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Who is fooling whom within the alliance?

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"It is an ironic situation that the black sheep of the alliance, Gaullist France, has turned gradually into the member with the greatest defense preparedness, least influenced by pacifist neutralism, and very supportive of the current American view of the U.S.S.R. . . . The increased Soviet threat has forced the French to consolidate their relationship with the U.S. as a condition to play an independent role, e.g. in the Third World. . . . France may also agree more with Reagan's view of East-West relations because it fears close West German relations with the East bloc. A more neutralist West Germany, seeking accommodation with the U.S.S.R., would have serious repercussions for France's room for maneuver and relative power."

This assessment of the current situation in Europe is taken from a paper, "Pacifist-Neutralism in Western Europe," presented to the Committee for the Free World-sponsored conference on "The Transatlantic Crisis" by Dutch academic Joris J.C. Voorhoeve. The conference, covered in our National section, was held in Washington, D.C. on Jan. 21-24.

The same views were expressed somewhat more coarsely by British trade-union leader Frank Chapple: "There is too much incoherence in American foreign policy," the Cockney-accented electricians' leader asserted. "Germany is the weakest country in the alliance because it lent too much money to the Soviet bloc. The United Kingdom, and then France, are the strongest because they have an independent foreign policy." Chapple then joined with other speakers, including the paranoid Henry Kissinger, to urge the United States to compel West Germany to abandon its participation in the pipeline project that will convey Siberian natural gas into Western Europe.

Mitterrand: 'loyal' ally

These views are reported here because they have become orthodoxy within the U.S. State Department and the affiliated Washington think-tank circuit over the past year. Under Alexander Haig's direction, the view has been presented with increasing vehemence that the France of Socialist François Mitterrand would be the ally the United States could count on in Western Europe. Mitterrand, in the view of the deluded officialdom patronized by Haig, can be trusted to play out the game of East-West conflict, while the treacherous Germans will sell out alliance interests in pursuit of economic deals with the Soviet Union.

Even as the Committee for the Free World (CFW) was meeting to bolster Haig's arguments and activities, that trustworthy Mitterrand government was doing the following:

- France joined the pipeline deal with the Soviet Union, attacked so desperately by Kissinger and his backers. The deal, announced during the final day of the CFW conference, will guarantee France natural gas

supplies for 25 years.

• Over the same weekend French Foreign Minister Claude Cheysson reiterated underlying French opposition to the Reagan administration's Middle East policy, by asserting the conditions that were to be satisfied in achieving such French support.

• And, on Jan. 20 Jacques Hunzinger, the chief of the International Relations Department of the ruling French Socialist Party, outlined how France intends to supplant America's predominant power in Europe and areas of the Third World, as the United States is reduced to a mere regional power in the Western hemisphere.

Hunzinger's thesis is not news to readers of this magazine, who have long been informed that the French government is embarked on a plan—now candidly identified by Hunzinger as "the Third Way"—to use the ongoing economic crisis, unmentioned by either Mitterrand's government or the sycophants of the CFW, to destroy the power of the nation-state, especially the United States and Soviet Union, and impose a neo-Malthusian world order modeled on the policies of Hitler's Finance Minister Hjalmar Schacht, but incalculably worse in its consequences. Under Mitterrand, whose election victory was so greatly assisted by Alexander Haig and his associates, the French government has become a principal instrument in the hands of British, Swiss, and other forces committed to such objectives.

Mitterrand himself has hardly been bashful in stating such objectives, as witness his Christmas call for the elimination of the Yalta agreements. These views are, of course, shared by lunatics in the United States such as Zbigniew Brzezinski and Richard Pipes. Others, including West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt and British Sovietologist John Erickson, rightly consider that such a policy would lead shortly to World War Three, and is therefore insane. Yet these are the policies Haig and his allies support, even while the French socialists themselves are making a mockery of such loyalty to their cause.

The French gameplan

Hunzinger's speech was delivered before the French Institute for International Relations, the Paris-based sister organization of the New York Council on Foreign Relations. The Socialist leader announced that France intends to replace the U.S. nuclear umbrella over Europe with its own *force de frappe*. This proposal, ludicrous in itself, is made doubly absurd by the political combination that Hunzinger claims will be organized behind it, namely the Socialist and Communist Parties of Spain and Italy, the peace movement and left-wing Social Democrats of West Germany, the Swedish Socialists, and the "unilateralist" wing of the British Labor Party. This coalition within Europe, Hunzinger argued, will be deployed to support Third World revolutions in Nicaragua and El Salvador, in North Africa and the Middle East, and in Southeast Asia. (Haig has already committed the United States to support Hunzinger and his Spanish ally Felipe González in Central America.)

Despite the thinking of certain circles in the Church of England, there is no way that Hunzinger's strategic delusions could ever be realized this side of general nuclear war. What Hunzinger and Mitterrand are in fact proposing is that France be turned into the sanctuary for every force in the world that is opposed to the continued existence of the nation-state, and that the French government continue to give support to the international campaign to eliminate U.S. influence, especially in the Middle East.

Haig's vendetta

Accordingly, those who propose to continue Alexander Haig's vendetta against the Federal Republic of West Germany would be advised to think again. Such people have 38 particularly fanatical allies now lodged in France under the protection of the Mitterrand government. They are the exiles from the terrorist Baader-Meinhof/Rote Armee Fraktion. Thus far the French, thanks to Minister of Justice Robert Badinter have refused to extradite these vermin back to West Germany to face the law, notwithstanding the fact that such terrorists still constitute an obvious live threat against Helmut Schmidt, himself the object of an international campaign of vilification and slander from the forces which control international terrorism, and from governments such as those of Third Camper Mitterrand. Fugitives from Spanish justice, i.e. members of the Basque terrorist organization ETA, have been accorded the same hospitality by the favorite European government of Alexander Haig and the Committee for the Free World.

Those who have noted that Mitterrand's Third Way turn is accompanied by renewed openings to the Arab backers of terrorism in Europe such as Abdullah Saudi of Libya, and his ally in crime, the Jimmy Carter-connected Gaith Pharaon, must ask themselves whether Alexander Haig and his friends in the Committee for the Free World will be permitted to allow the Mitterrand government to launch a new wave of terrorism and assassination against U.S. allies in Europe and the Middle East—whether it is now time that the deluded rationalizations behind such thinking be cleaned out of our foreign policy establishment, along with those on the payroll of the organized-crime controllers of international terrorism, like Haig's quondam adviser on terrorism, Michael Ledeen, a member of the very same Committee for the Free World.