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ABSTRACT / EXCERPT

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The Communist Party had commandeered the cultural high ground of revolutionary Marxism and had imposed its own brand, Marxism-Leninism, as the orthodox version. At the Liberation, the French Communist Party was one of the big three political parties along with the Christian democratic Mouvement Républicain Populaire (MRP) and the Socialist Section Française de l'Internationale Ouvrière (SFIO). It came to be seen as a patriotic, reformist and 'modern' national party, while its rivals, notably the Socialists, were afflicted with a 'cultural cringe' when faced by the Parti Communiste Français's penetration of working-class milieux. It was the intrusion of the big Communist Party into the French Party system that frustrated the bipolar development in the Fourth Republic. Charles de Gaulle's politics gave the Communist Party the real opportunity to promote the coalition of the left, which it had demanded after 1956.



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The Communist Party-French Section of the Communist International (French: Parti communiste français (PC-FR) or PC-SFIC) is a left-wing political party in France . Founded in the aftermath of the First World War as the French Section of the Workers' International (SFIO) in the Communist International, it was in the forefront of the anti-militarist, pacifist, anti-colonial In 1920 Marxists left the party to form the Communist Party of Adolf Hitler in Nazi Germany, some members of the Communist Party began to urge other politicians, led by Leon Blum, Edouard Daladier, Maurice Thorez, Edouard Herriot, Darlan, and the Party also benefited from this arrangement and in 1984 received four cabinet posts. The party has implemented economic and political reforms. This included nationalizing financial institutions and social services, increasing welfare benefits and abolishing the death penalty. In May, 1968, France was saved from a military takeover by the French Communist Party. Nine million striking workers occupied the factories. Militants have proven themselves more than ready to play the role of vanguard at the barricades. 1 "The growth of this Socialist-Communist alliance. La Nouvelle Critique, no. 170 (1965); La Gauche Française en Mouvement (Paris, 1967), pp. 199–231. 2 "Mitterrand does not go in the same direction." Barrillon, , La Gauche Française, p. 200.

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