

Why the world is laughing today at the great parties of the Federal Republic

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As the March 6 date for general elections comes close, all of the major political parties of the Federal Republic of Germany appear to be campaigning not against one another, but against a single slogan by the small European Labor Party. That slogan is "*Patentrezept*."

From former Social Democratic Chancellor Helmut Schmidt, writing in the weekly *Die Zeit* of Feb. 25, through many spokesmen for the Christian Democratic Union, and Hans-Dietrich Genscher's Free Democrats, as well as the SPD (Social Democratic Party), each party appears dedicated to one common policy. They all insist, loudly and often, that there is no *Patentrezept*—no "prescription" for the ailing economy.

The chief target of this strange commotion among the major parties is the chancellor candidate for the European Labor Party (EAP), Frau Helga Zepp-LaRouche, wife of the world-renowned economist Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr. To make the political spectacle in Germany all the more ludicrous, the orders have gone out to the press of the nation: "Helga Zepp-LaRouche is not newsworthy."

If Helmut Schmidt's explanation in *Die Zeit* is authoritative, the leaders of the major German parties appear to be rallying to the defense of U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz and Shultz's adviser, Henry A. Kissinger. It is Shultz's and Kissinger's policies which Schmidt argues that he is defending against Frau Zepp-LaRouche's terrifying word "*Patentrezept*."

What those parties' spokesmen appear to fear the most is the professional authority of Frau Zepp-LaRouche's husband. The big fear is the success of the LaRouche-Riemann quarterly forecast for the U.S. economy. Since this was first published, in November 1979, the LaRouche-Riemann fore-

cast has accurately forecast every trend in the U.S. economy, during a period in which the forecasts of all competing economists, the U.S. government included, have been consistently absurd. When Secretary Shultz shouts to the world that a U.S. economic recovery is beginning for 1983, and Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr. says Shultz is showing his typical incompetence in economic forecasting, the record says LaRouche is probably right and Shultz is probably absurdly wrong, as usual.

So, when Frau Zepp-LaRouche and her party say that there is a direct solution to the current world depression, and the big German parties' economists, with their usual incompetence, say that no solution exists, one understands why the EAP's "*Patentrezept*" slogan might cause that panic among Shultz, Kissinger, and the leading German parties which we have seen in the past several weeks.

Herr Schmidt is probably correct. Since August of 1982, Secretary Shultz's close collaborator, AFL-CIO President Lane Kirkland, has been interfering zealously in the internal affairs of Germany, demanding that German trade unions have no discussions with Frau Zepp-LaRouche. The U.S. embassies in Rome, Bonn, Madrid, Mexico, Colombia, and other countries have gone to the point of repeatedly, flagrantly violating U.S. federal laws by issuing false, defamatory statements against Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr., and his wife, Frau Zepp-LaRouche. The labor attachés of U.S. embassies, coordinated directly by Lane Kirkland and Paris-based Irving Brown, have been the worst offenders in circulating these wild lies, and even threats. Shultz, Kissinger, Kirkland, Brown, Helmut Sonnenfeldt, Michael Ledeen, and others of that crew are all one team. Kissinger has been personally involved in "dirty operations" against the LaRouches since 1974. In publicly defending Shultz and Kissinger against Frau Zepp-LaRouche's *Patentrezept*, Herr Schmidt is most probably pointing to the real source of the panic among Germany's politicians.

Herr Schmidt is somewhat more exact in describing the issue. In a book published in 1978, George Schultz claimed credit for the results of the international monetary conferences of 1972 and 1975. The first conference, in 1972, was a successful defeat of European efforts, then led by President Pompidou of France, to force the United States to halt the dangerous "floating exchange-rate" system which President

Nixon had set into operation, on advice of John Connally, Paul Volcker, and Henry Reuss, in August 1971. In 1975, at Rambouillet, Shultz and Kissinger dragooned Europe into crushing demands of developing nations for urgent monetary reforms. Now, the "floating-rate" system which Shultz and Kissinger "successfully defended" led most of the world into a new, general economic depression. Worse, leading bankers are now predicting a world financial collapse of between \$1 to \$2 trillion, probably to occur as early as March or April of 1983. Secretary Shultz is talking loudly of "economic recovery"—as U.S. President Herbert Hoover did under similar conditions, in 1931 and 1932.

Herr Schmidt argues: stay with the proven 1972 and 1975 experts of George Shultz and Henry Kissinger! That is what Herr Schmidt is saying, and what the CDU and FDP are doing. (The greenies are not concerned with such matters; they are rushing into the primeval forest, hoping that industrial society disappears altogether.) If the world economic depression were stopped, that would show a lack of confidence in Herr Schmidt's companions in that famous 1982 automobile journey to the Bohemian Grove in California—Messers. Shultz and Kissinger. A *Patentrezept* is an insult to the reputations of Messers. Shultz and Kissinger. Better the entire world should suffer, than Shultz and Kissinger be annoyed.

What do the voters of the Federal Republic think of all this? Pensions have been cut cruelly. The basic steel industry is being cut by approximately half. There is talk of reviving Hitler's "labor service" as a "solution" to growing unemployment, from spokesmen of both the liberal FDP and socialist SPD. Unemployment may well reach 6 million during 1983, the same level as at the moment of Adolf Hitler's rise to power. Every sign so far is that 99 percent of the voters will do as they are told to do. They will vote the party line, no matter what their party's line may be.

If the voters of the Federal Republic vote SPD, CDU, or FDP under these conditions, then the next thing to eliminate from German budgets is incomes of professionally trained physicians. Any out-of-work politician can practice medicine acceptable to such voters. No matter what the patient's complaint, this "physician" will look solemnly down his nose, and say: "There is no *Patentrezept*. You must learn to enjoy suffering."

The EAP program mandates the replacement of NATO's MAD military doctrine (Mutually Assured Destruction) with a strategic defense based on high-energy beam weapons capable of destroying intercontinental nuclear missiles. The second element of the program is a policy of world economic development which would eliminate the fundamental causes of war between the superpowers.

It is time, Frau Zepp-LaRouche argues, that the Germans rid themselves of the mentality of an occupied and divided nation, and act to shift the suicidal policies of the United States and the alliance as a whole.

NATO doctrines of "forward nuclear defense" have made

it clear to many Germans that a dominant faction of planners is assigning "all Germany between the Rhine and the Oder-Neisse borders the strategic destiny of a nuclear rubble-field in a theatre-limited conflict in central Europe." This fear has driven some West German politicians to fantasies. "Some dream of a neutralized, semi-unified Germany, hopefully to become a demilitarized buffer zone between the forces of the two super-power alliances. Like frightened and confused German tribal leaders of the time of the Roman Caesars, some Social Democratic Party and other leaders propose to flee from modern industrial civilization, into the barbarism of the Wagnerian *Urwald* [primeval forest]!"

In military policy, the Germans either submit to foolish Americans or grovel before the might of the East.

The fact is, Frau Zepp-LaRouche stresses, that current U.S. military policies are more or less as insane for the United States as they are for the Federal Republic.

The rottenness of current U.S. military policy, she says, can be traced to the expanded influence of the British in the United States after World War II. Henry Kissinger, in a speech in the spring of 1982, admitted that he and other U.S. Secretaries of State had effectively served as British agents, consulting with British officials in preference to the U.S. President.

British policy for Germany in the postwar period was originally the "Morgenthau Plan" to shut down the country's industry and mining and slash its population. When the growth of Soviet power and nuclear weapons made this plan unfeasible, the Western occupying powers allowed a reconstruction to begin in West Germany.

Until MAD, Anglo-American policy toward Germany had been designed to maintain, but not expand, the scientific and industrial capabilities of the Federal Republic. But, Frau Zepp-LaRouche states, once the 1969-72 process of engaging the Soviet leadership in arms-control negotiations to prevent the military breakthroughs that would challenge the MAD "balance of terror began," "Anglo-American policy toward Germany shifted markedly. Turning the Federal Republic into 'post-industrial society' became the dominant policy-trend of the 1970s."

"If we might blame the Anglo-Americans for imposing this MAD doctrine upon us," states Frau Zepp-LaRouche, "we must blame ourselves for accepting this policy with such submissiveness."

If the economic depression in the West, caused by the same advocates of "post-industrial society" who are responsible for MAD, is continued, an accelerating shift in the military balance of forces to Soviet advantage will occur.

The solution is two-fold: "We must force such drastic changes in international monetary policies as are needed to relaunch expanding world trade in high-technology capital goods, focussing on massive flows of credit for this purpose into the developing sector. *Second, Washington and Moscow must agree on the development and deployment of strategic defensive systems.*"