

The anatomy of a conspiracy

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The road to Helmut Schmidt's ouster from office is being paved by a group of conspirators directed from outside of the Federal Republic of Germany. This group is led by a clique of Swiss and London bankers, which has drawn all of its international assets into a centralized deployment against the West German Chancellor. The profiles of West German political parties, leaders, and social institutions developed at such think tanks as the London-based Tavistock Institute in the years following World War II are among the powerful weapons being used against Schmidt.

At the top-most levels of the conspiracy are the policy makers of the European oligarchy and their banking interests in London and the Bank for International Settlements (BIS) in Basel. Their goal is not simply the replacement of the Schmidt government, but as one American-based source familiar with the thinking in London and Basel stated recently, the "shattering of all German political institutions" and imposition of fascist austerity on Germany. "This is the 1930s all over again," the source said. The fascist transformation of Germany is intended to pave the way for a similar transformation of all Western Europe and a re-organization of NATO. Schmidt is viewed as the major obstacle to London and Basel's plans to use NATO for "out-of-area" colonial looting expeditions and population warfare in the developing sector, and to plans for strategic bluff against the Soviet Union.

The strategy of the conspirators has been to place Chancellor Schmidt into what British psychological warriors call a controlled aversive environment, under continuous attack both at home and from abroad. In late January, these sources were predicting that Germany would be plunged into political chaos, provoked by the growth of Germany's environmentalist movement and worsening economic conditions brought about primarily by the continuation of U.S. Federal Reserve Chairman Paul Volcker's high interest-rate policies. They outlined a number of potential branching points that would weaken Schmidt's coalition government with the Free Democratic Party and eventually pave the way for its break-up, the most important of which have been defeats for the Chancellor's Social Democratic Party (SPD) in the March 20 state elections in Lower Saxony, and the June

elections in Schmidt's home state, Hamburg. A similar loss of face for the SPD is hoped for in the upcoming September elections in the state of Hesse. The NATO headquarters in Brussels controlled the deployment of the Green Party, through such agents of influence as Petra Kelly, the protégée of NATO Secretary-General Joseph Luns, in these deployments.

In the United States, Alexander Haig's State Department worked behind Schmidt's back with opposition party leaders, up to the point of giving the green light for Schmidt's ouster. In the Defense Department, Undersecretary Fred Iklé, a member of a prominent Swiss banking family, has coordinated with other DOD officials and members of congressional staffs, to put "maximum pressure" on the Schmidt government and force its collapse. U.S. Ambassador to the Federal Republic Arthur Burns, himself an operative of the BIS, has worked behind Schmidt's back coordinating and pressuring the opposition to break with Schmidt's economic program.

Inside Germany, these forces have coordinated with the leadership of the Christian Democratic Union and the Bavarian-based Christian Social Union led by Franz Josef Strauss. The leadership of Schmidt's coalition partner, the Free Democratic Party, has functioned as deployed assets of the conspiracy.

The major U.S. media and most of the German press have served as the propaganda and psychological warfare arm of the conspirators. For example, *New York Times* Bonn correspondent John Vinocur takes his cues from Burns and NATO headquarters. German publisher Rudolf Augstein, whose *Der Spiegel* magazine promotes the Green movement, got his orders to publish a March 1982 muckraking attack on Schmidt's trade-union base directly from former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger, whom he met in New York.

The conspiracy reaches into the highest echelons of Schmidt's own Social Democratic Party. Party Chairman Willy Brandt, parliamentary caucus leader Herbert Wehner, and Deputy Chairman Egon Bahr, are all working behind Schmidt's back to force his ouster.

According to *EIR*'s sources, the conspiracy has taken place behind the back of President Reagan. Angelo Codevilla, an aide to Sen. Malcolm Wallop, told an interviewer in late January that the whole process could move much faster if only Reagan were out of the way.

Should Schmidt not be forced to resign, the conspirators are prepared to remove him by other means. Earlier this year, when it appeared that Schmidt might stabilize himself, frustrated spokesmen for the conspiracy were talking about the possibility of Schmidt being assassinated. Since the forces behind the conspiracy are the same people who control and deploy international terrorism, such talk is not wishful thinking.

Here we present the conspirators, in their own words, describing their sabotage of the Schmidt government.