

DER SPIEGEL EDITOR ENDORSES NEO-NAZI STRAUSS

Nov. 6 (IPS)--Agent Rudolph Augstein, publisher of the widely-read West German newsweekly Der Spiegel, has blown his "liberal" cover in that magazine's latest issue by endorsing neo-Nazi Franz-Josef Strauss for the West German Chancellory.

Augstein's signed editorial praising the Bavarian fascist comes hot on the heels of Strauss' call for an independent European NATO, a line written for him at the secret Trilateral Commission meeting in Bellagio, Italy in October. By endorsing Strauss at this time, Augstein not only has confirmed that his previous "arch-enemy" status with Strauss was contrived farce, but also has exposed his own status as an agent for Rockefeller's Trilateral criminals.

Augstein's record at Der Spiegel speaks for itself:

*1946--Der Spiegel is founded by Augstein and a British Army "Major" operating for British Intelligence.

*1947--British Intelligence gives clearance to Hans-Detlev Becker and assigns him as Augstein's right-hand man at Der Spiegel. Becker had been the counter-espionage specialist of the Nazi High Command (OKW). He remains notorious for his connections to the West German BND (CIA), including a reputation as the "journalist" who was closest to Nazi master spook Reinhard Gehlen, founder and head of the BND from 1935 to 1968. Becker's work during his assignment to Der Spiegel wins him the "recommendation" of Trilateral Commission member Theo Sommer's newspaper Die Zeit as the man most eminently qualified to head the West German CIA.

*1960s--Augstein with Becker brings his BND-collaboration into the open by engineering the scandal which became known as the "Spiegel Affair." The Adenauer era is forced to an end, allowing a government to come to power more amenable to the changed NATO doctrine for the 1960s--"flexible response." The BND-orchestrated removal of Franz-Josef Strauss as Defense Minister wins Augstein his "liberal" image as the "arch-enemy" of the Bavarian fascist.

*1974--NATO planning for West Germany's current armed forces reorganization is undertaken at the direction of the CIA-Brookings Institute of the U.S. Implementation is placed in the hands of the West German Defense Ministry's Planning Staff, whose Deputy Director is Hans Schmelz, former Chief Editor of Der Spiegel under Augstein.

*1974--Nov. 3, in an interview in the French weekly Le Point, Franz-Josef Strauss calls for an independent, politically unified Europe, with a NATO force separate from the U.S.--a directive of the Trilateral Commission.

*1974--Nov. 3, Der Spiegel carries a signed editorial by Augstein endorsing Strauss for Chancellor of West Germany.

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Augstein Supports Goebbels

In a memorable 1960 article, Augstein showed his intellectual fibre by "proving" that one of Goebbels' biggest "Big Lies" was true! Incredibly, in "Stehen Sie Auf, Hern Van Der Lubbe" (Stand Up, Mr. Van Der Lubbe), Augstein absolves the Nazis of all guilt in the famous 1933 "Reichstag Fire." The Dutch Communist van der Lubbe was really to blame, says Augstein.

With the endorsement of Strauss, Mr. Augstein no doubt feels at home with himself once again. Stehen Sie Auf, Hern Augstein!

ISRAEL STEPS UP WAR PACE AS CIA ESCALATES GUERRILLA ACTIVITY

Nov. 6 (IPS)--In a speech yesterday to Parliament, Israeli Prime Minister Yitzchak Rabin blustered that: "It doesn't enter our minds to negotiate with a body [the Palestine Liberation Organization] that would negate our existence as a state and resorts to violence and terror to destroy our state." The PLO is nothing more than a "murder organization," according to this Israeli leader.

Rabin's remarks followed quickly on the heels of Israeli deportation of prominent West Bank Arab leaders accused of support for the PLO and membership in the Palestinian National Front, which allegedly had "perpetrated acts of murder and terrorism." The London Times indicated that other issues were at stake. The Israelis, they said, had revised their policy after the decision of Jordan's King Hussein at Rabat to hand the West Bank to the PLO in order "to underline Israel's refusal to deal with the PLO."

Combined with continual press reports of overnight consolidation of proto-governmental infrastructures by the CIA-manipulated PLO and the guerrilla operations threatened to coincide with the Nov. 13 Palestine debate at the UN, such Israeli security operations quicken the pace of the war momentum.

WORKING CLASS ELECTORAL VICTORY: LABOR PARTY EMERGES AS MASS-BASED MOVEMENT

NEW YORK, N.Y., Nov. 6 (IPS)--Yesterday in a historic first for communist organizing in the United States, Labor Party candidate Alan Ogden, running for Congress from the 5th Congressional District in Richmond, Virginia, polled 7,539 votes--11 per cent of the vote--according to the official Board of Elections tally. In San Francisco, Labor Party candidate for School Board Richard Clancy won 14,338 votes. Boston results show Labor Party candidates Laurence Sherman and James Kiggins winning 10 to 12 per cent of the total vote.