

Report from Paris by Katherine Kanter and Sophie Tanapura

Defferre caught in the SAC

"Gaullist" and Socialist gang wars show the falling out among thieves in the midst of the Massie affair.

A gangland-style war between opposing "Gaullist" and Socialist Party-run mafias has broken out in France as Gaston Defferre, the Socialist interior minister, is leading a purge of the so-called Gaullist mafia.

But far from cleaning out dirty drug, gun-running, and terrorist networks run by "Gaullists" located in Marseilles, Defferre is himself worthy of investigation for his 15-year "French Connection" past. Defferre is well known to be implicated in the drug, gun, and terror operations run out of Marseilles.

The most recent incident, one which points directly back to the Socialists, is the murder in July of the newly nominated police inspector of Marseilles, Jacques Massie, and five members of his family. Massie was a former SAC (Service d'Action Civique—Civic Action Service) boss for the Marseilles region until about a year ago.

Under French law, the SAC, created in 1958, is a perfectly legal group.

Originally, it was set up as a police force parallel to the anti-de Gaulle OAS to counter OAS terrorist actions during the French-Algerian war. Once that conflict was resolved, the SAC should have been dismantled.

Under Georges Pompidou, the SAC was purged in 1969, when Pierre Debizet, the right-hand man of Jacques Foccart (de Gaulle's chief of intelligence in Africa) took over the SAC to clean it out. Cur-

rently, Debizet is secretary-general of the national SAC.

Following Massie's murder, Debizet was interrogated and arrested for complicity in the murder. Why?

A reliable source, apparently not directly involved on either side, told the Communist Party daily *La Marseillaise* July 27 that Massie was a member of the "Sovereign and Military Order of the Temple" since 1977. This order, one of some 150 "Templar orders," related to the Freemasons, is headed by a certain Roger Holderbach.

According to *B comme Barbouzes*, a book by Patrick Chairouff put out by a Socialist publishing house that exposes Gaullist intelligence networks without revealing similar Socialist operations, Holderbach had a regular gun-running operation with Spain. Jacques Massie himself was involved in an arms sale some months ago to the Red Brigades ordered by the Italian para-Masonic P-2 lodge.

Massie was apparently closely connected to Defferre's Marseilles operations.

As early as 1969, purged SAC elements began to shift political camps, and went over to the Socialists. SAC members helped former RPR Gaullists-turned-Socialists in the recent legislative elections.

According to a recent issue of *Minute*, the right-wing weekly, Jacques Massie's uncle Yvon Massie had run as a Socialist in 1971; Jacques Massie's father-in-law

Maurice-Jules Jacquemes had also run in a 1965 municipal election as a Socialist.

Jacques Massie himself was formerly a Gaullist RPR party member. But Massie had worked in the election campaign of lawyer Michel Pezet, the first secretary of the Socialist Party in the Marseilles region.

Pezet, in addition to being Massie's lawyer since 1973, was involved in the liquidation of the shipping company Midi Containers, bought up by Massie's father-in-law, Jacquemes, who, according to *Minute*, grew wealthy from buying up bankrupted firms dirt cheap "with the discreet complicity of a high functionary of the city of Marseilles."

Jacquemes also worked with Charles "Milou" Emile-Loo, former close associate of Gaston Defferre and at one time treasurer of the Socialist Party.

So why was Massie killed? Massie was apparently planning to sell out to the Socialists. He was said to possess documents and lists of members of organizations like Francia, a right-wing "Gaullist" group dedicated to eliminating left-wing Corsican Liberation Front (FNLC) terrorists.

The left-wing paper *Liberation* has also reported that Massie may have had compromising pictures of Jean-Joseph Maria, current regional boss of the Marseilles SAC, that allegedly show Maria at the Ajaccio, Corsica airport on April 16, the day of a failed assassination attempt against former President Giscard.

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