



The direction of French policy

The article we publish here by Jacques Cheminade continues the series of background reports on France that began in *Executive Intelligence Review* two weeks ago with Laurent Murawiec's survey of the French *Nouvelle Droite*, or New Right cult. Murawiec demonstrated that the so-called New Right, which has received extraordinary publicity over the recent period, is neither new nor right in any meaningful sense of the term. He traced the movement's roots to pro-Hitler cultists in France during the 1920s and 1930s leading up to the Vichy regime, and demonstrated that the ideology of the New Right corresponds in every essential respect with that of its supposed antagonists, the New Left.

On Sept. 19, Murawiec's analysis received astonishing vindication when a group of New Rightists, belonging to a "Committee of Intellectuals for a Europe of Liberties," and including an editor of the New Right's *Figaro Magazine*, held a press conference in Paris in defense of the ultraleftist Franco Piperno. The New Right spokesmen denounced Italian authorities for seeking the extradition of Piperno, who is wanted for complicity in the murder of former Italian premier Aldo Moro by the Red Brigades. In so doing, the New Right of France turned words into deeds, openly joining with the New Left around the common credo of environmentalism, regionalism and terrorism.

The article below by Jacques Cheminade, an official of the French Finance Ministry, describes the industrializing and urbanizing tendency in French economic history which the New Left and New Right—as well as their forebears in the French Revolution—were created to destroy. Mr. Cheminade has brought to light the little-known names of Chaptal, Dupin and Monge as leading thinkers of the "American" System of government policies that deliberately foster high-technology growth—the background of the "Gaullist" tendency in France today. He presented a summary of these discoveries in an address to the Aug. 6, 1979 seminar on the 190th anniversary of the birth of the great German-American economist Friedrich List, sponsored by this publication and held in Frankfurt, West Germany. The next installment of Mr. Cheminade's speech will be published in the next issue of *Executive Intelligence Review*; in the first, printed below, our readers will become acquainted with the centuries-old tradition that lies behind French leadership in the drive to establish a new world monetary system, detailed elsewhere in this issue.