

of the Left" agreement signed years ago between the two parties and blocking with the majority parties (UDR and RI) against a Communist candidate in the General Council elections in the Dordogne Department.

Marchais' article not only correctly attacks the Socialist Party leader Mitterand for attempting to enter the government of President Giscard D'Estaing to engage workers in a pact to accept austerity, it also shows that the PCF leadership has, to the extent that it is capable, understood Mitterand's psywar game and is not ready to fall for it.

While the Socialist Party doesn't reject Giscard's "solicitation" to enter the government, Marchais states: "At the same time, the SP declares that it is 'loyal to the Common Program' (joint agreement calling for nationalization of key banking and industrial sectors and other pro-working class measures). But what does being loyal to the Common Program mean, if not to lead to a resolute action to demonstrate the validity of the solutions in the program and to refuse the so-called inevitable sacrifices? This is what we are doing and the Socialist Party is not.... At the same time, a campaign is being led by certain Socialist leaders, like Gaston Deferre (long-time paid CIA agent), around the idea that Giscard could call the left into the government. After and even before legislative elections... to think, or to lead others to think that Giscard would call the left into the government to cooperate with it in the implementation of the Common Program, is to fool oneself and to fool workers.... It appears to us more and more that the SP conceives of the strategy of the union of the left as a means to reinforce itself at our expense, to reduce us in the long run to playing the role of its support...."

Marchais took up the theme that was laid out a week ago by Leroy both on the question of the Socialist Party's activities as well as on the meaning of the Soviet Party chief Brezhnev's recent visit to Paris to meet with Giscard. On this occasion Leroy had stated that peaceful co-existence is in the interests of workers in all countries; but, it does not mean an end to the fight for socialism. This too was echoed by Marchais.

CP'S NOW PREPARING FACTION FIGHT AGAINST AMENDCLA

Dec. 12 (IPS)--With the exception of the Italian Party (PCI), all of Europe's Communist Parties are now delivering major attacks against the Social Democratic Second International, denouncing the "Suprenational Defense" line pushed by U.S. Secretary of Defense James Schlesinger and opposing EEC attempts to subvert national governments by turning the Common Market into a Rockefeller-led supranational entity.

The NATO Brussels meeting (which is proposing that \$115 billion be spent by NATO countries to acquire submarines, Tridents, and conventional weaponry between 1974 and 1980), was violently attacked by the German and French Communist Parties which denounced Schlesinger's proposal to up defense budgets as an attack against the working class and national states. The PCF and the Luxemburg Communist Party are particularly vociferous: they refer to NATO as a "supra-national alliance" leading sooner or later to some form of supranational government.

While the Dutch Communist Party called for "coordinated working class action throughout Europe," the Czechoslovakian Party's paper, Rude Pravo, published attacks against the Dubcek faction, now extinct in Czechoslovakia, but exemplified by PCI leader and CIA agent Giorgio Amendola. Finally, the Bulgarian Communist Party, in an attack on Mao, stressed that "the attitude to the Soviet Union is the touchstone for every revolutionary movement or fighter for socialism and communism."

These moves indicate clearly that the international Communist Parties are now preparing for a major confrontation with Amendola and the PCI, which will probably take place at the East Berlin Conference of the European Communist Parties scheduled for January. Amendola is in a very bad position. The increasingly anti-NATO tone adopted by the Communist Party press (except in Italy) shows that the Soviet Union is once again not ready to compromise on the question of her security and that of her satellites. Should Amendola refuse to go along with the Soviets on this issue, he and his faction will be completely isolated from the rest of the Communist movement. Thus, the faction will be worthless to Rockefeller. On the other hand, if Amendola "recants" and denounces NATO too, he undermines the very foundation of his alliance with the CIA and the Trilateral Commission, and endangers his faction's very existence.