

West German Communist Party, singling out the prime target in Rocky's Mideast rogue's gallery, has already strongly attacked the Shah, calling him the "despot on the peacock throne" in a searing article in its paper *Unsere Zeit*.

PCF LEFT TURN NETS GAINS IN PLANT VOTES

PARIS, Jan. 1 (IPS)--French workers have shown their support for the left turn of the French Communist Party (PCF) and its organizing drive by giving their votes to candidates of the PCF-affiliated trade union federation, the CGT, in recent factory elections.

These vote totals give the lie to recent statements by CGT head and PCF Politburo member, George Seguy, that the PCF polemic against the Socialist Party and its austerity policies had gotten workers "worried."

The CGT made significant gains at the expense of the CIA-controlled CFDT and right-wing unions at several plants. At the major truck works in Berliet, the CGT gained nearly 4 per cent while the CFDT lost nearly 2 per cent compared to 1972 figures. At the *Petrole D'Aquitaine* (oil company) in Paris, increased votes gave the CGT a plurality of delegates.

In Marseilles, the CGT picked up an additional 10 per cent in voting among transit workers. In the steel plant of Meurth and Moselie, the CGT registered 14 per cent gains; at the Peugeot Vesoul auto plant the CGT gained 5 per cent.

Reports in the PCF's weekly journal, *France Nouvelle*, indicate that PCF-CGT cadre are responding to the left turn by acting like mass organizers. CP journalist Henri Malberg wrote that workers cells are taking "new and diverse" initiatives--like organizing rallies at plant gates.

PCF cadre are briefing workers about the political situation and PCF program over bullhorns, while others leaflet wearing signs. According to Malberg, PCF literature tables have attracted clusters of militants who are debating working-class politics.

The PCF "is considering all workers of the plant as the organic base of the Party." "Politics," Malberg writes, "is not the business of a minority but the concern of all workers."

This motion being generated by the PCF is currently determining political life in France, challenging even the peasant base of the Gaullist party. However, in the absence of clear programmatic direction, this motion will quickly dissipate.

The European Labor Committees, the only other force moving and whose program has already been a significant factor in determining the course of the left turn, is capable of providing the necessary direction.