

angrily barked at the dangerous "Pax Americana" and the "hold of the American colossus," counterposing the need for "Euro-Arab dialogue." Boumedienne gets his lines straight from the CIA's Hudson Institute.

These words, and the meetings themselves, play out the Trilateral Commission script written at Bellagio, Italy in October. France has been chosen to play the leading anti-Americans in an effort to outflank the Soviets with an "Independent Europe"-Arab bloc.

### Counterweight to the Soviets

Earlier in the week, France concluded \$1.4 billion of orders for industrial equipment from Iraq, the Soviets' lone Mid-east ally. Biting at the Bellagio bait, the Iraqis expressed admiration to visiting French Premier Jacques Chirac for France's "independent" refusal to participate in the Kissinger-organized 16-nation International Energy Agency. In turn, the Iraqis won an invitation, originally denied, to the French-led Group of 12's tripartite conference. French "Soviet expert" and Trilateral Commission agent Michel Tatu accompanied Chirac to Baghdad and hailed the meetings as a tremendous success in spearheading a European counterweight to Soviet influence in Iraq.

In addition, last week the French concluded an \$860 million arms deal with Saudi Arabia, involving the shipment of Mirage aircraft, medium tanks, anti-tank rockets and advanced anti-aircraft missiles. Members of the Saudi Arabian forces are reportedly being trained in France to handle the equipment. These deals are accompanied by Saudi "nationalizations" of Rockefeller oil companies.

France had also recently completed smaller deals with the Saudis' oil neighbors in Kuwait and Abu Dhabi. Saudi Arabia and Kuwait have both adopted increasingly bellicose positions toward Iraq in recent weeks.

In addition, "leftist" Egypt has received French Mirages, both directly and indirectly through re-routing from Saudi Arabia. Mirage shipments have also been sent to CIA counter-gang headquarters in Libya.

### BREZHNEV SUBJECTED TO PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE IN FRANCE

Dec. 7 (IPS)--Soviet party chief Leonid Brezhnev, desperate to salvage a remnant of his detente policy and sign trade agreements, has just finished a three-day stay in Paris. During his talks with French President Valery Giscard d'Estaing and other government leaders, Brezhnev was subjected to concentrated psychological warfare designed to aggravate his desperation and force him to make concessions in the trade accords.

It is a Soviet myth, fed by Rockefeller, that Gaullist France is a pro-Soviet rebel in the capitalist camp and that Giscard stands firm in the Gaullist tradition. This theme filled Russian newspaper features in the week prior to Brezhnev's visit.

In actuality, Brezhnev found the going rough in Paris. Concerning the European Security and Cooperation Conference (CSCE), a detente-age international forum to which Brezhnev attaches great importance, the French announced that their prime concern is "the free circulation of men and ideas." This is a European version of Sen. Henry Jackson's (D.-Wash.) campaign to link Soviet Jewish emigration with United States trade with the Soviets. After the talks, a token concession by Giscard was revealed: he will support the Russians in pushing for a final CSCE summit meeting of 35 countries next year. Brezhnev must have given in on the "free exchange."

### Trade Accords

According to the trade agreements signed in Paris, the Soviets will export natural gas to France for a 25-year period: 2.5 billion cubic meters a year until 1980, and then 4 billion cubic meters yearly. For a \$2.5 billion French credit at low interest, partially to cover purchase of large-diameter pipe for exporting the gas, the Russians lowered the price on the natural gas to at least one-half of their original demands; some reports say one-third. For the Soviets, who are counting on raw materials exports to earn foreign exchange, this is a panicky step backwards.

The other main feature of the deals is an aluminum plant which is to be built in southern Siberia by the French firm Pechiney, a conglomerate with ties, through its board of directors, to Rockefeller's Trilateral Commission. Repayment will be in aluminum. This project has been in negotiation for some time and it is unclear whether it has now been finalized.

### Full Blast Press Psywar

French Interior Minister Michel Poniatowski, a counterinsurgent thug, contrived to have Brezhnev blacked out of the press as the talks ended. "Indignant French journalists" are boycotting news coverage of the visit for a day, after an incident in which government security guards (whose boss is Poniatowski) assigned to Brezhnev tussled with journalists yesterday.

The CIA press in the United States, besides stressing the CSCE "free circulation" aspect of the talks, neatly played off the Brezhnev visit against the talks between President Ford and West German Chancellor Schmidt in Washington. With Moscow's vain hopes of an "independent France" in mind, the New York Times stressed that Schmidt and Ford will work to pull France closely into world energy politics. The Western European Union's meeting to discuss integrated Western European arms policy, which took place also in Paris, received major coverage as well.

## Communist Factions

After this strong dose of humiliation, and after being described by the French papers (before the black-out) as tired and sick-looking, Brezhnev was asked at a press conference if he is considering resignation. Breaking standard silence on such delicate matters, Brezhnev felt compelled to deny this. He was obviously shaken by Giscard's tough position, feeling the pressure against the detente policy to which he has tied his political existence.

Finally, Brezhnev paid a call on the French Communist Party (PCF). He spoke alone with the right-wing PCF head Marchais and spent a shorter time meeting with a larger party group, which included the crucial left-wing group around Roland Leroy. Their communique reflected Brezhnev's personal attitude and followed the pro-nationalist line of October's European Communist Parties meeting in Warsaw, by referring to the PCF's "sovereignty," or independence from Moscow. At a press conference a few hours before meeting Brezhnev, Marchais stated that he was ready to consider PCF participation in Giscard's government, should the left gain a legislative majority during Giscard's term of office.

## TRILATERAL COMMISSION TO FORM NEW JAPAN GOVERNMENT

NEW YORK, N.Y., Dec. 7 (IPS)--The Japanese Executive of Rockefeller's Trilateral Commission led by Saburo Okita moved to form the real government of Japan this week as Prime Minister-designate Miki was declared and declared himself incompetent to rule. Begging experts like Okita to feed him economic policy, Miki has called for "direct discussion" with labor--luring workers into co-participation from the front while Okita prepares them for mass unemployment and relocation to Iranian development hell-holes from behind.

The consensus of the U.S. and Japanese CIA press and capitalist circles is that Miki is "at best an in-and-out man in the Liberal Democratic Party (LDP)," meant to hold the LDP together temporarily through another round of Rockefeller economic attacks. Since, says the New York Times, "economics is one of his weak points" according to his advisors, he is "receptive to advice." It is only natural, the New York office of the Japanese financial daily Nikkei told IPS, that Rockefeller men Okita and ex-Finance Minister Fukuda do this advising--and that major policy in Japan is made through these informal channels.

Miki has been recently laundered by the Japanese press as "free of the aroma of money politics" in the wake of the financial scandal which helped to bring down former Prime Minister Tanaka. According to the Times, he will have the job of "convincing workers of the best way to solve economic issues"--that of Okita and his vast bureaucracy.