

JOBERT ENDORSES ROCKEFELLER'S ENERGY PROGRAM

Nov. 22 (IPS)--Reactivated recently as a Rockefeller pawn, former French Foreign Minister Michel Jobert authored a front-page article in the French daily Le Monde yesterday echoing Secretary of State Henry Kissinger's energy proposals:

*French exports should increase, especially those to the oil producing countries.

*France should reduce its energy imports and energy consumption much more than it is doing at the present time.

*The economy as a whole should be "adapted to the crisis," through the "reorientation, adaptation, if not reconversion" of key sectors like auto, oil refineries, petrochemicals, construction, aeronautics.

The "Jobert Operation"

The Italian daily Il Globo today carried an interesting commentary on the "Jobert Operation." While the article plays on Jobert's political "ambiguity" and ability to advance propositions which can suit both the left and the right and to gather people from diverse political horizons, Il Globo lays out two hypotheses as to the financing of this "operation":

(1) Jobert might be up to creating a new National Union a la de Gaulle to deal with the problems which French President Giscard d'Estaing would not be able to confront. His funds therefore would come from Gaullist sources.

(2) According to Il Globo, the French Communist Party holds that this operation is similar to those engineered by the U.S. immediately after World War II, when they financed many "anti-American" parties in Europe, which, in fact, were more anti-Communist than anti-American.

Jobert, who has cultivated an image of Gaullist anti-Americanism, emerged in the Rockefeller limelight on a visit to England two weeks ago. There he met with Conservative Party leader Edward Heath, Foreign Minister James Callaghan, and Interior Minister Roy Jenkins, who is both a Labour Party Vice-President and member of Rockefeller's fascist Trilateral Commission.

Although not yet confirmed, it is likely that Jobert was briefed personally by Trilateral head Zbigniew Brzezinski, who was in England during the same period.