

## Report from Paris by Georges Bosquet

### Who wants France out of the Pacific?

*The big campaign about a blown-up Greenpeace ship aims at ousting France from the South Pacific.*

**T**he scandal-mongering about the role of French intelligence in sinking an environmentalist protest ship in New Zealand on July 10, overlooks the most important fact of the incident: that "Greenpeace," the outfit deploying the ship, is run by the same forces that want France ousted from the South Pacific.

The sinking of the Greenpeace ship, which killed one crew member, sparked the biggest police investigation in the history of New Zealand. A French-speaking couple with forged Swiss passports was arrested, while the police are also searching for three French citizens believed to be their accomplices.

There is little doubt in Paris that New Zealand is using the scandal to weaken France in the region. New Zealand Prime Minister Lange in a TV interview warned that if France were proven responsible for the sinking, he would consider it an act "just short of war."

The incident occurred after moves by the British Commonwealth countries in the region to collapse their ANZUS military pact with the U.S. Led by Australia and New Zealand's Labour regimes, most of the South Pacific called for a nuclear-free zone earlier this year, a move strongly contributing to the Sovietization of the region.

It is also known in intelligence circles that Australia collaborated with Libya and the Soviets in fomenting the rebellion in New Caledonia, the French overseas territory vital to both French and U.S. security interests.

As charges were published that the

French intelligence service DGSE had sunk the ship, information was released saying that the ship had carried espionage equipment to analyze the testing of the French neutron bomb. The stated intention of the Greenpeace ship was to protest France's nuclear tests, by leading a fleet of small ships into the testing site, the Mururoa atoll.

It was also revealed that the person killed in the explosion, a Portuguese-born photographer, was a member of a Soviet peacenik front, the World Peace Council, and that the Greenpeace Paris office is at the same address as the KGB-linked pro-terrorist sect Longo Mai.

Prime Minister Laurent Fabius, acting on orders from President François Mitterrand, commissioned an investigation to carry out a "rigorous study" of the incident. Mitterrand sent a letter to New Zealand's Prime Minister David Lange, assuring him that France would "shed all light" on the affair.

French intelligence sources suggested that the sinking of the ship was a plot, instigated by the British—maybe in collusion with the Quai d'Orsay, the French foreign ministry—to discredit France in the South Pacific. According to French radio, the couple arrested with false Swiss passports were working for the defense ministry to ensure the security of France's nuclear tests. They were spying on the Greenpeace ship, but had nothing to do with its sinking.

Greenpeace announced that a new, much larger ship left Amsterdam on Aug. 18 to protest the French nuclear tests. In response, Mitterrand ordered

France's armed forces to prevent "by force if necessary" any attempt to enter the off-limits test zone.

While the president of the Gaullist RPR party, Charles Pasque, during a debate in the National Assembly called for the resignation of the premier, sources in Paris say that Defense Minister Charles Hernu is more likely to be sacrificed.

In the heat of the debate, few people care to take a look at the facts behind the scandal. The French weekly *Minute* says Greenpeace is "financed by large petroleum trusts and supported by the Soviet Union [which] uses the pacifist and humanitarian movements as the National Socialists in Germany did 50 years ago. This is the very same technique, using the very same feelings and the very same churches."

Emerging from the leftist anti-war movement and the Socialist International, Greenpeace was founded in 1971 in Vancouver, Canada, from where it spread out to Holland, Switzerland, Britain and its Commonwealth. It has been established that Greenpeace and its secretive "international council," which meets every year in Canada, are covertly funded by British Petroleum (BP), the British and Dutch oligarchy's World Wildlife Fund, and the leftist Protestant World Council of Churches.

These organizations all have close ties with the Soviet KGB. BP, for instance, is known for funding Iran's Tudeh party, a KGB asset. The World Wildlife Fund works closely with the Club of Rome and the International Institute for Systems Analysis, which both have heavy Soviet inputs. The World Council of Churches cooperates closely with the Russian Orthodox Church in "securing world peace," i.e. undermining Western capabilities internationally.