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## *Behind Frankfurt Riots*

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# Green fascists menace Germany once more

by Susan Welsh

Over 100,000 “greenie” environmentalists converged on the Frankfurt International Airport in West Germany Nov. 15, shutting down Europe’s third-largest airport and launching what they term an “ecological civil war” aimed to topple the government of Chancellor Helmut Schmidt. The demonstrators set flaming barricades on traffic arteries throughout the surrounding area, jamming traffic for miles around. Molotov cocktails, stones, and clubs were hurled at police, and an elderly woman died when her car was trapped in a mob of rioters.

Holger Börner, the governor of the state of Hessen, where Frankfurt is located, denounced the “greenie” opponents of his plan to expand the airport as *Nazis whose real aim is to destroy the democratic order and the rule of law*. Börner is Schmidt’s most important political ally, and has insisted on a policy of economic development for Hessen, despite “greenie” opposition.

The greenies use legalistic terminology about the “people’s will” in a way that reminds one of “Nazi jargon,” Börner said in an interview to the daily *Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung* Nov. 15. They twist things to accuse the state of injustice, while placing the very existence of the democratic state in jeopardy. “Goebbels began by talking about the Reichstag [parliament] as a ‘chamber for empty chatter,’ and the final result was the *Reichskristallnacht*”—the Nazi confiscation and destruction of Jewish property, Börner declared.

Just as the Nazi regime was created by London as a tool to destroy both Germany and Russia, so today’s green fascists are being deployed by Anglo-American elites against the Schmidt government.

### **Schmidt’s global role**

European Labor Party Chairman Helga Zepp-LaRouche issued a statement from her headquarters in Wiesbaden, Hessen’s capital (which was also invaded by greenies the day before), denouncing the “green fascists.” “Whoever overthrows Chancellor Schmidt jeopardizes world peace,” she stated, in a leaflet.

More than any other head of state today, Schmidt is responsible for the two “superpowers” not having yet plunged the world into war by miscalculation. Despite

pressure from Alexander Haig’s U.S. State Department, Schmidt has stuck to a policy of East-West détente, based on the idea that economic cooperation can underwrite a war-avoidance policy. Despite efforts of “foreign and domestic advocates” of “Global 2000”—a worldwide regime of zero economic and technological growth—Schmidt has insisted that urgent measures are needed to achieve economic recovery and growth. The alternative, as he has repeatedly underlined, is world war and fascism.

The protesters from the German greenie and “peace” movement are by no means a mere expression of what the *New York Times Magazine* recently called “the German malaise.” The movements are being orchestrated from the top by Schmidt’s enemies in London and Washington, and their domestic towel-boys. Schmidt’s Free Democratic Party coalition partners, who include his Foreign Minister, Hans Dietrich Genscher, and Interior Minister Gerhard Baum, are the most avid proponents of Global 2000 in West Germany. Social Democratic Party Chairman Willy Brandt, a British agent-of-influence since World War II and international spokesman for zero growth, is now in league with Alexander Haig and Britain’s Lord Carrington to topple Schmidt, as Brandt openly supports the rabble demonstrating against his own party’s Chancellor.

In a speech Nov. 9, Interior Minister Baum declared that the youthful violence is not a “criminal act” but rather a “social phenomenon.” “We should be more relaxed,” he said. “Some criminal desperadoes will not put this republic in question. It is we who could do so by our exaggerated reactions.”

### **Green fascism**

As the European Labor Party outlines in its leaflet, the West German greenies are becoming indistinguishable from Adolf Hitler’s fascist stormtroops, and in fact professed neo-Nazi number among the leadership of the Green Party.

The “green” demonstrations are organized along paramilitary lines, with helmets, leather jackets and boots for the participants. Squads are organized with a drummer and emblem-bearer at the fore. Once the official, “peaceful” protest is over—usually after an evening torchlight procession—the leaders announce to the crowds of young punks (many of whom are carrying plastic bags filled with bottles or other implements): “Okay, now do whatever you want.” Then the trashing and violence begins. One of the core groupings in the Hessen environmentalist movement, the *Grüne Liste Umweltschutz*, was headed until 1978 by a known neo-Nazi. His successor openly proclaimed that the left must take from the fascist movement of the 1930s what is useful, transforming it by a “Hegelian dialectic” to suit the needs of today!