

But more significantly, the incorporation of Iraq into the Warsaw Pact would give Iraq the assurance of Soviet security and military muscle against CIA provocations into a Persian Gulf war. An attack against any Warsaw Pact member is considered to be a direct military attack on the Soviet Union and is met with the appropriate response.

In combination with the political offensive now being initiated in the European Communist movement, the integration of Iraq into Comecon and the Warsaw Pact would qualitatively transform socialist organizing potential in the Mideast as a whole. Such a move would broadcast Soviet rejection of the CIA's Mideast tactic to pose its Arabian puppets as the "Pan-Islamic Movement."

As long as the Soviet Union remains ambivalent in its relation to Iraq, this obvious psywar game will continue.

#### CHIRAC TAKES POWER IN GAULLIST PARTY

Dec. 15 (IPS)--In a farcical replica of Napoleon's Eighteenth Brumaire coup, French Prime Minister Jacques Chirac "convinced" the UDR Gaullist Party's national council to elect him General Secretary yesterday morning. Chirac delivered this pre-emptive strike to prevent the final dislocation of the party and the emergence of hardline nationalist "barons" Debre, Jobert and Chaban Delmas, as undisputed leaders of the UDR's depression-crazed petit-bourgeois base.

Chirac will now endeavor to consolidate the remnants of the party's organizational network into a full-fledged fascist force committed to supporting Rockefeller's worldwide de-industrialization and worker relocation program, which the Giscard government is presently implementing for France. To pump life back into the moribund UDR machine, which has been compared to "a tortoise with brakes on each of its four legs," Chirac will rely on the advice of top Rockefeller men, such as Edmund Stillman and C. Pfaff, members of the Paris Branch of the Hudson Institute, and infamous Tavistock brainwasher, Michel Crozier. These three henchmen are expected to attend the UDR's national convention in February 1975.

Crozier's announced participation makes explicit what Chirac is determined to accomplish, namely the immediate implementation of autogestion-type, local corporatist labor-management committees designed to police the French working class. Crozier's past role as policymaker and "intellectual" leader for the Socialist Party (SP) clearly reveals that Chirac and his lackys aim to consolidate a UDR-Centrist-SP alliance to provide Giscard with a sturdier political backbone. As the farcical scenario of his takeover of the UDR indicates, Chirac is willing to sweep the Neanderthal Gaullist "hards" to the sidelines to accomplish just that goal.

At this yesterday's meeting of the UDR's national council, former General Secretary Alexandre Sanguinetti announced with crocodile tears in his eyes that the factional maneuvers of his opponents finally had convinced him to resign. He then recommended to the stupefied council that Chirac be elected to succeed him. Former Premier Chaban-Delmas--who has for weeks been plotting with former ministers Debre, Jobert and Couve de Murville for a return of the UDR to anti-Giscard Gaullist orthodoxy--immedately got up to denounce Chirac's "putsch." He shouted that he would resign if Chirac's election were not ratified by a national convention of the UDR. The frightened "majority" of the council then elected the Prime Minister as General Secretary. Following the election, various pro-Chaban and pro-Jobert officials resigned.

Although timed to coincide with the French Communist Party's (PCF) current left turn, and with the dislocation of the "unity of the left" policy once jointly advocated by the Communists and the CIA-controlled Socialists, Chirac's coup is potentially dangerous for the Giscard governemnt. The establishment of a Chirac and Mitterand-led UDR-SP axis may soon be opposed by a vigorous "objective alliance" of the rejected Gaullist barons and the PCF. It is this very union of polar opposites which in the 1950s wrecked Rockefeller's plans for an anti-Soviet, cold war "European Defense Community."

EXCERPTS FROM THE POLICE INTERROGATION  
OF LALC LEADER DE HOYOS

Dec. 15 (IPS)--This is an excerpted account of the interrogation of Carlos De Hoyos at the hand of the Mexican political police. De Hoyos, a leader of the Mexican branch of the Latin American Labor Committee and IPS correspondent in Mexico City, was held illegally by the police for 59 hours [see Dec. 14 story this issue].

De Hoyos was questioned at various times by four or five interrogators including a female secretary in charge of his dossier, a petty bureaucrat, an "expert on Marxism," and a director of the political police. At all times, he was surrounded by agents who gave him orders, and between interrogations he was left alone with a red hood on his head.

The bureaucrat began the questioning:

Bureaucrat: What is your ideology?

De Hoyos: I am a communist.

Bureaucrat: Are you a Maoist?

De Hoyos: No.

Bureaucrat: A Trotskyist?

De Hoyos: No.

Bureaucrat: A Fidelista? A Gueverist?

De Hoyos: No.