

Mitterrand joins Soviet offensive to destroy France and the Western alliance

by Jacques Cheminade

By shaking hands with Libyan assassin Muammar Qaddafi on the Greek island of Crete, French President François Mitterrand has made shamelessly public his pact with the devil. The meeting means much more than just an infamous *realpolitik* arrangement; it is the tip of the iceberg of an all-encompassing agreement between the President of France and the Soviet enemies of the French nation. To maintain his terminally diseased regime, François Mitterrand is now doing the same thing that Marshal Pétain did in the time of Vichy France, when Nazi-occupied France was governed by the puppet Vichy state: He is selling the nation-state upon which his regime stands.

The French population does not want France to become a satrapy, and reacts with rage and disgust to Mitterrand's destructive policies. French polls give Mitterrand the lowest rating ever—around 25%—for a French President. But the political parties opposed to Mitterrand are proving themselves totally unable to lead the ferment of the population toward an articulated, credible political alternative. Ex-President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing, ex-Premier Raymond Barre, and Paris Mayor Jacques Chirac, who heads the RPR ("Gaullist") party—the spineless trio of the official opposition—propose nothing but neo-liberal austerity and a more moderate pro-Soviet foreign policy.

Hence the crucial importance, as policy-making and decision-making institutions, of the French Schiller Institute and the Parti Ouvrier Européen, which are left as the only coherent counter-pole to Mitterrand's scorched-earth policies. These institutions, connected to the international operations of Lyndon and Helga LaRouche, are the only representatives of the spirit and drive embedded in the traditional French-American alliance, and they are joined every day by increasing segments of the population for political and economic guidance.

Mitterrand destroys on behalf of Moscow

The Mitterrand policies are particularly harmful in three major areas: Mediterranean flank, strategic-military posture, and economic de-industrialization.

Beyond its immoral wheeling and dealing with Qaddafi,

the French government is opening the southern flank of the Western Alliance to the Soviets.

The key is a network of treaties and arrangements made around the Mediterranean, which involve:

- France and Papandreou's Greece
- France, Greece, and the Italian government
- France, Libya, and Morocco
- France, Libya, and the Chad-Niger area
- France, Libya, and Malta
- France and Assad's Syria

Step by step, with France acting as a "cut-out" among this array of forces, an all-encompassing "soft" flank is thus opened for the Soviets in the southern sector of the Western Alliance, while the Soviet offensive continues on the northern flank, directly hitting Sweden, Norway, Denmark, and West Germany. The combination of the two operations—with Mitterrand playing now the role of a "southern" Olof Palme—is leading to an overall dissolution of the alliance. The round-up of recent trips by Mediterranean leaders is revealing:

- Mitterrand, Papandreou, and Qaddafi in Crete
- Papandreou and the Italian government and the Vatican in Rome
- Malta's Dom Mintoff and Qaddafi
- Dom Mintoff and the Soviet leadership in Moscow
- East Germany's Honecker and Mintoff in Malta
- Mitterrand and Syria's Assad in Damascus
- Morocco's King Hassan and Qaddafi, issuing a "national unity" declaration previously arranged by Mitterrand and his counselors.

If we add to this the situation in Spain—prevented by Mitterrand from joining the stabilizing European Common Market, and destabilized by the Moroccan-Libyan deal which threatens the Spanish cities of Ceuta and Melilla on the African coast, claimed by Hassan—we have a global destabilization orchestrated by Mitterrand to the full benefit of Moscow.

One need only add that France encourages and finances the radical tendencies of the Nicaraguan Sandinistas, threatening to provoke an American intervention in Central Amer-

ica leading to Kissinger's "decoupling" of Western Europe from the United States.

Militarily, the Mitterrand government is now fully committed to stop the crucial beam-weapons program of President Reagan. Prime Minister Laurent Fabius, in a speech given to the Europa-Archiv German Society for Foreign Policy, violently attacked the Strategic Defense Initiative and called for a "demilitarization of space." While he was in Washington, French Foreign Affairs Minister Claude Cheysson attacked the Reagan policy in equally harsh and bitter terms.

Economically, Mitterrand has fully endorsed the "post-industrial society" of the U.S. Eastern Establishment, and is destroying the creative powers of French labor in a drive unprecedented since Pétain's Vichy. The nationalization of various key French industrial firms has not been used to produce more, but to enforce austerity and de-industrialize. Mitterrand is shutting down the steel sector, the heavy equipment production, and the whole nuclear energy sector: Franatome, the key French nuclear industry, is bankrupt, while the French nuclear program has been cut to the level of one plant per year in 1985 and 1986.

The secret behind this policy is again the Soviet hand. Mitterrand is arranging with Qaddafi, the Syrians, the Iranians, and Armand Hammer—now again in Moscow—a deal to deliver Mideast and African oil to the Soviet war machine. And the destruction of French industry at the level it is reaching—together with the paralysis of France's own beam-weapons program—can only benefit Moscow.

Is Mitterrand a Soviet agent?

Therefore, a question comes forcefully to the mind: Is Mitterrand a Soviet agent? The answer should be the same as for the case of Henry Kissinger: Yes, François Mitterrand is acting as a Soviet agent of influence, but there is more to it.

The key to Mitterrand's current behavior is his historical connection with the Central European "black" oligarchy and the New-Yalta East Coast U.S. establishment. Mitterrand is now fully following the Kissinger and Vernon Walters game plan: preparing U.S.-European decoupling within the New Yalta deal, and favoring by all means the use of the upcoming Schultz-Gromyko discussions to sell out Reagan's Strategic Defense Initiative. As of now, Kissinger and his crony, State Department roving envoy Vernon Walters, meet Mitterrand and his closest collaborators on an almost weekly basis.

The anti-beam-weapons radicalization of the Mitterrand government corresponds exactly to the offensive launched by the assassins of John F. Kennedy—the McNamaras, McGeorge Bundys, George Kennans, and Henry Kissingers—against President Reagan's Strategic Defense Initiative.

Mitterrand is no longer an independent statesman—if he ever was. He is the servant of the "families" involved in the Swiss-promoted "synarchist" operations that launched the fascist movement back in the 1920s on an international scale,

families that have controlled Mitterrand's otherwise erratic right-left political life since at least the time of Vichy, when the young Mitterrand was decorated with Marshal Pétain's highest order, the "Francisque," in 1942, after the American landing in North Africa.

A recent revealing event signals where Mitterrand's loyalties lie—the baptism of his grandson. The baby was baptized in a copper cauldron following the ritual of the Gnostic families in Sion—the southern French city mentioned in the cult-promoting book *Holy Blood, Holy Grail* as the center of the Gnostic heresy (which says Christ did not die on the cross, but escaped with Mary Magdalene and founded a royal dynasty in southern France). Sion is an old stronghold of what was called Catharism in the Middle Ages, adopted by the Gnostic families and the Nazi-communist forces. The Nazis searched Sion many times before World War II for their "roots," while the "Cathar" revival in the France of the 1960s was massively promoted by a TV movie from Claude Santelli—a Communist Party member and one of Mitterrand's favorite TV film-makers.

A smell of Vichy

As the Mitterrand case evidences, what is at stake is the very existence of France as a nation-state, and the maintenance of the Western Alliance as an entity among sovereign republics. What Mitterrand is doing is rapidly destroying the nation-state—ironically, using the powers given to the French presidency by De Gaulle's Fifth Republic Constitution—on behalf of cultish family forces based on an obscene ideology of blood, soil, and race. This in turn delivers France as an easy prey to the Soviets. In a word, Mitterrand is doing to France on behalf of the Soviets what Pétain did on behalf of Hitler's Nazi Germany.

A rotten smell of Vichy indeed pervades the poor country.

The "opposition" parties, instead of fighting back effectively, contribute to the process of destruction. Both the RPR and the UDF main opposition forces have fully endorsed the most destructive forms of "neo-liberalism"—another road to de-industrialization. The favorite books in these circles could have been written by the Heritage Foundation or the friends of Milton Friedman. Among them, the most infamous are Guy Sormann's *The American Neo-Conservative Revolution* and *The Liberal Solution*, where he portrays Reagan as the best disciple of Milton Friedman. Sormann is otherwise a self-proclaimed friend and disciple of Bertrand de Jouvenel, a supporter of Jacques Doriot's PPF—a French Nazi-Communist party of the 1930s—and now an associate of the "Futuribles" a group of crazy utopians, and the Club of Rome.

Nobody in the French opposition has endorsed President Reagan's Strategic Defense Initiative, and all claim in public or private that "beam weapons weaken the defense of Europe because they sanctuarise the U.S., and would therefore leave Europe out of the area of U.S. strategic defense." Granted, some of the French opposition leaders are idiots, but a ma-

jority of them certainly knows of the statements of Reagan and Caspar Weinberger pledging to share beam-weapon technologies with America's allies and defend *all* the Western Alliance with them. Therefore, it is clear that the leaders of the French opposition are *lying*, on behalf of the same forces which are presently using Mitterrand as their errand boy.

This situation leaves the nation leaderless, and vulnerable to irrational forces. A crazy extreme-right-wing movement, Jean-Marie le Pen's National Front, polled 11% in the June European elections and tried to capitalize on the rage of the population by turning it against the foreigners and guestworkers, and toward even more radical neo-liberal free-enterprise schemes and a defense policy based exclusively on self-defense and nuclear shelters. Such paranoid ideology is contributing to breaking the nation apart, and pervades every sector of social life. In the meantime, the PCF—French Communist Party—uses the trade union it controls, the CGT, to push violent actions against austerity and unemployment, thus furthering the social and political chaos.

What is to be done

Under such circumstances, a new force has to emerge in France to save the nation—as has always occurred at the worst moments of French history. This time, ironically and once again, the force with the capacity to save France cannot be “inward-turned” or emerging from inside an already too rotten environment. It has to be an “outward turned” force, with an international outlook, organizing brigades of “patriots and world citizens.”

This is exactly what the Schiller Institute and the French Parti Ouvrier Européen have done, first with the Second Schiller Institute Conference in Wiesbaden, West Germany, attended by more than 100 French citizens, and more recently, with the Third Schiller Institute Conference in Crystal City, Virginia, Nov. 24 and 25, for which a brigade of 50 Frenchmen crossed the Atlantic.

The goal of the POE and the Schiller Institute in France is to rebuild the very basis of a nation-state, while ruthlessly attacking Mitterrand for what he is doing.

December 11 has been set as the Day of Resistance in France, to stop Mitterrand from selling the country to the Soviets, with the POE's target being to get out a half-million leaflets throughout France in one day. This shock-move is absolutely necessary to awaken positive resistance in the otherwise impotently enraged population.

The Schiller Institute has also decided to declare war on Guy Sormann and his neo-liberal ilk, and has slated a conference “In Defense of Jean-Baptiste Colbert—a Colbertiste Solution to the Present Economic Crisis” for Dec. 14-15 to lead France back into the republican mainstream. This conference is the unique opportunity to present the Declaration of the Inalienable Rights of Man, and to spell out the economic theory and active policies required to fulfill man's right to development.

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