

The PCF's protests and denunciations of the government's return "to cold war practices" does not scare the Chirac-Poniatowski clique. To break the strikes and reduce the Communists to complete impotence, they are ready to indulge in further provocation and repression, even if it looks like France is on the verge of civil war.

The French government can count on the Socialist Party's (SP) help. While meekly condemning Poniatowski's "cold war" style, the Socialists are prompt to point out to the PCF that the red scare campaign would soon abort...were the PCF to stop its current polemic against the CIA-controlled SP. This polemic, the Socialist leaders say, "alienates everybody."

#### TRILATERAL COMMISSION SOVIETOLOGIST LAYS MIDEAST BLAME ON SOVIETS

Nov. 16 (IPS)--The French daily Le Figaro opened its front page columns Nov. 14 to the Trilateral Commission's Sovietologist Helene Carrere d'Encausse, who set the Soviets up as responsible for the Mideast war.

Over the past few months, this traditional right-wing daily has been gearing up its anti-working class stand by increasingly adopting a pro-Rockefeller line.

Totally leaving out the key U.S. role in the Mideast, Carrere d'Encausse places the Soviets at the core of the present Mideast situation. Manipulating the actually diminishing Soviet influence in the Middle East and playing on their foolish support of the CIA-controlled Palestine Liberation Organization, the article builds up a fantasy in which the Soviet Union nonetheless represents a world power equal to the U.S. Carrere d'Encausse then warns that the frustrated, aggressive Soviet Union views the Middle East as "the main place for confrontation between the interests of the big powers." Thus, as the Rockefeller-rigged Mideast war verges on escalation into a nuclear conflict, this Trilateral agent is setting the Soviets up for carrying full responsibility for Rockefeller's criminal plans.

The publication of this article, which implicitly links the French Communist Party to the Soviet leadership, is part of the "red scare" launched recently by the government against the Communist Party.

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