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From the Editor-in-Chief

This week our special report, "France's Bid for World Leadership," gives you an in-depth look at France, its role in the world today, and its leader, President Valery Giscard d'Estaing. The question of leadership and the role of strong sovereign nations is the center of the ongoing global crisis—at every point it is the elimination of strong leaders and the destruction of the nation-state itself, as in Iran, that has been placed on the agenda.

France stands out, not only as an independent force, growing on the world scene, but because of President Giscard's central role in that process.

This story is the product of a combined effort by our staff. Contributing Editor Christopher White has overseen the effort, and leads the story with a profile of Giscard and an overview of the international role of France. The research and writing of our French desk experts, Garance Phau and Dana Kastner, has been supplemented by reviews of France's role in Asia, Africa and the Middle East, France's role in the creation of the European Monetary System, and the French role in East-West relations, contributed by our area experts. In all, we have given our readers a little of the depth of understanding that guides our day-to-day work.

This is the last issue of 1979 for the *EIR*—as is customary we do not publish a Christmas-New Years issue. We wish our readers a Merry Christmas and share your hopes for a better new year in 1980.

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