
West Germany's 'Hot Autumn'

The tactics behind the planned violence

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The West German "hot autumn"—the project of the "peace" and environmentalist movements deployed and funded by the networks of the Western oligarchy running international terrorism, and the Soviet KGB—was launched Sept. 1 in the small Swabian village of Mutlagen, to tremendous fanfare from the West German media.

There, if all goes as the demonstrators plan, heart-rending events will occur. The original script, from the Hamburg weekly *Die Zeit*, states that: "On Sept. 1, 44 years after the start of World War II, dozens of world-renowned Germans will sit down in front of the gates of the American airfield, among them Heinrich Albertz and Helmut Gollwitzer, the angry old men of the Church; the ailing Nobel laureate Heinrich Böll and Günter Grass. . .; the 88-year-old William Born alongside Erhard Eppler and Oskar Lafontaine and Wanter Dirks. These venerables do not want to 'belong to the silent ones ever again' "

For three days, these "fragile old men," as *Die Zeit* calls them, plan to persist in their "blockade of the prominent ones," by completely surrounding the air base. As of Sept. 1, the U.S. army was airlifting supplies to the base, because the West German government had done nothing to remove the protestors.

The old men are there to protest against the stationing of Pershing II missiles, and serve as an example for what the peace movement calls non-violent resistance. The idea for this action originated with Klaus Vack, who has been building extra-parliamentary opposition movements since 1960 and is now spokesman for the "Committee for Basic Rights and Democracy." He views the Mutlagen sit-in as a grand chess move: "This is going to cause the government problems. I cannot imagine that the government could risk having pictures taken of such fragile old men, beyond suspicion, being dragged away by young policemen. Böll in prison? That would spread around the world. Such a thing cannot be decided by the Interior Minister of Baden-Württemberg alone. He will have to get back-up from Bonn. But if the authorities do not take them away, then all the talk about the anarchists who are trying to throw Germany into chaos will be ended once and for all."

Vack's scenario is over 50 years old. Lord Bertrand Russell, one of the most evil men in this century, laid the cornerstone for the 1960s anti-war movement in the 1930s. In 1937

Russell and Aldous Huxley founded the Peace Pledge Union. That did not stop Russell from demanding a U.S. preventive nuclear strike against the Soviet Union in 1946, before the Soviets had their own nuclear arsenal. Russell envisaged an Anglo-Saxon "world government," with the monopoly over nuclear weapons. When the Soviet Union obtained the H-bomb, Russell had to rethink his preventive strike. So, in 1957 he organized the foundation of the Pugwash Conference. He also spawned the "Ban the Bomb" movement of the 1950s, to undermine President Eisenhower's "Atoms for Peace" and the potential for fruitful cooperation with the Soviet Union.

In 1958, Hans Werner Richter became the leader of the West German Ban the Bomb Movement. He was elected world chairman of the movement in London one year later. Richter's "Group of 47," from which emerged the Grünwalder Circle, the initial spark for the "New Left" and the SDS, included as members the same "angry old men" we find again 36 years later in the "sit-in of the prominent ones" in Mutlagen.

Beloved as they are by the media, such tearjerking scenes cannot escape the fact that the coming "hot autumn" will be non-peaceful in the extreme, planned in every detail as if by a general staff, and still being planned. The expected actions range from terrorist assaults and sabotage operations, to civil-war style outbreaks which are to leave the state no choice but either to uphold the principle of law, and if necessary, not refrain from mass arrests and similar measures—or surrender. If the state surrenders, then, by the *Die Zeit* prophecy, Chancellor Helmut Kohl will have to confess his impotence, and utter the "liberating words: the cruise and Pershings missiles unfortunately cannot be stationed here; the NATO double-track resolution is politically unrealizable."

Wolfgang Sternstein, a "peace researcher" in Stuttgart, has been readying this hot autumn "for 20 years," in his own words. If it goes according to his plan, "the state will be pushed to the very limits of its capacity to rule." If this fall's actions are unsuccessful, and the Pershings are stationed, he has further action ready: the "non-violent riot," understood as an escalation of "non-violent resistance."

Personally, Sternstein intends "to attempt to storm a munitions depot with friends and destroy nuclear warheads." Being prepared for martyrdom is an overpopulated profession. Numerous papers are spreading the nightmare that a West German, or perhaps Dutch, demonstrator, will be shot on American military property.

Jo Leinen, the spokesman of the Association of Citizen Initiatives for the Environment, demanded last October that "the Federal Republic be made ungovernable." A general staff stands ready, and—thanks especially to media demagoguery—an army of up to 3 million demonstrators. As well, a roughly 10,000-strong elite troop operates with guerrilla-warfare methods parallel to the demonstrations, according to information gathered by West Germany's Office for the Protection of the Constitution.