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 Francaise 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 coun-

terinsurgency, 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 shock-troops 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 Communist-led CGT trade union, and business come out of the closet and expose this Rockefeller operation against France's economy.

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