

PCF HARDLINE SQUASHES RIGHT-WING MOVES BY CGT HEAD SEGUY

PARIS, Dec. 29 (IPS)--Georges Seguy, member of the Politburo of the French Communist Party (PCF) and head of the most powerful trade union federation in France, the CGT, has moved toward the right-wing faction of the international Communist movement led by CIA agent and Italian Communist Party leader Giorgio Amendola.

The hardline PCF faction led by Roland Leroy of the Politburo has forced Seguy to retract statements that he "disagrees" with the PCF's exposure of the Socialist Party's call for austerity. Seguy, echoing charges by the CIA-controlled social democratic union, the CFDT, has complained that the PCF's polemic is getting workers "worried" and has called for the cohesion of the left. Repeating the latest Socialist Party slander of the PCF, Seguy stated that "the disunity will play into the hands of the government."

Under pressure from the Politburo, Seguy was forced to put out a press release to cover up his disagreements. Seguy announced that "the CGT does not allow itself to intervene in relations between the Parties"--reflecting his intention to keep the CGT separate from the hardline-controlled PCF.

Seguy met for an hour and a half Dec. 23 with Socialist Party leader Francois Mitterrand, stressing to reporters present that he was acting in his capacity as head of the CGT, not as a member of the Politburo. France Presse, a major French wire service, commented that Socialist Party leaders present indicated that "Seguy was not in tune" with the PCF Politburo.

Toe the Line

Politburo leaders immediately forced Seguy to issue a strongly worded release charging that "the comments of the Socialist Party leaders were manifestly aimed at harming relations between the CGT and PCF." He went on to repeat his position that "the CGT does not intervene in relations between the Parties."

A reliable source reported that in November Seguy had submitted an article critical of "hardline" politics to L'Humanite, the PCF paper, only to have it killed personally by Leroy. The article has since appeared on the front page of Rockefeller's French mouthpiece Le Monde, published at Seguy's request to the editor.

At a recent meeting of metal workers unions from the East bloc, Seguy came out strongly for polycentrism--the suicidal policy by which each national Communist Party sets its own course. This policy has been advocated for sometime by the Amendola faction. Seguy announced that he would continue to pursue a drive

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for CGT membership in the CIA-controlled European Trade Union Confederation and International Metalworkers Federation. "We want to cooperate, participate and act in unity with other unions of Western Europe....We feel free [to make] our orientations and our initiatives."

Additionally, Seguy has been talking once again in a low voice about merging the CGT with the CFDT.

CANADIAN DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS ON BRINK OF COLLAPSE

Dec. 29 (IPS)--Canada's economy now stands on the brink of collapse--because the Rockefellers have failed thus far to implement the slave-labor and energy hoax policies which were to push through Canadian energy development projects. The Middle East war, on which Rockefeller counted for his Oil Hoax Round II, has proved too politically risky to activate. North American workers have not swallowed coal strike-related energy "emergencies." And labor relocation efforts are foundering on working-class resistance to "voluntary" slavery.

Now Rockefeller is considering scrapping long-term, high-risk investments in northern Canada resource development projects in favor of quick profits in defense production in areas where current plant capacity is easily converted into war production. While some of southern Ontario's auto plants, like Oshawa General Motors, may re-tool for military equipment, under the defense investment option virtually all of the Canadian economy--which is resource-oriented--will simply shut down.

For example, Canadian steel production has been gearing up to meet the demands of the development projects, but it will be several years before "new cities" in southern Ontario and new billion-dollar steel plants like the planned Stelco Nanticoke complex can produce the quantities of special steel products needed for the overall development plan. If the development projects are cancelled--or even postponed, as is now happening--Canadian steel production will collapse.

Why Rocky's Losing Interest

The rising real costs of the Canadian projects are pushing Rockefeller to desert his Canadian fiefdom. Canada's major development projects--the Syncrude Athabasca Tar Sands plant (30 per cent owned by EXXON subsidiary Imperial Oil; 10 per cent by Cities Service; 30 per cent by Gulf; and 30 per cent by Atlantic Richfield before its recent pull-out), the Arctic Gas Pipeline, the extensive development of northern Quebec--require immense investment and tremendous input of labor before they even begin to move toward profitable resource production.