

Behind the 'greening' of the NATO alliance

by Lonnie Wolfe

British-dominated European policy circles, working closely with U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig, are using the rabidly anti-nuclear Green "peace" movement in Europe to create a nuclear-armed Europe, under their control.

The plan calls for the expansion of environmentalist-sponsored violence and anarchy across the continent. The West German government of Chancellor Helmut Schmidt is targeted to be toppled. Once that happens, these NATO circles plan to create a British-dominated European Defense Community (EDC) as the core of a restructured NATO sometime before 1983. Such an EDC would carry out the NATO modernization decision, installing nuclear armed Pershing II and cruise missiles—but replacing the U.S. with a European command.

This plan has been the subject of discussions in NATO circles and in the U.S. State Department. Its biggest booster is said to be the British Foreign Office of Lord Carrington. The uproar caused by Greece's demand at the Dec. 8-9 NATO ministers' meeting in Brussels, for a renegotiation of its relationship with Turkey, is seen as furthering the scenario.

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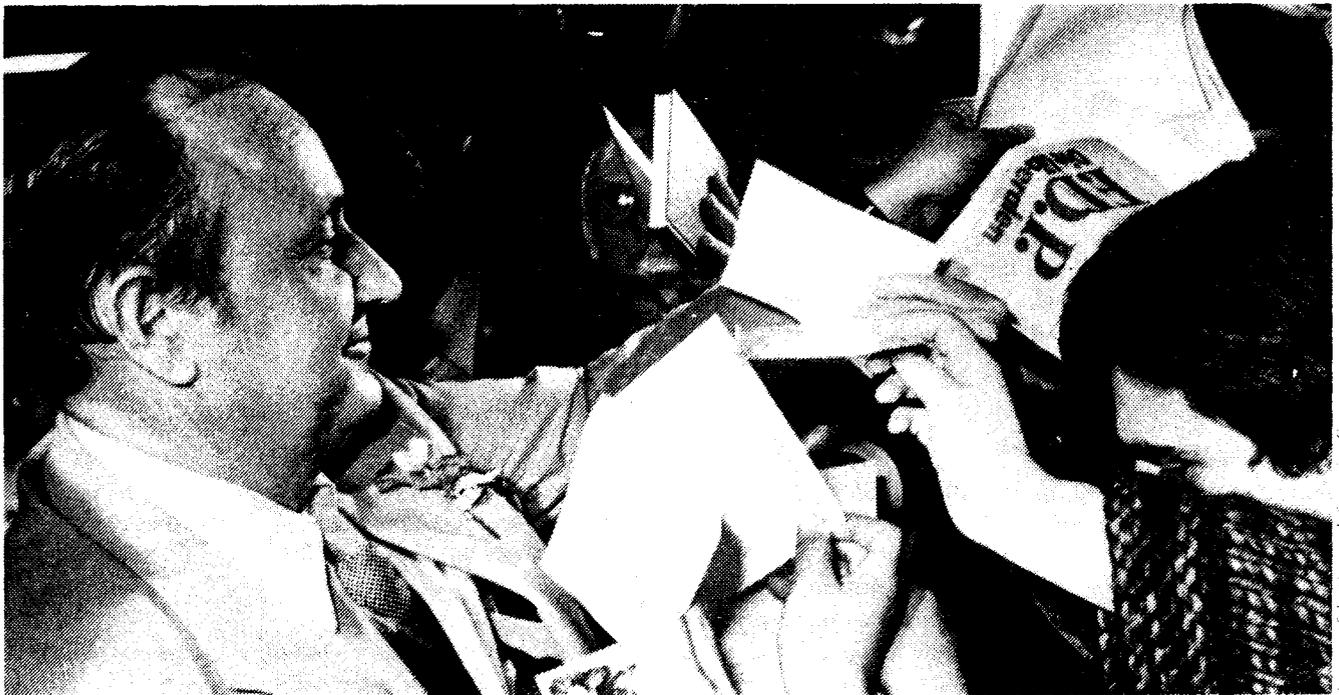
According to a scenario picked up from the NATO headquarters in Europe by a British-linked congressional aide, the U.S.-Soviet talks in Geneva on reduction of Theatre Nuclear Forces have been rigged by the Haig State Department to collapse or drag on indefi-

nitely. This will feed the further growth of the Green movement in Europe, producing more massive "peace" demonstrations. Such demonstrations are already a near-weekly occurrence; huge peace rallies recently took place in Amsterdam, and the communist government organized a demonstration of more than 250,000 in Rumania, a member of the Warsaw Pact.

The demonstrations, especially those in Western Europe, are intended to produce violent clashes and conditions of near anarchy, the aide reported. The prime target is the government of West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt, which is described as "hanging on by a thread." He suggested that "maybe a heart attack" could take care of the West German chancellor.

The Soviets think they are being clever, said a congressional source with extensive contacts in Europe, especially Great Britain. "They are pushing and encouraging the peace movement. We will coup their moves by re-creating NATO. The peace movement will feed a counter reaction. They will not come to power, but they will frighten people into putting in right wing governments . . . The peace movement attacks the imposition of American will on Europe—putting American nuclear missiles there that Europeans don't control . . . So the peace movement says Europe for the Europeans. That is just fine. Let the Europeans control their own destiny—through an EDC . . ."

The new NATO—the "green NATO"—will be centered around a supra-national EDC with powers that



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If Helmut Schmidt is ousted—a prerequisite for restructuring NATO—Foreign Minister Genscher may replace him.

will overcome questions of national sovereignty. Europeans, said the congressional aide, will effectively become “citizens of NATO” under such an arrangement.

“They call for a Europe of the regions. They say that the national sovereignty must be done away with. The irony is that their proposal has already been the program of the right wing . . . From the left, a Europe of the regions will never come into being.”

Instead, said the aide, who speaks regularly to advisers to British Foreign Secretary Lord Carrington, “what if the proposal were picked up by German Foreign Minister Genscher or British Prime Minister Thatcher in a call for a pan-European EDC . . . All but the hardcore crazies in the peace movement fall away. The others will share in this dream of a self-determining Europe, a Europe without nation states . . .” Genscher, he said, is a likely successor for German nationalist Schmidt, while both Thatcher and the new opposition the Social Democrats share this view.

Should the plan come to pass, the aide predicted that the U.S. would be free to redeploy much of its European-based forces into a Rapid Deployment Force for intervention in the Persian Gulf or elsewhere.

Implications

The Green movement has, since its inception in the late 1960s, had a curious relationship to NATO. For example, the Club of Rome, the leading environmentalist group in the world and founder of the zero-growth

movement, was created as a spin-off of NATO policy planning operations in 1969, by two former NATO operatives, Alexander King and Aurelio Peccei. Not surprisingly, the Club of Rome, under the direction of Peccei and King, has led an unending attack on the nation state, promoting a “Europe of the regions.” The Club of Rome coordinates the European environmentalist or Green movements, through such allied institutions as the Aspen Institute for Humanistic Studies in the United States and West Berlin.

The funding for the Club of Rome comes from such NATO-linked organizations as the Agnelli Foundation in Italy and the Volkswagen Foundation in West Germany, with banking from major corporations, such as the Seven Sisters oil multinationals. The same channels conduit money to the Green movements who have run the anti-NATO demonstrations in Europe.

The leaders of the peace movement are now openly admitting where their agitation will lead. Speaking at a public forum at Columbia University, Petra Kelly, the leader of the Green Party in West Germany, stated that the most likely outcome of the current Green agitation would be the formation of a nuclear armed EDC under European control.

“Anything is better than what we have now,” said Kelly, who was an aide to NATO-linked European Community figure Sicco Mansholt.

Congressional sources familiar with EDC scenario say that the Reagan White House is already aware of

the option. While they dislike its diminution of U.S. influence over Europe, they are being told by the State Department that the plan represents a viable worst case solution to the growing chaos in Europe and attacks on American defense policy.

The French government of Socialist François Mitterrand supports the EDC idea and the State Department backers are using this as an argument in its favor. France, they say, is now ready for a greater role in NATO and the EDC is the way to do it.

If Schmidt of West Germany is not forced out of office through Green agitation within his own party, the backers of the EDC within the Reagan administration plan to increase the pressure on the West German Chancellor until he falls. All it will take is for the U.S. to declare West Germany an unreliable ally, said a source, a move that is currently inhibited by President Reagan's personal admiration for the West German Chancellor.

NATO has grown into a tired institution, said the congressional aide. "It was always supposed to evolve into a Pan-European supra-national EDC, but this got held up one way or another. Now we're giving NATO a transfusion and the Greens are helping us revive the dead."

Some 'peace' supporters

Secretary of State Alexander Haig commented as follows on the actions of the 30,000-strong mob that rioted in West Berlin in antinuclear demonstrations on his arrival there on Sept. 20. He declared: "It has not escaped my notice that my presence here today has brought into the streets West Berliners who think less well of me and my country than I wish. In a sense, I obviously regret these demonstrations, but in a far more important sense, we should all draw deep satisfaction about the strength of democracy and a commitment to democratic institutions in this part of Berlin. All the anguish, the struggle, the determination that the Allies, the Federal Republic, and West Berlin have expended over the years to keep this city free have been worth the price. Many years ago, Voltaire, in speaking of another revolution, said, 'I disagree with what you say, but I will defend to the death your right to say it.'"

British Foreign Minister Lord Carrington, speaking at a Churchill Memorial in Luxembourg on Oct. 27, echoed Alexander Haig: "I disapprove of what you say, but I will defend to the death your right to say it," adding tongue-in-cheek, "Please be careful that your agitation does not unintentionally serve the purpose of the Soviet Union."

Casimir Yost, an influential NATO-linked policy adviser

to GOP Senate circles, said Oct. 30 in an interview provided to *EIR* that "Carrington is the real master. If we [the United States] follow his lead, we might save NATO as a meaningful force," and that Alexander Haig is the exception to "the morons and cowboys" running U.S. foreign policy. The peace movement is not such a bad thing, he added: "I know that it is scaring the hell out of people in the White House, and that is good. It gives Haig and the reasonable people more leverage. . . . Schmidt may not last, but Germany won't go over to the peace movement. It will go to the CDU [Christian Democratic Union] and that won't be bad for NATO. These peace movements are cynical. . . . NATO must be reformed to give Europe more of a say in decisions that affect them."

Yost, whose father Charles was a senior member of the Aspen Institute circles in Washington, and whose brother Nicholas coordinated the Global 2000/Global Futures projects under the State Department, is currently advising Global 2000 supporter Sen. Charles Mathias, Republican of Maryland.

John W. R. Taylor, the editor for 22 years of the authoritative British publication Jane's *All the World's Aircraft*, stated Dec. 9 in a press release that "With the cohesion of both NATO and the Warsaw Pact-alliances crumbling and the vast popular anti-war movements gaining strength, a massive and urgent reduction of nuclear weapons is clearly essential."

The Soviet weekly *New Times* stated in a November editorial: "The demonstrations in Paris, the mass rallies in Britain, the unprecedented manifestation in Madrid and other anti-war actions were met in the White House in so insulting a manner as to prompt the *Washington Post* to observe that 'it does no good for Americans to hector Europeans.' . . . Mass anti-war actions testify to the choice more and more people in Europe, and not only in Europe, are making. They choose the optimism of detente and peace and reject the stupefaction . . . caused by the insanity of the imperialist nuclear plans."

Soviet Central Committee Secretary Boris Ponomarev said in a speech Nov. 24 in Prague, as reported by *Pravda*: "In revealing the unsoundness and provocative meaning of attempts to attribute the present scope of the antiwar movement of 'Moscow's intrigues,' B. N. Ponomarev stressed that this movement is the independent response of broad strata of the Western population to the situation resulting from the U.S. administration's adventurist policy. Very different social and political forces including, incidentally, forces infested by anticommunist prejudices, rub shoulders in this movement and cooperate. . . . The socialists and social democrats are one of the most important components of today's peace-loving forces."