

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.

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At this point the Director came into the room and tried the same line of questioning. Getting no further than the frustrated bureaucrat, he made a sign to one of the agents, and shortly thereafter the "Expert on Marxism" entered.

Expert: How many books of Marx have you read?

De Hoyos: Capital, Eighteenth Brumaire, German Ideology, Communist Manifesto...

Expert: What is your ideology?

De Hoyos: Marxist.

Expert: No, I really want to know what your ideology is.

De Hoyos obliged with an explanation of the development of humanist thought from Kant to Hegel to Feuerbach to Marx. The questioning slowed down somewhat as the police tried to help out the befuddled stenographer who was trying to follow De Hoyos' explanation. After several minutes, the Expert left with several copies of Nueva Solididad and IPS briefings under his arm.

The Director took over again: Why did you call Echeverria a puppet of Rockefeller in your article on the Rome Food Conference?

De Hoyos: Because he is Rockefeller's leading spokesman for the plan to restructure the Third World.

Director: (getting hysterical): But you called him a puppet.

De Hoyos: But that's legal, isn't it?

Director: To call Echeverria a puppet is illegal.

De Hoyos began to press him for an explanation but was cut off by the return of the Expert. The Director turned to the Expert and the Expert shook his head.

The Director (gleefully): See. Just as I thought. You are not a Marxist. You are an ignoramus. (getting more and more agitated): You know nothing. You are a traitor to the motherland.

De Hoyos: You have the same problem as the Mexican left.

During the entire time they held De Hoyos, the police were obsessed with the question of who was behind De Hoyos and the Labor Committees: Who is behind you?

De Hoyos: We have an international movement with connections between Western Europe, the United States, Latin America....

Interrogator: No, no. You are being manipulated. Who is behind you?

At this point, the Director reappeared after a brief absence. He banged on the table and hit De Hoyos from behind: Don't play with us. We can force you to talk. We want to know who is behind you. Who finances your operations?

De Hoyos: the working class.

Director: Sure, sure, the working class, but there has to be someone behind you.

Stymied, the Director turned the questioning back to the bureaucrat, who proceeded to ask about the aims of the Interna-

tional Caucus of Labor Committees: He fired questions at De Hoyos without allowing De Hoyos to respond. Then he asked: Isn't it your intention to take power to impose socialism? De Hoyos: The implementation of thermonuclear fusion power is the only viable way out for humanity.

Bureaucrat: What? What kind of power?

De Hoyos: F-U-S-I-O-N.

Bureaucrat: (to the stenographer): Write exactly what he said, so that later he cannot say that we misinterpreted him.

De Hoyos was questioned for almost 60 hours, and just prior to his release, one of the political police told him: "We will be seeing each other fairly often from now on."

De Hoyos hooded for the ride to another part of the city, replied, "Sure, anytime you want an international briefing, give me a call."

ECHVERRIA PLOTS ONE-MAN RULE

Dec. 15 (IPS)--According to authoritative sources close to top Mexican government and business circles, CIA-linked president Luis Echeverria Alvarez is illegally plotting to change the Mexican constitution in order to succeed himself as president. These developments are to be the culmination of a Watergate-type destruction of the Mexican government, which has its roots at least as far back as 1968. Echeverria's intention is to implant his own "anti-imperialist" version of Rockefeller's democratic fascism from above on an unsuspecting Mexican working class.

Despite his radical rhetoric, Echeverria's actual political character today is the same as in 1968, when he was personally responsible as Minister of the Interior for the massacre of hundreds of protesting students and workers in Tlatelolco Plaza in Mexico City. Compared to the repressive Duke of Wellington's "Peterloo" assault on English workers in the early 19th century--an assault which similarly netted him the Prime Ministry--Luis Echeverria's history places him far to Wellington's political right.

Echeverria's Mexico is a rat's nest of slave labor, extensive brainwashing and starvation, as has been previously exposed in New Solidarity. It is also part of a far-reaching international network of right-wing terrorist and drug-dealing activity coordinated essentially through the CIA-affiliated Buckley family. Echeverria sits at its helm.

"Nacht and Nebel"

Over the past week the CIA has orchestrated a crescendo of terror aimed at recreating 1968 for the Mexican working class and left. Early last week, a lightning rumor swept Mexico