

# The case of Karl Prinz: terrorist clearing house in Bonn's U.S. embassy

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Research during the middle of December 1983 has revealed that a considerable part of the coordination between the German and American peace movements has been developed through the assistance of an official in the higher diplomatic service in the German embassy in Washington, D.C. This assistance includes establishing contacts, financial and logistical support, and participation in the information network of the pro-terrorist German newspaper *tageszeitung (taz)*.

This connection became apparent when it was confirmed that the founding of a project called **U.S.-Euro-Links**, formed by *taz* activists and their American counterparts, took place in the private home of the third press secretary of the German embassy, **Karl Prinz**. The West German embassy in the United States is under the direction of Hans-Dietrich Genscher, Germany's foreign minister. U.S.-Euro-Links was established around September-October 1983, at 2801 Mexico Avenue, Washington, D.C., and was founded by the following individuals, all of whom have direct contact with Karl Prinz:

**Martin Kilian:** Kilian has been responsible for reporting on the United States for *taz* for some time. In the spring of 1981, Kilian wrote an article for *taz* on the unsuccessful assassination attempt on President Reagan in gleeful tones. During this time, the **Yippie Organization** gave the Berlin office of *taz* as its German contact address. The Yippies held a meeting in New York shortly before the assassination attempt which featured posters reading, "Now Is the Time to Kill Reagan," "Reagan is Already Dead," and "Shoot Bush First." When in the Federal Republic of Germany, Kilian usually stays with his *taz* co-worker **Stefan Schaaf**. In Berlin, Kilian also knows **Ekkerhart Krippendorf**, well-known as a theoretician of the Autonomist movement and active in the Berlin Free University (FU). Presently, Kilian is seeking, with Prinz's help, to gain accreditation as a journalist for press conferences at the White House. Kilian also carried out research along with a *Stern* journalist in Washington on CIA financing of German individuals such as Axel Springer.

**Sylvia Sanides-Kilian:** married to Martin Kilian, active in the American women's and peace movements.

**Phil Hill:** Hill accompanied **Rudolf Bahro** on his brief tour of the United States, which was arranged by U.S.-Euro-Links. During Bahro's tour, **Klaus Wolschner**, also of *taz*, stayed in Prinz's home. Wolschner took over the job of re-

porting on Bahro's tour, after which Bahro emphasized the need for a "new stimulus" for the Greens, to come from the **Bagwan** sect, a mystical, aquarian cult founded in India, now based in a small city in Oregon. The sect has branches throughout Europe, especially Germany, and is much admired by Green Party members. Karl Prinz also seems caught up in this Bagwan fever, and himself made a visit to Baghwan headquarters in Oregon, and seems to have taken up listening to "Bagwan music."

**Rita Dommermuth and Linda Bullard.**

**Michael Fischer:** Fischer is active with *taz* and lives at Prinz's home when in the United States. He earns his living through import and sales of Mercedes-Benz vehicles in the United States, using the garage at Prinz's apartment house for storage. Fischer is also active in the Anthropological Institute of the Free University in Berlin, and is noted for his frequent travels. In October he was in Sicily and had contact there with the anti-Comiso groups, groups mobilizing to block the installation of U.S. cruise missiles in Comiso. He probably met there with the leader of the Italian **Partito Radicale**, Marco Panella. Afterward, he was again in the United States, and, since the middle of December 1983, he has traveled in the Federal Republic.

The address given for the office of U.S.-Euro-Links on its stationery is that of Prinz. Extensive telex communication has taken place between that office and *taz*, the office of the Greens in Bonn, and so forth. Prinz's residence is one of the contact points for any greenie, peace movement member, or individual connected with *taz* who wishes to travel in the United States and who requires information about contacts and other kinds of support. All "prominent" greenies who have traveled in the United States are well acquainted with U.S.-Euro-Links and have, for the most part, stayed at Prinz's residence: This includes, among others, **Rudolf Bahro**, **Petra Kelly**, **Gert Bastian**, **Otto Schily**, **Roland Vogt**, and **Eva Quistrop**. Such individuals are not restricted to the so-called "Salon Grünen" [respectable greenies]; there are also extensive contacts with groupings of the American and German terrorist fringe.

U.S.-Euro-Links is in contact with the following American groups and persons:

**Mother Jones** magazine, a counterculture outlet with a

preaching-moralistic style and content comparable with the anarchist **Pflasterstrand**.

**Pacifica Radio**, a group of radical "alternative" radio stations.

*The Progressive*, a left-liberal magazine.

**The Institute for Policy Studies**, (IPS) well known for years as coordinating activities on the extreme-left scene, and has important international connections. IPS activists such as **Richard Barnet** and **William Arkin** have been for some years important sources of ideas for the German peace movement. Barnet was a speaker at the landmark Berlin peace conference in May 1983 (see *EIR*, June 14, 1983); Arkin was one of those who produced the first version of the notorious "Map of Nuclear Placements," which was published in *Stern* magazine and also in *taz* and which has served as the master plan for actions and attacks against military installations in the Federal Republic. Arkin has contacts with the Political Division of the West German embassy in Washington which, according to its own reports, furnishes him with intelligence.

**Coalition for a New Foreign and Military Policy**, an American group that is part of the freeze movement.

Additionally, there are contacts with left-liberal congressmen and the **Black Caucus** of the Democratic Party.

### Connections with the terrorist fringe

U.S.-Euro-Links also has relations with individuals which indicate connections to the German and American terrorist fringe.

First of all, *taz* itself must be considered as part of this spectrum. *Taz* is still the co-publisher of the Berlin propaganda magazine *Radikal*, best characterized as the propaganda

rag for the **Revolutionary Cells** and the so-called Autonomous Groups. A whole series of *taz* activists comes out of the RAF (the Red Army Faction; formerly the Baader-Meinhoff gang) or its periphery. *Taz* and *Radikal* have been and continue to be the object of numerous intelligence agency investigations on questions of national security.

On the American side, U.S.-Euro-Links has connections with the following individuals:

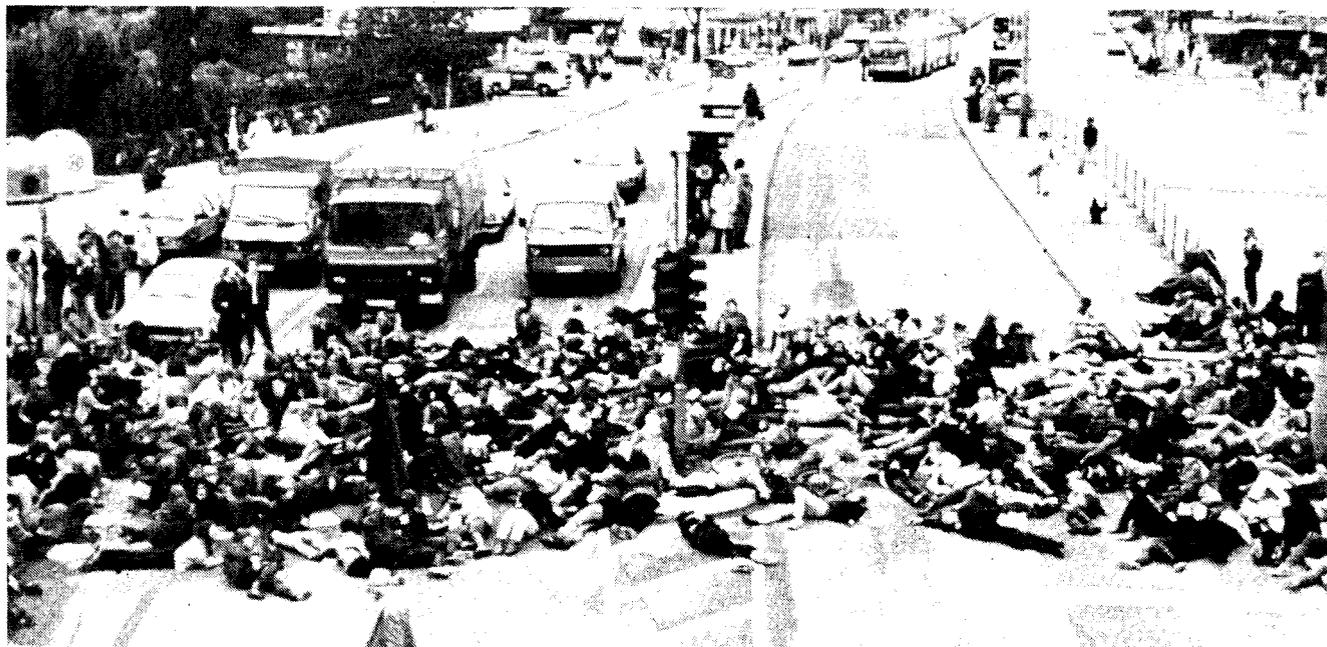
**Murray Bookchin**, leading activist in the anarchist group **The Black Rose Collective**.

**Juliet Ucelli**, active in the **New York Marxist School**.

**Katrin Greve**, German citizen from Berlin, resident for approximately nine months in the United States and active in the **Peace Center** and **Action Reconciliation**, the sister organization of the German group **Aktion Sühnezeichen**.

Murray Bookchin's Black Rose Collective has been the object of investigation since the early 1970s by Canadian authorities. The American professor of linguistics **Noam Chomsky** is a member of this Montreal-based group, which has numerous connections within the United States, as is the Greek **Dimitrios Roussopoulos**. Connections with the Black Rose also lead to the Vancouver, British Columbia-based magazine *Open Road*, which had contact with the terrorist group the **George Jackson Brigade**, active in the mid-1970s. The Seattle-based **Partisan Press**, which has published various pro-terrorist books, such as *Without a Trace—A Manual of Disorder*, belongs to the same circles. Founder of the Partisan Press is **Helen Ellenbogen**, who translated the book of the Berlin terrorist "**Bombi**" **Baumann** into English.

The New York Marxist School is a linchpin for the entire spectrum of the American extreme left. It overlaps with the group around the New York *Semiotex* magazine and an older



*The peace movement in action: disrupting the city of Hamburg, autumn 1983.*

group, the **Committee Against Repression in Italy**. Both provide support for **Toni Negri** and the Italian **Red Brigades** and Autonomous Groups. Juliet Ucelli of the New York Marxist School also had a meeting with Rudolf Bahro during the latter's stay in New York City.

Katrin Greve of Action Reconciliation identifies herself, according to her own statements, with the violent, extreme-left group **Revolutionary Communist Party (RCP)** (see article, p. 59). Greve, whose profile is that of the action-oriented Autonomous Groups, is also in contact with the **Schweizerischen Friedensrat**, (Swiss Peace Council), in Zürich, which among others is identified as the contact place for the Anti-Comiso groups and is connected with the **Plasterstrand** in Frankfurt, a.M.

She also stands in close connection with the circles around Prinz, Kilian, and Fisher, and reports on the blockades and other activities of the German peace movement in great detail in the RCP-journal **Revolutionary Worker**.

The RCP is also ideologically congruent with the committee **World Without Imperialism**, which has its headquarters in Berkeley, California. A group of RCP activists has been traveling since November 1983 in the Federal Republic, and participated in actions against U.S. military installations. The contact point for this group in Germany is the "World Without Imperialism Contingent," reachable through the General Student's Committee of the University of Cologne, Universitätsstrasse 16, Cologne. In a newsletter which was published by this group in the United States, Katrin Greve's address is given as a contact place. The theme of this newsletter was, "Withdraw from war-mongering America—Form a front with Europe! Down with the Pershing and cruise missiles and all war preparations in West and East! For a world without imperialism, against imperialist war!"

This RCP grouping traveled to Berlin at the end of October, where they stayed for some time in the **Mehringhof** building, the Berlin center for the general counterculture and anarchist scene. Contacts also exist to the group around **Radikal**, the group referred to above on which the American RCP has reported.

In the beginning of November, the RCP group participated in the Cologne Action Conference. Along with participation in various actions, the emphasis of the group has been on contacts with American soldiers. In Cologne, Berlin, and Frankfurt the group has contacts with the Turkish organization **ATIF**, which is part of the RAF periphery. The ATIF group belongs to the supporters of the armed occupation of the Cologne Turkish General Consulate in November 1982 and probably has connections with the Düsseldorf attacks at the beginning of September.

During the violent actions during the blockade in Frankfurt-Hausen, an American was noticed mixing in with the members of the Autonomous Groups. This American belonged to the Frankfurt group **American Citizens in the Federal Republic of Germany Against the Pershing and**

**Cruise Missiles**. Members of this group are the Americans **Ruth Turner** and **Keith Chamberlain**, who live in Frankfurt. Chamberlain is the student-minister of the **Frankfurt Evangelical Church Student Union (ESG)** and has connections with the Mainz ESG-minister **Hans Michael Arndt**. Arndt is one of the principal activists of the Mainz/Wiesbaden Revolutionary Cells scene, which has activities throughout the Federal Republic. Additionally, material on the **Fight Back** group is obtainable through Arndt's office. Fight Back, the "revolutionary voice of GI in the USAREUR" is also allied with the RCP.

### **Financial sources of U.S.-Euro-Links**

The following organizations and individuals have surfaced as contributors to U.S.-Euro-Links:

**The German Marshal Fund (GMF)**. The GMF is a prominent private American foundation which is to create "exchange of ideas and practical experiences" between the United States and other countries. The outlook of this foundation was essentially determined by **Willy Brandt** from the German side and by **Averill Harriman** and former occupation High Commissioner **John J. McCloy** on the American side. The GMF has contributed importantly in the past to the dissemination and consolidation of the greenie, counter-culture, environmentalist, and peace movements. In August 1983, a conference in Berlin was held by the Aspen Institute entitled, "Do Extra-Parliamentary Movements Endanger Democracy?" The Aspen Institute cooperated closely with the GMF. **Wolfgang Sternstein** who had already vociferously announced that the Federal Republic would be made "ungovernable," and, in accordance with that announcement, introduced a new phase to the "resistance movement" with the break-in at Mutlanger, appearing there along with **Jo Leinen**, who has connections with U.S.-Euro-Links. One of the Berlin contacts, who works closely with the GMF, is **Monika Schmidt**, who also recommended that the visitors from the U.S.A. form contacts with U.S.-Euro-Links and Karl Prinz.

**Pennsylvania Council for Humanism**, Philadelphia.

**The Funding Exchange**, New York.

**Bread and Roses**, Philadelphia, an organization to which **Abbie Rockefeller** has connections.

**Carlo and Ping Ferry**, New York.

**A. J. Muste and Wendy Schwartz**, New York.

Other organizations and individuals which have emerged as financial sources are: **the Mott Foundation**, **the Veach Foundation**, **the Carnegie Endowment**, **Graham Wisner**, **Glenn Stassen**, and **the Wade Green Organization**.

One of the short-term goals of U.S.-Euro-Links is the creation of an "advisory board," formed out of "interested" persons and organizations—up to now, among others, the **BBU**, the **Green Party**, **Eva Quistrop** and from the American side **Jim Cohen** of the Environmental Task Force, **Jane Midgley** of the Euro-Missile Group, **Dave Cortright** of SANE, and **Robert Borosage** of the Institute for Policy Studies. Such are the networks of Mr. Karl Prinz.