

# Nazi-communist alliance launches scandals to destroy France

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French political life is being rocked by scandals, sensational revelations, and blackmail threats. In the free-for-all of charges and countercharges, all the institutions of the Fifth Republic are under attack—the institution of the presidency, both ruling and opposition political forces, industry, the court system, and the police. Who benefits from the apparently senseless whirlpool of scandal? The extreme left and extreme right, the Nazi-communist alliance which is committed to the destruction of the nation.

France under President François Mitterrand has refused to go along with the Soviet-backed “decoupling” of Western Europe from the United States. Mitterrand’s government has indicated its support for the U.S. President’s antiballistic-missile defense policy (and has launched French research and development efforts in this area) and for the deployment of U.S. medium-range nuclear missiles in Europe. It is for this reason, and because it is the strongest nation-state in Europe, that France is now so heavily under attack.

The collapse of the French economy has created the preconditions for the current polarization of the population. The OECD is predicting zero or below-zero economic growth for 1984 in France, and the Socialist government’s austerity policy has provided the pretext for demagogic attacks by both left and right. The current scandals are undoubtedly only the beginning.

A neo-Nazi party, the Front National headed by Jean-Marie Le Pen, has been gaining extraordinary momentum since the fall, polling up to 10 percent of the vote in local elections. In classic fascist manner, Le Pen attracts an enraged middle class and lumpenproletariat element with a “blood and soil” ideology. His party’s “program” is anti-semitism and xenophobia (it proposes to expel all immigrant Arab workers) and anti-communism at home, coupled with a National Bolshevik “let’s make a deal with the Russians” foreign-policy outlook.

The Communist Party is posing as the defender of the immigrant and the poor in times of economic collapse, and has just declared war on the government’s austerity policy. The CP, the most pro-Moscow of any in the West, holds cabinet posts in the Mitterrand government, and its renewed attack on the President could create a government crisis. Communist leader Georges Marchais and fascist Le Pen are in fact leaning on one another, each feeding the other’s campaign.

Then there is the trial of Nazi Klaus Barbie, the Gestapo “butcher of Lyon,” which is being used in a byzantine subterranean factional battle to “watergate” the Gaullist wartime Resistance fighters. Key in this blackmail plot is Barbie’s lawyer Jacques Verges, who is as close to the Communists as he is to Swiss banker François Genoud, the bankroller of the Nazi International.

Add to this the revelation that Robert Boulin, a former labor minister in the government of Valéry Giscard d’Estaing (Mitterrand’s predecessor) had not committed suicide five years ago, as previously thought, but was murdered. The ubiquitous M. Verges emerges in this case as well. And then comes the bizarre “sniffer plane affair,” the scandalous story of crooks swindling an oil company, with the approval of the Giscard government and the connivance of leading Swiss financial institutions.

The trial of Klaus Barbie could turn into the Watergate of the century, in the hands of lawyer Jacques Verges, working on behalf of the Lausanne Banker François Genoud, head of the Nazi International. That ultra-radical Verges, associated with leftist-communist causes for 20 years, should become the lawyer for the Gestapo’s mass murderer Klaus Barbie demonstrates the present surfacing of the Nazi-Communist alliance.

Barbie is scheduled to go on trial this year. Meanwhile Verges is collecting thousands of dossiers on the Resistance, and on all those who “collaborated”—dossiers enough to collapse many an established career, and not only the Gaullists, but socialists, communists, everyone, at the highest levels. Who was it that during the war handed Jean Moulin, Gen. Charles de Gaulle’s Resistance chief, over to Barbie, who had him tortured to death? Verges has accused the non-Gaullist Resistance—a threat against the ruling coalition. Barbie, at the end of the war (and during the war too, according to informed sources) collaborated with Allen Dulles’ Geneva-based OSS operation to pick up the “useful” Nazis. Verges could get his dirty hands on quite a wealth of dossiers on every politician who was active after the war.

The daily *Quotidien de Paris*, in an article Jan. 21 titled “The devil has a lawyer, but who does such a strange man work for?” by journalist Jean Louis Remilleux, exposed Verges as a Nazi-Communist, and went through the amazing list of his clients:

- Lawyer Klaus Croissant, the friend and patron of the

terrorist Baader-Meinhof gang (Red Army Fraction).

- Carlos, the famed terrorist now exposed by French authorities as operating out of East Berlin, who has claimed responsibility for two years of terrorist attacks against French citizens, the latest being the December Marseille bombing of the TGV train station, which killed six people.

- Bruno Breguet, "black" terrorist bomber identified as an agent of Swiss banker François Genoud's Nazi International.

- Action Directe, the French "extreme left" terror group.

Verges, *Quotidien* continued, was a member of the Communist Resistance during the 1940s, and Secretary of the International Union of Students (close to the Communist Party) in Prague from 1951 to 1954. He worked for the Algerian FLN. In the 1960s he converted to Islam and, under the pseudonym Mansour, organized the opposition to Zaire's Mobutu government. He led the magazine *Revolution*, which called for "armed struggle in Europe" and published admiring interviews with Mao.

Then in the 1970s he disappeared from view, resurfacing only in 1978. Informed sources say he was working with Pol Pot, during the of massacre the population of Cambodia.

Asked *Quotidien*: "Will he be satisfied merely with combatting capitalism, the State, France, Israel, on occasions the communists themselves, and Robert Badinter [the justice minister]. . .? Is he really manipulated by Moscow, the CP (his brother Paul Verges is head of the CP in the Reunion islands) [and also reputed KGB station chief in the area—*QdP*], the Red or the Black Orchestra, Mao, Pol Pot, Andropov or Alexander Shelepin, the [former] chief of the KGB whom he often met? Does he work for the Arabs against the Jews, for the Nazis against the Freemasons, for the extreme left against the extreme right? Destabilizer? Manipulator?"

This is France's new Grand Prosecutor, a man who says his purpose in life is to rehabilitate Pontius Pilate (in his latest book, *Pour en finir avec Ponce Pilate*). "My morality is to be against moralities because they try to freeze life," he writes. "From the point of view of French law, this trial [of Barbie] is a posthumous victory of Hitler." *Quotidien* adds: "He is said to be manipulated himself. The name of Genoud comes up, the Swiss banker nostalgic for the Third Reich is said to be financing the lawyer." But *Quotidien* falls short of fully identifying Genoud, the head of the Nazi International which oversees the Arab integrist movement sweeping the Middle East under Khomeini and the exiled Algerian radical Ben Bella.

Back to Watergate number two, the Boulin affair. Boulin was Giscard's labor minister and, when he died in October 1979, was expected to replace Raymond Barre as prime minister. Instead he was found "drowned" in a puddle two inches deep, because he was (or so it was said at the time) heavily sedated with Valium. He left papers behind indicating that he was "depressed" on account of his involvement in a real-estate swindle.

Now the body has been exhumed, and a new autopsy revealed deep injuries on the skull. But hardly anyone was fooled by this "drowning" five years ago; why resurrect it now? *EIR*'s information at the time indicated that Boulin was on his way to a high-level meeting when his death occurred. Political, financial, and real estate interests were and are at stake. So now Verges has more cards in his hands.

## The 'sniffer planes'

The "sniffer plane" scandal was first detonated by the Socialists in December, 1983, against Giscard and his former prime minister Raymond Barre. But as the ball of wax of revelations and charges unwinds, the scandal is hitting out at "all points of the compass." Every political faction is digging out the dirt on its opponents, and no one can predict where it will end.

A "reputable" Swiss banking group, the Union Bank of Switzerland (UBS), bamboozled the French national oil company Elf-ERAP into pouring money into a supposedly "revolutionary" method of detecting oil fields through electromagnetic detection. The fraud was perpetrated by two hoaxsters, Belgian Count Alain de Villegas and an Italian adventurer by the name of Bonassoli, who faked the instruments and reports, fooled the Electricité de France technicians, and made off with a cool \$150 million. UBS chairman Philippe de Weck had created for his friend the Comte de Villegas a string of paper companies to process the money. Who benefited? What political cause pocketed those millions?

Elf Chairman Guillaumat evidently trusted the authority of UBS, impressed no doubt by the word of Antoine Pinay (economic oracle, reformed Vichyite, and political godfather of Valéry Giscard d'Estaing), who vouched for the enterprising proposal of the Comte de Villegas. The Swiss Nestlé company, which had stock at ELF, was also promoting the deal. No experiments were conducted to verify the testimony of the "experts."

Jean Violet, founder along with Antoine Pinay of the "right-wing" Cercle Violet conspiratorial grouping, was the lawyer of de Villegas and Bonassoli and represented in this business what *Le Monde* called "a mysterious international consortium, a conglomeration of private interests . . . including high-level Spanish, Italian, German, Swiss, and American financiers." Pinay was the French representative for this group, and Union Bank of Switzerland chairman Philippe de Weck (an associate of Italy's mafioso banker Michele Sindona) backed it all up. A further member of the consortium was Carlo Pesenti of Italy's Montedison company, who brought an unidentified Italian bank into the deal.

So the money started flowing in large quantities. ELF laundered funds into dummy corporations in the New Hebrides (offshore), Liechtenstein, Switzerland, and so forth. 500 million francs were pumped into the operation in this way in the course of several years. Giscard was giving the project his personal backing. Raymond Barre, through Pi-

ney, had met Violet and other principals of the affair. Also involved was one Daniel Boyer, who bought the main company controlling the sniffer planes from the UBS-linked Swiss shareholders and became its chairman. Boyer is the European chairman of the American Democrats abroad, and is said to be a confederate of Walter Mondale.

Guillaumat's successor at Elf, Albin Chalandon, continued the deal. Chalandon is treasurer of the Gaullist Rassemblement Pour la République (RPR) party but a creature of the Mossad-connected aircraft manufacturer Marcel Dassault.

The sniffer planes were basically assembled by a mechanic and a TV repairman. They were two old planes equipped with a Rube Goldberg contraption of screens and devices which supposedly projected images of objects deep underground by measurement of their "vibrations." In reality the TV sets were pre-programmed to project exactly those images, and no others!

After two unsuccessful and highly expensive oil-drilling experiments, Energy Minister André Giraud finally ordered a test of the planes. A scientist proceeded to ascertain whether the instruments could identify a crowbar through a cement wall, as claimed. The honest fellow showed everyone the straight crowbar to be identified by the machine; then, without telling anyone, he bent it. Lo and behold the machine showed a straight crowbar!

When the fraud was acknowledged and the "inventors" disappeared, Giraud reportedly sought a public inquiry, but was opposed by Chalandon, the Nestlé company, and the Giscard government, which preferred to keep the affair secret. Thus it remained until Socialist Budget Minister Henri Emmanuelli opened a parliamentary inquiry on Dec. 21, 1983 into the fact that tax and other records of the fraudulent affair were destroyed, seemingly under government orders. Then an archived report established by a magistrate, François Gicquel, for the State Accounting Court on ERAP's financial operations was illegally hidden and destroyed in 1982 by the Court President Bernard Beck. Beck justified this destruction by saying that the report had been prepared (in January 1981) for the exclusive use of then-Prime Minister Raymond Barre.

Then a big Socialist campaign began denouncing the support and cover given by the highest authorities of the Giscard presidency. New revelations appeared every day: how Barre covered up the affair, how Barre said he did what he did under orders from Giscard, ad nauseam.

Although the sniffer plane scandal was originally aimed against them, Giscard and Barre are now attempting to turn it against the government. Giscard went on television Jan. 11 to denounce Mitterrand as no longer fit to be president. "This government has come to power through lying and is maintaining itself through lying," he said. "We will not permit this." As for Barre, who was recently in the United States meeting New York bankers as well as Federal Reserve chairman Paul Volcker, his Swiss connections should be investigated if the truth is to be told. He belongs to the Geneva-based Association for the Study of Insurance Economy.

## The Kiessling affair boosts Carrington

by Michael Weissbach

After a flood of speculation over every detail of the so-called "Kiessling Affair," only recently have commentaries attempted to situate the case within the current global strategic crisis.

Günter Kiessling, a four-star general, was dismissed from his post as deputy supreme commander of NATO on Dec. 13 on charges presented by the Militärischen Abschirmdienst (MAD) to Defense Minister Manfred Wörner. Kiessling was the only German in the NATO supreme command, and represented a point of view often in conflict with that of Supreme NATO Commander Gen. Bernard Rogers.

The evidence brought against him has been challenged by Kiessling, who vehemently claims innocence of all charges and opened public legal proceedings on Jan. 16. The major evidence against Kiessling does appear to be fraudulent. Testimony that Kiessling frequented homosexual bars and other such locales has been undercut by the production of a "double" of Kiessling whom witnesses identified, and the letter of a doctor stating that Kiessling is homosexual has been denied by the doctor himself. Defense Minister Wörner has, however, stuck by the charges, and claims a "conspiracy" is involved in undercutting the evidence.

The French newspaper *Quotidien de Paris* reports that NATO sources are investigating the hypothesis that "the Soviet Union wants to topple the Kohl government," that "Soviet intelligence services launched the scandal," having "subverted our services." The West German press cited a colleague of Defense Minister Wörner who spoke of "treacherous double dealing by East bloc agents" and "false leads." In this context there are interesting hints about *profis* (professionals) in the notorious Cologne homosexual scene with Eastern Europe backgrounds.

At a time when the Soviets are conducting a total mobilization of their military command structure and their industry, the Kiessling affair has already produced dangerous results: far-reaching demoralization and disorientation of the Bundeswehr officer corps; further political destabilization of the Federal Republic; increased tension within the Western Alliance; and a crisis within NATO's military branch to the advantage of the civilian branch to be headed by Lord Peter Carrington this spring.

In this context, pornographic preoccupations with the