Council on Cultural Freedom of Melvin Lasky, chief of the Office of Strategic Services in West Germany, and Howard Hunt, CIA station Chief in Paris. EPHE 6 is provided with heavy funding from the CCF whose leading members included Bertrand Russell and John Dewey, as well as the Ford Foundation with whom it shares its offices. It has regrouped teams of highly trained specialists in all fields of brainwashing and counterinsurgency, from Jacques Soustelle, founder of the anti-Gaullist terrorist OAS, to the "left" leaders of today's ecology movement like Edgar Morin. EPHE 6 launched the French branch of Rockefeller's Washington, D.C.-based Institute for Policy Studies in the 1960s, the Center for Socialist Studies out of which came both the Maoists and the CFDT trade union.

Aside from René Dumont, head of the Nader outfit Friends of the Earth in France and an agronomist thrown out of Cuba for being a CIA agent some years back, the theoreticians of the "Greens" - as the ecologists are called — are all department heads at EPHE 6. To name but a few of the publicly identified "Green" spokesmen: Alain Touraine, head of EPHE 6's Laboratory of Industrial Psychology; Serge Moscovici, head of the Social Psychology Department; Edgar Morin, head of the Center for Mass Communication; and André Gorz (alias Michel Bosquet), who writes in EPHE's mouthpiece Le Nouvel Observateur.

While Bosquet, Touraine and Gorz have controlled the CFDT angle, Morin extensively profiled the population for the ecology movement. His studies on the counterculture saw the coming of a "New Middle Ages" and a new, fascist youth movement. His profiles of the French peasantry, which have been used for psychological warfare on the "dangers of radioactivity," rank him as the top expert of the "Greens".

The ecologists are being bred to function as the shocktroops for a left-government fascist austerity policy. The "chienlit verte" (Green Bedwetters) - as some conservative businessmen once identified the ecologists (after the famous characterization of the May 1968 riots in Paris by General de Gaulle) — can be stopped if labor. especially the pro-growth leadership of the Communistled CGT trade union, and business come out of the closet and expose this Rockefeller operation against France's economy.

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