

WHAT IS FRANCOIS MITTERRAND?

April 15 — While the Gaullists have shattered their facade of indestructible unity presented over the past 15 years, the Left gives the impression of unity behind a single candidate — pseudo-socialist Francois Mitterrand. Actually, Mitterrand's opportunist politics identify him as an Anglo-American agent running on a pro-Rockefeller platform.

As reported in the French press April 12, Mitterrand openly stated his support of NATO and of further collaboration between the French military and the Atlantic Alliance. His pro-NATO stance has won the acclaim of various pro-CIA U.S. journalists.

Joseph Kraft writing in the April 5 **Washington Post** lauds Mitterrand for stressing as a primary objective the return of France to NATO. Writing from Paris April 11, Kraft is even more explicit: "Mr. Mitterrand, though supported by the Communists, favors an integrated Western Europe. So strong is his support for the Atlantic alliance that he startled Senator George McGovern by the vehemence of his insistence that American troops remain in West Germany."

Similarly, Mitterrand is the favorite of **New York Times** columnist C.L. Sulzberger. As the French daily **Le Figaro** put it (April 13), "Washington is not afraid of the next French president." They go on to predict that "Mitterrand will become a pillar of Atlantism...just like the socialists Wilson and Brandt."

Socialists Plan for Nuclear Defense of Europe

The French press revealed April 10 that highly placed members of Mitterrand's Socialist Party had just constituted three socialist reserve officers' associations which will campaign for the further development of a nuclear strike force. The same day **Le Monde** announced that the person in charge of the reserve officers' study groups will be Georges Sauge, a well-known red-baiter once responsible for the organization of anti-communist, extreme rightwing propaganda squads.

Sauge is also known for founding the CIA-inspired Centers for Higher Studies in Social Psychology in 1958 and for lecturing NATO officers on psychological warfare in the fifties and sixties. Through his classes at the NATO war college, Sauge was indirectly responsible for the vicious psywar programs instituted in Algeria during the war of independence.

Common Program with Communists Buried

As for the Common program adopted with the Communist Party of France (PCF) and the basis for the PCF's support of Mitterrand's candidacy — Mitterrand's unprincipled politics have humiliated Georges Marchais, Secretary General of the PCF.

On April 6, Socialist Party leader Pierre Mauroy informed the Communists that "since the Common Program of the left coalition is a government program" and since "Mitterrand is not the government but only one presidential candidate," he is by no means required

to base his electoral platform on the Common Program! (April 7 Radio Interview, France Inter.)

In a political about-face, the Communist-led CGT union is now supporting Mitterrand and his policy of "autogestion" — the very same policy of local control of the workplace that the CGT damned in March. Just last month, the CGT had vehemently denounced the Socialist Party union CFDT for its adventurism and its propensity "to lead minority actions detrimental to the interests of the working class." (M. Berteloot, CGT National Official). Now the CGT has gone so far as to cancel the traditional May Day parade on account of the election period!

Mitterrand's History:

The Career of an Anglo-American Agent

- A man who in 1952 stated his intention "to lead the struggle against communism on all levels...to use against it all existing laws, to expand them if necessary and, in particular, to declare membership in the Communist Party incompatible with administrative functions in the police and the military."
 - A 1954 Minister of the Interior who claimed that "Algeria is France," and that "the only negotiation is war."
 - A Brinkmanship specialist who endorsed the 1956 bombing of the Suez canal.
 - A "socialist" leader who currently seeks support from such CIA-controlled figures as Servan-Schreiber. A "humanist" who ruthlessly stamps out anti-capitalist tendencies in his party, the sole principled allies of the PCF.
 - A "constitutionalist" who in 1968 was ready to take power under any terms to defuse the mass strike.
 - An "intellectual," a "Jacobin" who mourns with a handful of Breton "nationalists" the loss of their "cultural heritage" and then immediately turns around to celebrate the virtues of "centralization" and national unity!
 - A man whose brother runs the Rockefeller-controlled French branch of the Sperry Rand corporation, while another brother is No. 2 in the French air force.
 - A man of whom **Washington Post** Paris correspondent Jonathan C. Randal wrote: "A telling indication of Mitterrand's respectability was provided by U.S. ambassador John Irwin who invited him to lunch at the Paris embassy residence in early February."
- As Gaullist unity continues to disintegrate, Jacques Chaban-Delmas is trailing pro-Rockefeller Giscard d'Estaing by about 5%; a loss of 10% in just one week. Meanwhile, the PCF and left Socialist Party elements nervously expect French workers to stay home from the polls in droves on election day, rather than vote for Mitterrand's austerity platform. Rockefeller is running two candidates, hoping to outflank hardline Gaullism's anti-NATO drive.