

## France, Poland Reinforce Ties To Oppose Fascism And War

The striking political convergence and rapidly developing economic cooperation between France and Poland noted during Polish Communist Party leader Edward Gierek's recent visit to Paris show that, a few months after Soviet leader Brezhnev's trip to France, consensus has been reached by French President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing and his Eastern European interlocutors on the mutual need to prevent at all costs the compulsive anti-detente policies of the U.S. Administration from ruining the prospects for peace and expanded cooperation between East and West, in Europe as well as in the Middle East and Africa.

Polish leader Gierek warned in an interview with the French daily *Le Monde* Sept. 13 that, contrary to various statements made by opponents of detente in the West, a reduction of East-West economic and other ties would not only weaken the West's own economies but dangerously increase the danger of fascism and war:

"I do not think that the acute crisis which unfortunately persists (in the West —ed.) will rejoice anyone. You speak of its effects on economic exchanges between East and West. Much more negative are its social repercussions, unemployment and inflation in particular. Indeed, progress is above all associated with social and political consciousness, not with crises. History teaches us — and I know from my own experience — that the great crisis between the two world wars had tragic political consequences. The Communists did not "profit from it," but fascism did. It is essential that Communists concern themselves with the social, economic and political situation of the workers, and not, as some occasionally attempt to insinuate, with speculation on crises."

### Gierek-Giscard Communiqué

*The following are excerpts of a joint communiqué issued by French President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing and Polish Premier Gierek Sept. 15 at the conclusion of their summit meeting.*

The President of the French Republic and the First Secretary of the Central Committee of the Polish Unified Workers Party have undertaken a broad examination of the international situation that brought forth the deep attachment to detente of France and Poland, and the

will of the two countries to continue to pursue this primary objective in their policies.

*After recalling the importance of the Helsinki and Belgrade meetings to reinforce detente in Europe, the communiqué proceeds:*

The two parties consider that the establishment of a just and durable peace depends on the Israeli withdrawal from the 1967 occupied territories; the recognition of the legitimate rights of the Palestinian people, including their right to have a homeland; and on the rights of all States in the region, including Israel, to an independent existence in secure and recognized borders.

France and Poland assert their conviction of the necessity, in the spirit of detente, of maintaining peace on the African continent, which implies the respect of the independence, sovereignty and territorial integrity of the African states as well as the realization of the rights of the African people to self-determination without foreign interference. France and Poland, deeply concerned by the evolution of the situation in Southern Africa, reaffirm the rights of Namibian and Zimbabwe populations to self-determination and independence, in agreement with the principles and resolutions of the United Nations. They reiterate their condemnation of the Apartheid and Bantustan policies in South Africa.

The two parties reaffirm their attachment to the principle of real, general and complete disarmament, under strict and efficient international control. So as to avoid the proliferation of nuclear weapons, which constitutes one of the major dangers threatening humanity, the two parties consider that all efforts must be undertaken to limit the multiplication of those weapons in states' arsenals as well as to prevent the risk of their dissemination.

They express again their interest in the convening of a world disarmament conference. They wish that the conditions required for such a meeting, notably the participation of all the nuclear powers, be fulfilled in the near future.

*After stressing the important role of the United Nations and the need to reinforce its authority to foster international cooperation and detente, the communiqué deals with the Third World economic problems and the need for better world cooperation:*

The two parties have agreed on the necessity to modify the international economic relations so as to insure an economic order that will be respectful of the interest and equality of all countries, and which will guarantee a

more equitable share of the world's economic progress to the developing countries.

They reiterate their determination to pursue a constructive dialogue on this subject, to work in favor of the development and broadening of economic relations between all States and to contribute through their efforts in

insuring for the developing world a rapid and balanced growth.

*The communiqué ends by stressing the importance of bilateral economic relations between France and Poland.*

## Union Of The Left On The Rocks: Lazard Agents Fail

The tripartite Union of the French Left has never been closer to certain collapse than in the past week. The five-year old marriage of convenience of the French Socialist Party (SP), the French Communists (PCF), and the Movement of Left Radicals (MRG), careened toward a final break when the representatives of the tiny MRG abruptly walked out of the major fall summit meeting of the Left Union partners (Sept. 12), declaring their absolute refusal to support Communist amendments to the Common Program, the slender programmatic thread that ties the Union together.

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Behind the loud rantings and public hubbub that will surely follow this provocative move, the truth of the matter is that the Union is collapsing because the Lazard Freres-linked Socialist Party of François Mitterrand has utterly failed to impose its own defense of terrorism, energy austerity, and Schachtian economics on the French population. In this situation, the MRG is playing a pathetic role of mediating the deteriorating state of affairs between the SP and the Communists.

The crux of the immediate crisis in the Union of the Left is located in the latest exposure of Mitterrand's personal role in protecting terrorists and the longer term open participation of the SP-linked CFDT trade union in directly organizing terrorist actions, such as the late July demonstration against the construction of Europe's most advanced nuclear reactor, the Superphénix in Creys-Malville. The South German newspaper *Münchener Merkur* blew the whistle on Mitterrand Sept. 13, accusing him of providing the appropriate anti-German climate in France and Europe generally that allows terrorist controllers like Baader-Meinhof lawyer Klaus Croissant to continue their dirty assassination operations against leading pro-development, industrialist spokesmen. The *Merkur* went on to elaborate on Croissant's close relations to the SP Executive Committee.

The CFDT local in the Grenoble area has likewise become the subject of close scrutiny by the French government, which has launched a tentative campaign to rid France of various known terrorist breeding grounds. Grenoble police recently grilled CFDT officials, following a bombing of their office, which has served as the headquarters for the committee that organized the Creys-Malville anti-nuclear energy demonstration. The clear implication of the police questioning was that the

CFDT could well have staged the bombing themselves, since they had publicly encouraged similar terrorist acts.

The bald truth of Mitterrand and the CFDT's ties to Wall Street terrorism in Europe only contributes to an already existing stalemate in the internal relations of the Union of the Left. The French Communist Party, goaded in particular by the base in the CGT trade union, has repeatedly made clear that it will not give the Socialists free rein to run France as a Wall Street satrapy.

Ten days prior to the fall summit meeting, the PCF released a special six-million-copy run of its newspaper, *L'Humanité*, addressed as a "Call to Workers." In that issue, the PCF hit hard at all the major points of contention among the left parties over the revision of the Common Program, in particular elaborating on the PCF's proposals for economic planning and national defense. The entire grid was topped by an introduction from PCF Secretary General Georges Marchais, warning that the SP could *never* be trusted to represent working class interests on its own! The message to Mitterrand and his allies in the Left Radicals could not have been clearer: without the PCF, especially the CGT rank-and-file, the Union of the Left would never get to power; with the PCF, Mitterrand could never hope to monopolize France's economic policies on behalf of his friends at Lazard Freres.

In this light, the sabotage of the Sept. 12 summit meeting by the MRG is nothing more than a preemptive move toward what was an inevitable failure of the Left Union. *L'Humanité* today drew that point specifically by denouncing the MRG action as a "premeditated maneuver" aimed at putting "pressure on the negotiations to stop the pursuit of true discussion and to impose a unilateral diktat."

Just what the French Socialists and Left Radicals have up their sleeve by collapsing the Union of the Left meeting is revealed by French press reports that Mitterrand recently conferred with former Interior Minister and notorious terrorist controller, Michel Poniatowski, on the prospects of reviving Wall Street's favorite political sawhorse, a right-wing Social Democracy for France. The fantastic notion behind such "centrist" coalition is that the gaggle of minor centrist parties in France and Poniatowski's old stomping ground in the Republican Party of French President Giscard d'Estaing could sufficiently counterbalance the combined strengths of the PCF and the Gaullist RPR party. Such a harebrained scheme is no doubt the consensus reached following a flurry of meetings in the United States in August between Socialist Party members, State