

# Greens are Nazis: Many are now echoing Schiller Institute's charge

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In January, the Green parties of France, the Federal Republic of Germany, the French- and Dutch-speaking parts of Belgium, and the Grand-Duchy of Luxemburg filed a law suit against the Schiller Institute in France. The suit charges that a "Day of Resistance" leaflet against the Greens distributed by the Institute on Oct. 17, 1984 was "slandering and libelous." The five Green parties also sued the Paris daily *Le Monde* and its director, André Laurens, for publishing the Institute's paid advertisement on that date.

In mid-February, it was announced that the German Green Party is suing West Germany's Europäische Arbeiterpartei (EAP) and its chairwoman, Helga Zepp-LaRouche, for the same leaflet.

In the contested leaflet, the Schiller Institute and the EAP called the Greens a Nazi movement with extensive links to terrorists and Soviet bloc intelligence agencies, out to topple the West German Republic and constitution just as the Nazis destroyed the Weimar Republic, and, in the process, destroy the Western alliance.

The Greens claim these charges are slanderous.

The law suits are a risky undertaking for them. The Schiller Institute and EAP have extensive dossiers on the Nazi ideological character of the Greens, on their membership, which is riddled with old and still practicing Nazis as well as a new generation of the same, on the Greens' links to terrorism, and on their East bloc connections. Moreover, the suits are filed as many other voices from all parts of the political spectrum, in many cases otherwise unfriendly to the EAP and Schiller Institute, are also publicly observing the Greens' likeness to Hitler's movement.

Among the personalities who will be called on by the Greens to testify for them is Social Democratic chairman Willy Brandt. This raises an interesting question: Will Brandt claim that the Greens are not Soviet agents? Brandt kept East German agent Günther Guillaume, since convicted, as his personal assistant while chancellor. His government was toppled in 1974 because of Guillaume's discovery. Many wonder about Brandt himself. In any case, he will have some trouble in establishing his expertise on who is and who is not a Soviet or East German agent.

The Schiller Institute and EAP dossiers are in part includ-

ed in a just-issued *EIR* special report. The 180-page report (available in French at US\$250), is built around 185 documents, press articles, statements, quotes, and events which provide a thorough profile of the Green leadership. Among these are the statements of no fewer than five West German federal ministers, three state governors, and 15 deputies in the federal parliament, all characterizing the Green Party in a manner consistent with the contested leaflet.

## Greens and Nazis

The report quotes many sources characterizing the Greens as a movement with an irrationalist "blood and soil" ideology similar to that of the *Wandervogel* (Weimar youth movement) and other movements which gave birth to Nazism. The sources include the Greens themselves. For example:

- Bavarian Gov. Franz-Josef Strauss wrote in the *Bayernkurier* (Dec. 1, 1984) that, "the [Green] 'movement' is dominated by forces far away from idealistic people of good will [just as] the Nazi bosses used all the irrationalist currents as their instruments."

- Silvana Konieczny, a prominent Jewish writer associated with Simon Wiesenthal's center in Vienna, wrote in *Welt am Sonntag* (Nov. 11, 1984) that the Greens' "biogenetic worldview is equivalent to the belief in a superior race predetermined by nature. In present environmentalist tendencies, the old myths of blood and soil associated with the demand for living space (*Lebensraum*) are blossoming again. . . . [There is] a historical tendency for the browns to put on green coats."

- At the Hamburg Green Party convention (Oct. 25, 1984), a leading Green Party spokesman, Rainer Langhans, stated from the rostrum: "We can learn certain things from Brother Hitler." Another leading spokesman, Rudolf Bahro, stated, "The rehabilitation of irrationality and of the myth is necessary." In his keynote address at the convention, Bahro also acknowledged "the similarity between the way the Nazis got into power and the Green modus operandi."

- On Oct. 23, 1984, law professor Martin Kriele got warm applause from a Green audience after reading a text concerning the right of a population to resist the government;

after this ovation, Kriele added: "I wanted to tell you that what I have just read is excerpted from *Mein Kampf*."

● On Oct. 17, after Green member of the Bundestag Joschka Fischer had shouted at the podium, "You are an asshole, Mr. President," Christian Democratic Deputy Seiders charged: "The methods that you are using have already once led to the destruction of a democracy, the Weimar Republic."

● The Archduke Otto von Hapsburg, member of the European Parliament, in an article published in *Deutschland-Magazin* (December 1984), charged the Greens with "misusing parliamentary immunity according to the cynical words of the young Goebbels when he was first elected to the Reichstag: 'I am not an MdR [member of the Reichstag], but an IdI, that is, the holder of an immunity; I can now do what I want.'"

The *EIR* report quotes similar statements from: Christian-Social Union (CSU) Secretary General Edmund Stoiber, Christian Democratic Union (CDU) Secretary General and federal Family Minister Heiner Geissler, CDU defense specialist Juergen Todenhöfer, CDU parliamentary group leader Alfred Dregger, former Bundestag chairman Rainer Barzel, CDU members of the Bundestag Wissman, Aigner, Fuchshuber, Seiders, and Stratman, as well as leading Jewish newspapers in Israel, Europe, and the United States, the Israeli ambassador to Bonn, and so forth.

A Green calendar was published in Germany and in Switzerland, which, under the cover of "anti-Zionism," made such outrageous anti-Semitic statements as "The Jews have crucified Christ"; it had to be banned in both countries. A Green leader from Cologne, Michael Engelman, stated: "The more foreigners there are in Germany, the more it is polluted."

The Nazi politics of the Greens are a direct historical continuation of Hitler's, not merely a revival. Among the Greens leadership ranks are such figures as Werner Vogel, in charge of race policy in Hitler's Interior Ministry; old Nazi Party official Gustine Johannsen, who praises Hitler to this day; and August Hausleiter, formerly of the SS who was compelled to resign from the Greens' executive when his leadership of an organization banned under anti-Nazi provisions of the West German constitution was revealed.

The Greens are also riddled with neo-Nazis. The Green organization in Berlin was dissolved after it became known that it was completely under the control of members of illegal neo-Nazi organizations. Karl-Heinz Hoffmann, indicted for neo-Nazi propaganda, stated at his trial: "The Greens would have kissed me, had they known how green I am." Said Michael Kühnen, whose organization Aktionsfront Nationale Sozialisten has been banned as Nazi: "I think united fronts [with the Greens] are possible. I remind you of the fact that [neo-Nazi leader Manfred] Röder called for demonstrations against Brokdorf [nuclear plant]. I am in full agreement with that."

## Greens and communists

The Green Party and the "peace movement" are also riddled by KGB and East bloc agents and assets, especially in Hamburg. The *Süddeutsche Zeitung* reported on March 3, 1983: "According to the Interior Ministry, the Greens are financing their actions with the help of funds coming from East Germany. The spokesman of the Interior Ministry in Bonn, Wieghard Haerdtl, mentioned . . . links between the DKP [German Communist Party], which is clearly financed by the German Democratic Republic [East Germany], and the Greens." *Die Welt* also reported on the same date that "Interior Minister Friedrich Zimmermann thinks that the Greens are supported financially at least indirectly by communist countries. . . . Zimmermann cannot state that East Germany gives direct financial support to the Greens, but 'it is clear that organizations influenced by the communists are working hand in hand with parts of the Green movement.'" Zimmermann also stated: "The Communists have explicitly included in their action program that the Green movement must be infiltrated. There is a common program between the Greens and the Communists." Zimmermann also stresses, "The DKP has received 100 million marks from East Germany."

Moscow has also cultivated more public connections to the Greens. Green leaders Petra Kelly and Gen. Gerd Bastian have visited Moscow at the personal invitation of Kremlin leaders. On Dec. 17, 1981, the *Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung* reported that "Soviet ambassador to Bonn Semyonov has received representatives of the Executive Committee of the Greens. . . . The embassy has made public that Semyonov shares the concern of the Greens concerning the deployment of new U.S. nuclear weapons in Europe." According to *Die Welt* (March 2, 1983), "*Pravda* has underlined that the 'clear and neat positions' of the Greens have made their entry into the Bundestag possible." A Green delegation went to Moscow in October 1983, and praised Andropov's proposal for Geneva. On Oct. 28, 1983, Green spokesman Otto Schily stressed the "identical views" of the Soviet Union and the Greens on the NATO arms buildup.

Similarly, the Green cooperation with East Germany runs deep. *Neues Deutschland*, the official newspaper of the East German Communist Party (SED), wrote in January 1983 in favor of "working together [with the Greens] against NATO, nuclear power stations, and for the defense of democratic principles." On Oct. 31, 1983, the Green leadership met with SED chief Erich Honecker. The content of the discussions was not disclosed. However, on May 16, 1983, Honecker wrote to the Greens: "I can tell you that the government of the German Democratic Republic is in absolute and total agreement with you and with your cause. . . . We are favorable to a nuclear-free zone in Central Europe. . . . As you know, the U.S.S.R. also supports this view." To which the Greens answered on May 25 of the same year, in a letter to

Honecker: "It is necessary to implement a disarmament process. . . . The popularization of nuclear-free zones is such an initiative; we are comforted by the fact that states such as Sweden, East Germany, and the Soviet Union have reacted favorably to these ideas. . . . We recognize that peace and disarmament are the official policy doctrine of the state in the German Democratic Republic."

As a number of West German political figures have observed, the Green anti-nuclear policy "would make West Germany indefensible," which explains why the Soviets praise the Greens so warmly. Not only do they oppose nuclear weapons, the only possible defense against the massive conventional superiority of Soviet forces in Europe, but they demand dissolution of the Atlantic Alliance and of the Bundeswehr, the West-German army. A national Green platform adopted on Nov. 18, 1983 stated: "We must get out of NATO." The same day, Green leader Rudolf Bahro, himself an East German "defector," said: "We must drift away from America whatever the cost."

While no one has ever heard them mentioning the Soviet SS-20 missiles, the Green Party has organized violent actions against NATO maneuvers and against the Pershing missile deployment. In April 1984, Green deputy in the Hesse parliament Schwalbar-Hoth threw blood at an American general; Thilo Weichert, chairman of the Green parliamentary group in Baden-Wurtemberg, said in October 1984: "We live in an occupied country, and the occupiers are the U.S. and NATO forces. The victims are children, house owners, car drivers. The occupants usually do not even speak German, not to speak of the German law. For them, our environment is a big garbage can." He added that U.S. troops are "preparing the extermination of the German population."

## Greens and the Constitution

The Greens publicly reject the republican institutions and constitution of the Federal Republic of Germany. As Green deputy Rita Kandemir stated, "Paving stones are also arguments." In the Baden-Wurtemberg parliament, the Greens deputies said: "We are here to break laws." Green leader Otto Schily said to *Der Spiegel* (June 13, 1983): "When crucial questions are at stake, a qualitative minority may have a larger weight than a quantitative majority." Said Green leader Petra Kelly in the Bundestag on May 4, 1983: "In no case will we let courts, leaders, police, or whoever using force have the right to define our notion of violence." In another speech in the Bundestag (Nov. 22, 1983), he said: "When with our non-violent violence and our civil disobedience we violate rules and laws, this is because we found ourselves upon a superior law, the law of conscience."

Their behavior in parliaments to which they have been elected is frequently compared to that of the Nazis. In October 1984, European Deputy Graffe zu Barringdorf walked with his fist raised toward the rostrum shouting at the 80-year

old former mayor of Strasbourg, Pierre Pflimlin: "I am going to break your neck."

Their behavior violates not only laws, but the West German constitution. All Green deputies vote according to the line decided by the Green leaders, which does violate a regulation. There are many such small instances. However, their misuse of parliamentary immunity is a more serious violation of the Constitution's intent. Two Berliners indicted for terrorist acts and propaganda escaped trial through election to the European Parliament on the Green list. Naturally, the party demands abolition of the Office for the Protection of the Constitution (*Bundesverfassungschutz*).

## Greens and terrorism

Among current Green leaders and deputies are several terrorists. For instance, Brigitte Heinrich, condemned to 21 months in prison for delivering weapons and explosives to RAF members, is now a Green deputy in the European Parliament. Otto Schily, considered the number-one Green strategist, is a lawyer who has specialized in defending terrorists.

Holger Börner, socialist governor of Hesse, stated in 1982 that he was not going to make an alliance with "a party which has a plane hijacker at the thirteenth spot on its electoral list."

The Greens have consistently supported the demands of hunger-striking RAF terrorists, who demand special consideration as "prisoners of war." Do the Greens consider themselves in a war?

The Greens' links extend to Middle East terrorists, especially the PFLP, the PDFLP, and the al-Amal organization in Lebanon's Bekaa Valley. During a recent trip to the Middle East, a Green delegation met with representatives of these organization, including those involved in the bombing of the U.S. and French compounds in Beirut in 1983. They also keep a close relationship with Libya's colonel Muammar Qaddafi. Qaddafi, who stated once that "Hitler was right to kill the Jews," after a meeting with a Green delegation, stated: "The Greens and myself have the same ideology." Qaddafi also offered them funds. The Greens [officially] refused.

## The aim: a dark age

Implementation of the Green program would return the world to the dark ages, or likely, the stone age. And, they know it: Rudolf Bahro stated in January 1983 that he wanted "to turn back 10 thousand years of history." They oppose all aspects of modern industrial civilization—their opposition to science, technology, and industry's presence in the "environment" being based on no facts, but on (fascist) principle.

As some West German politicians and trade unionists have put it, the Greens want a "Morgenthau Plan" for Germany—the Occupation period proposal to dismantle all German industry and keep the defeated nation in a permanent, primitively pastoral condition.