

Plot to destroy secret services bared in France

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The French secret services, rated the best governmental intelligence agency in the West, have come under a concentrated assault being led inside the French government by a group of socialist ministers associated with the old Cominternist "Curiel network," over the sinking of an anti-nuclear protest ship belonging to Greenpeace in New Zealand last July 10.

The former "Curiel network" was a vast terrorist apparatus set up by the deceased leader of the Egyptian communist party, Henri Curiel. Closely linked to it, according to press reports, is the family of Interior Minister Pierre Joxe, who has been a key figure in the Greenpeace destabilization. Also involved in the destabilization are David Rockefeller's Trilateral Commission, particularly the circle of Commission member Raymond Barre, and assets of the Soviet KGB and British intelligence. This is the same "East-West" combination that is behind the Greenpeace organization itself.

The common goal of these forces is nothing less than to dismantle French intelligence, which has been rated, in the recent period, as the best in the West, following the Trilateral Commission's 1970s decimation of the U.S. CIA. Given that Soviet strongman Michael Gorbachov is expected in Paris for a four-day visit beginning Oct. 2, the strategic stakes in the affair are high indeed.

It is not yet clear if this operation will succeed. It involves a struggle to win the mind of French President Mitterrand, who is being hit by what is now being referred to as the "French Watergate." The more Mitterrand tolerates the actions of the Socialist ministers promoting the Greenpeace affair against the military and military-intelligence institutions, the more vulnerable he is to the "Watergate" process.

Over the weekend of Sept. 21-22, Prime Minister Laurent Fabius made the stunning announcement that France was responsible for blowing up the Rainbow Warrior ship in

Auckland Harbor on July 10. No sooner had this opened up a Pandora's Box of new revelations and new incriminations, than Fabius appeared on French national television, TF1, the night of Sept. 25, and declared that *only* Defense Minister Charles Hernu and intelligence chief Adm. Pierre Lacoste were responsible for the Rainbow Warrior affair, and that his office had "never been informed" about the operation to blow up the ship.

Hernu and Lacoste had been forced to resign a few days earlier.

'Ayatollah' Joxe

According to accounts from a score of sources, the man who launched "Phase Two" of the Greenpeace destabilization, by leaking material implicating Hernu and Lacoste (and, perhaps others), in the alleged decision to blow up the Rainbow Warrior, was Pierre Joxe. Joxe did this, we have learned, to abort François Mitterrand's moves, focused around his Sept. 13 trip to the French nuclear-testing area in Mururoa, to move closer to the French military, and to the United States.

According to France's *Le Figaro* Sept. 25, one key to Joxe is the period he spent in Moscow, during the 1950s, when his father was French ambassador there. His ideological fanaticism in ensuing years, the paper reports, earned him the nickname "Ayatollah." Otherwise, Joxe is a member of the CGT, the French Communist trade union, and was a strong advocate, since the early 1980s, of French Socialist Party "cohabitation" with the Communists, to form a coalition government. One of Joxe's most significant acts, prior to the latest treachery, was his role in kicking French DST head Yves Bonnet out of his post in late July. Bonnet was responsible for having, in an earlier period, caused the eviction from France of a powerful team of KGB agents, by

having brought to Mitterrand's attention the nature of their activities.

According to French press reports, Joxe's brother, Alain, is a member of the Geneva-based Pugwash group, and is a leading director of the French affiliate of the Soviet-steered "International Peace Research Association," which is allied to Greenpeace. Alain Joxe is also co-chairman of the France-Latin America Committee, a terror-support apparatus controlled from the top by former Mitterrand adviser Régis Debray. Several core members of this network, according to the French weekly *Minute*, have in former years, been members of the "Curriel Network," which includes such ex-assets of Nazi Abwehr intelligence as Algerian ex-President Ahmed Ben Bella.

The *Le Monde* journalist to whom Joxe reportedly leaked scandalous information about military-intelligence involvement in the Greenpeace affair, was Edwy Plenel, former leader of the Trotskyist/Fourth International Ligue Communiste Revolutionnaire group, and former editor of the Trotskyist magazine, *Barricades*.

The "Curriel network" links of the Joxe family is one among many points that verify the contention made by Lyndon H. LaRouche (*EIR*, Sept. 27, 1985, p. 44), that the sinking of the "Rainbow Warrior" was a "publicity stunt," to benefit Greenpeace, and that "the most probable culprits" behind the affair are the "sympathizers of Greenpeace's pro-Soviet leanings and practices."

Greenpeace, today, is an activist lobbying organization, worldwide, on behalf of two Soviet-steered campaigns, one for nuclear "non-proliferation," and the other for a new "Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty." On June 24, barely two weeks before the sinking of the Rainbow Warrior, Radio Moscow effusively praised the Greenpeace Report's attack on the U.S. Strategic Defense Initiative.

At exactly the same time, Greenpeace lobbyists were meeting in Geneva, Switzerland, with the multibillionaire Prince Sadruddin Aga Khan, to arrange what an aide to the Prince refers to as "tactical cooperation" to plan an international conference on "non-proliferation," June 27-29, sponsored by the Prince's Geneva-based Bellerive Foundation. At this conference, attended by 500 people, including four high-level Soviet officials, a "division of labor" was made, the aide reports, whereby "Greenpeace lobbied, on the ground, among the delegations, while the Prince played the role of 'prominent personality,' above the daily affairs, both fighting for the non-proliferation issue. . . . The Prince is very fond of Greenpeace, very close to Greenpeace," he said.

The Sadruddin Aga Khan runs one of the most important private intelligence networks in the world, on behalf of the Soviet-steered "one-world federalist" movement. He heads the British-intelligence-front "Ismaili" Shi'ite-Islamic sect, is an intimate of the British monarchy, and utilizes the resources of the London *Economist's* intelligence service. He is an intimate of such Trilateralists as Jimmy Carter, Robert McNamara, Notre Dame's Theodore Hesburgh, and others.

The British government, meanwhile, is stepping forward, to pronounce its patronage of Greenpeace. After Fabius claimed that France had been responsible for sinking the Rainbow Warrior, British Foreign Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe demanded that France pay compensation for the ship, and offered the legal services of the British Foreign Office to Greenpeace!

The intensity of the assault on French military intelligence goes beyond the forced resignations of Hernu and Lacoste. Since Hernu resigned, Interior Minister Joxe and the Trilateralists in France continue to spew out "revelations" in the media, which are putting the capabilities, and lives, of French intelligence officials at risk. For the first time in recent French history, names of French secret service personnel—eight, at least, as of this writing—have been leaked to the French media, for alleged implication in one or another aspect of the Greenpeace affair.

Also, with Hernu out of the picture, the political administration of France, the Socialist Party government, is composed of factional opponents, or bitter enemies of, traditional French military layers. Aside from Joxe, this includes the ideological co-thinkers of unofficial presidential adviser Régis Debray, and the strange case of the new defense minister, Paul Quiles, the erstwhile head of the anti-nuclear movement of the Socialist Party, whose radical commitments earned him the nickname "Robespierre" during the 1980s.

Counterattack

There are signs, however, of a mounting military-institutional counterattack, and, French observers report, a growing potential for political backlash. Admiral Pierre Lacoste, who resigned as head of the intelligence agency, released a statement, warning that if intelligence agents are put on trial by Premier Fabius's office, he will appear as a witness for the agents, and release information that will explode the government. Unnamed military officers declared Sept. 24, that if the Fabius government believes it can "sacrifice" the military, this government will be "brought down" with everybody else; the military will "not be scapegoats" in the affair, one official was quoted on Europe 1 radio.

Also, there is a stalemate in the personnel situation in the French administration: Former Chief of Staff General Lacaze, ex-Defense Minister Hernu's special adviser on military affairs and Africa, remains in his post, as of this writing. General Jean Saulnier, the chief of staff of the presidential palace, is, for the moment, being kept in his post by Mitterrand, despite insinuations in the Trilateralist and KGB press that he provided "special funds" for the Rainbow Warrior operation.

Further, a pattern of "counter-leaks" has started in the French press. *Le Canard Enchaîné* revealed Sept. 26 that the French Environment Ministry has been funding Greenpeace; French Environment Minister Bouchardeau's son is a leading member of the "Longo Mai" terrorist group, which is suspected to have multiple links to Greenpeace.