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From the Editor-in-Chief

his week's Special Report, "Giscard and Gandhi: A New Alliance in World Politics," takes off from the recent visit of French President Valery Giscard d'Estaing to India where he held extensive meetings with the newly elected Prime Minister, the Indian statesman Indira Gandhi. The visit took place in the midst of the greatest global crisis since the Cuban Missile Crisis of the early 1960's, a crisis in which southern Asia is at the center. Mrs. Gandhi and Giscard found an "identity of views" on the crisis, a common and urgent desire to prevent the outbreak of thermonuclear confrontation and war between the two superpowers. What emerged was a new "Third Force" in world politics, independent of both great powers with France and India establishing a war-avoidance division of labor between them.

Our Special Report takes a close look at the visit, with first hand reports provided by our New Delhi-based Asia correspondent Paul Zykofsky. After an introduction by myself, the report first examines the trip, its results both political and economic, including an exclusive transcript of French Foreign Minister Francois-Poncet's lively press conference in Delhi and the texts of the official documents of the visit. Next, we look at India today, a brief review of the state of the economy inherited by Mrs. Gandhi's government and a look at some of India's high technology industry, including its welldeveloped nuclear energy program. This section includes a profile of India's national leader, Mrs. Gandhi, written from India.

The final section of our report is on India tomorrow, a summary preview of the soon-to-be published EIR Special Report on a 40-year program for the industrial development of India, the product of work by the Fusion Energy Foundation, the EIR, and Indian scientists, engineers, and political leaders. We reprint the introduction of this exciting document, by FEF Research and Development Director Uwe Parpart, followed by summaries of the major sections of the report. Interested readers should write in for the full copy of the report, which is available at a cover price of \$50.

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