

leadership. Heath, who during his 1970-74 administration attempted to build Britain's links to the Arabs, to Prime Minister Andreotti of Italy and to French President Pompidou, announced this week that he will be giving the key "ideological" speech before the Conservative Political Centre at this year's Tory conference.

Heath also this week came out in strong support of French President Giscard's attack on Carter's human rights policy for destroying detente with the Soviet Union.

The anti-union, anti-communist shrieks of Tory leader Margaret Thatcher have forced even the staunchest Tory supporters to reject this Kissinger protégé as a credible British Prime Minister. But Heath, with his support for detente and minimal government ownership into industry could provide a more palatable "soft option." Negotiations have been on-going over the last few months between the right wing of the Labour Party and Heath's people in the left-conservative Tory Reform Group to provide an alternative ruling base once the Labour Party has junked the trade unions.

## French Gov't Bans 'Eco-Freak' Demonstration Against Fast Breeder Reactor

The prefect of the south-eastern department of Isère — who represents the French Interior Minister in the region — pronounced on July 27 the official ban on the demonstrations against the Creys-Malville Super-Phenix (fast breeder) reactor scheduled by various "radical" environmentalist groups to begin July 30. The government will allow a demonstration of sorts to take place, but not within three miles of the nuclear site itself, thus incapacitating the ecologists' stated plan to confront government authorities and the police with violence and terrorism. We will not allow "a new Reichstag fire," said the prefect to motivate his decision.

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The government's announcement follows by a few days the various French left parties' and trade-unions' refusal to participate in the environmentalists' demonstration on the grounds that it might lead to unacceptable violence and repression. Both the French Communist Party (PCF) and its trade-union ally, the CGT, flatly declined to attend, in addition to denouncing the proto-fascist and terrorist leadership of the ecological groups. The Socialist Party and Social-Democratic CFDT union have announced their intention to hold a separate demonstration a few miles away for fear of provocations, while reaffirming their agreement with the environmentalists' attack against the "excessive" and "premature" nuclear energy development program of the government and its

state-controlled utility, Electricité de France. The CGT, on the other hand, is known to approve of the program's principle, despite disagreements on matters of detail.

These programmatic differences between the PCF and the CGT on the one hand, the SP and the CFDT on the other, at a time when the agent leaderships of both sides are desperately trying to come to terms in other areas of divergence such as defense, have been quickly seized upon by French President Giscard d'Estaing as a means to finish off what is left of the Socialist-Communist electoral coalition. Industry Minister Monory praised the PCF and the CGT for their stand in support of nuclear energy July 27, while SP leader François Mitterand's public refusal to either endorse or denounce the very idea of a civilian and military development program (for fear of splitting his own party), has been branded as "irresponsible" by government spokesmen and the press. *Le Figaro* openly professed contempt for "non-leader" Mitterand July 26, one day after he proposed to "let the French population decide by referendum."

In view of the SP's blatant equivocation and of CFDT leader Michel Rolant's inflammatory statement July 27 that "this weekend's demonstrations will be the Dien-Bien-Phu of Electricité de France," the Isère prefect's decision to keep the ecologists "at bay" seems motivated by the "Machiavellian" desire to see the environmentalist crazies and the SP "merge" their operations without danger to the Creys-Malville site itself. On the other hand, should violence arise, such a development would go a long way towards totally discrediting the Socialists.