

Horsefeathers All Over Germany

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WIESBADEN, June 1 (NSIPS) — With press accounts of a West German Army officer, Dieter Haase — an alleged East German spy — chatting with Jesus Christ in his detention cell, it must be said quite fairly that the current wave of spy-scare hoaxes in West Germany has gotten somewhat out of hand. The total of the recent alleged cases to date adds up to what any wise old Yankee farmer would describe as a “load of horsefeathers.”

The recent spy scare began with a rather credible item. A woman secretary, allegedly part of an East German network, was presumed to have picked up odd bits of indicative information from her suitably well-informed gentleman acquaintances. Without intended offense to the woman in question, the reports and photographs represent her as an ordinary woman of her years and employment — that is to say, not some exotic *femme fatale*, which, of course, all together makes for a credible spy story.

From that first exposure onwards, the fresh spy revelations followed the ordering-principle made famous by the old U.S. radio program, “Can You Top This?” Each new spy revelation was wilder and hairier than the one preceding. It leaves the distinct impression that the Baron Muenchausen is not dead; he is a press secretary for Interior Minister Maihofer.

A clear tip-off to the real nature of the current proceedings was the following item of reporting, presumably issued by official sources. It was alleged that a West German gentleman had just recently turned himself in to official security agencies, confessing himself to be part of an East German spy network. (Not Jack the Ripper, not a mislaid inspector-general of Napoleon Bonaparte for the Rhineland, but a German Democratic Republic spy — the latter being a much more popular profession among West German paranoids these days.) That, however, was not half the story.

The tip-off was given in the ostensible gloating statements apposited to the story. It was reported that this defection now gave the West German security agencies full details concerning the modalities and codes of the East German *Staatsicherheitsdienst* (“Stasi” — State Security Office), and that now the Stasi would have to go to all the embarrassing trouble of changing those modalities and codes!

Now pray tell me, what competent counterintelligence unit, having luckily just acquired the modalities and codes of an opponent intelligence net, rushes to the nearest journalist to make such acquisitions known to the opposing side? Either someone in Maihofer's department has absolutely lost his marbles, or the whole business smells of a childish sort of hoax.

In the same genre was the report accompanying the announcement that a top BND (West German CIA) official had been caught out as an East German spy. What stamped the report as a hoax was the accompanying advice that this would presumably lead to the uncovering of an entire network. What sort of political official would be so dumb as to believe that fairytale?

If any government intelligence agency is “running” a top military or other official on the “other side,” common sense suffices to dictate that there is absolutely no connection with the network of shoe clerks, secretaries, and small

shopkeepers in the same targeted nation. Indeed, if the Stasi is running any high-placed generals, colonels, or so forth in the West German intelligence or command structure, one may be certain that only one or two top officials in the GDR know the identity of such a person, and that efforts to hide this information from the Stasi bureaucracy are almost as vigorous as those to cover the fact in West Germany itself.

There could be no reasonable doubt of that. Exposed cases of actual high-level officials run by Soviet Intelligence (KGB) have shown such a procedure to apply, and it is the KGB which largely trained and coordinates with the Stasi. Otherwise, apart from such well-known reports, such procedures would rank in the genre of plain old common sense.

Why the Horsefeathers?

Obviously, the current West German spy-scare campaign is a hoax. To speak in the appropriate jargon, it is a “black propaganda” operation. The question to be asked is, to what purpose?

No doubt, during the present period there is a round-up of known Stasi-run networks in West Germany. If so, this would probably involve the usual collection of totally apolitical, grey little people, the proverbial shoe-clerk, shopkeeper, secretary, and little old man who feeds pigeons every noontime in the park. In the mixture, there would perhaps be the odd case of the special individual placed in some lower echelon of a sensitive department's bureaucracy and so forth.

If such a round-up of previously known networks is being made, common sense would dictate the following basic rules by Maihofer's departments.

First, such a round-up would be made very reluctantly. In general, it is to the advantage of agencies such as Maihofer's Abwehr units, not to arrest or to visibly annoy any known networks. The jargon for such a practice is “keeping a known network in place.” That policy tends to ensure that the Abwehr faces a known problem, rather than having a cleaned-up network replaced by a new, better-covered unknown network. It also enables the Abwehr to run cute little disinformation-counterintelligence operations, while also keeping the known network safely under surveillance. Meanwhile, the general procedure would be to target suspected weak links in the network and to turn such persons into double-agents. Why blow such an advantageous set-up?

There are circumstances which would dictate such round-ups. Periodically, counterintelligence agencies do a broad house-cleaning of a large portion of known networks. This may be done routinely, or may be dictated for other, special reasons.

If the round-up is done either as a routine periodic house-cleaning exercise, or for other security reasons, the clean-up would be done as quietly as possible. This is partly for the psychological effects the quiet vanishing of functioning networks has on the opposing side. It would also be kept as quiet as possible to aid in the crash investigations of odds and ends which inevitably follow putting the rounded-up networks into detention cells for questioning.

Only when the investigation has been, so to speak, wrapped up for delivery to the courts, would the journalists be given

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their press releases and background briefings.

There are principally two kinds of circumstances in which such procedures would be violated.

The first, more routine exception would be the case in which there was the public exposure of a fake spy round-up in order to cover up an actual spy round-up.

The second would be the case in which the entire round-up was a deliberate public relations hoax, for such purposes as facilitating a reorganization and takeover of intelligence and security organizations by an opposing political faction. For example, if the West German Social Democratic Party (SPD) wished to clean out the Christian Democratic Union-oriented top layers on the MAD (military intelligence), the BND, and so forth, we might see exactly the outpouring of horsefeathers we have recently witnessed.

If we look at these developments within West Germany in terms of correlated developments in the USA and in NATO generally, the probable solution to the mystery becomes quite clear. The Rockefeller-oriented factions among Atlanticists are now in a countdown for implementing both Nazi-modeled financial and labor policies and a militarization aimed at preparations for general thermonuclear confrontation before the fall of 1977.

In West Germany, as in the military and related intelligence organizations of most other NATO countries, including the USA, there are deeply-conservative, devoutly anti-Communist top and field-grade officers in the traditions of Clausewitz, Von Schlieffen and De Gaulle, who regard former CIA official Ray Cline, the Brookings Institution's Jeffrey Record and the Rand Corporation's computers as insane. Their knowledge of strategic military options generally, and their specific knowledge of Soviet strategy and capabilities impels them to strongly criticize and oppose military and political strategies which they rightly regard as downright suicidal.

We have, thus, a situation not unlike the persisting conflicts between Hitler and the regular Wehrmacht command. For

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military national suicide missions, what is wanted is not qualified generals, but General Jodls, not strategists but lackeys of Goebbels-like "miracle weapon" doctrines.

This process of clean-out of qualified regular commanding and field-grade officers in favor of utopian CIA-type commanders has been proceeding for some time variously in the USA, France, and West Germany, for notable examples. This has been accelerated lately, together with a current campaign to complete the takeover of such security agencies as the FBI by forces allied to the Rockefeller-backed Marcus Raskin networks.

That is the political context in which the current unloading of horsefeathers is occurring in the West German press.

What remains uncertain is whether this may also be used as a smokescreen for some real counterintelligence activities. As in local police work, detection depends principally upon a network of informants. The principal source of such informants for NATO counterintelligence is by no means French intelligence circles, but Eastern Europe itself. CIA-linked agents within Eastern Europe may be presumed to be packing their bags and buying their one way tickets for a hasty flight into the West.

An upsurge of sensitive information from such Eastern sources would be the only probable basis for any actual Abwehr successes in catching real East German spies. Underneath the pile of horsefeathers, there might be one or two real spies — concerning which Maihofer's press representatives will most probably say very, very little at this time.

Of course, we must not presume that the West German government is necessarily governed by common sense in such matters. The political atmosphere at the top, especially around the SPD top layers, is one of unprecedented hysteria — comparable only to the state of mind of the Reich government and press during the 1944-45 previous miracle weapons period.

Rocky Purges NATO Military To Clear Pathway To War

June 6 (NSIPS) — An international purge of top officers in command and control positions in the military and intelligence services is being conducted by the Rockefeller "utopian" faction, comparable to Hitler's purge of the Wehrmacht command in 1936-37 following his decision to go to war. Like Hitler, the Rockefeller-led faction among the Atlanticists has already begun a countdown aimed at forcing thermonuclear confrontation with the Soviet Union sometime between the immediate future and early 1977. In preparation for this, the saner traditional-conservative elements in the military and intelligence apparatus are being systematically purged throughout the NATO alliance, including the U.S., West Germany, Turkey, Greece, France and Italy.

While this process has been proceeding for some time, particularly in the U.S. and West Germany (BRD), it is now being immensely accelerated coincident with the last gasps of the dollar-based international monetary system. In the U.S. the utopians are moving to oust remaining traditionalist elements within the military, both through forced resignations and effective dismantling and takeovers of those remaining intelligence networks not formerly under full National Security Council-CIA control.

In mid-May, Deputy Defense Secretary for Intelligence Robert "Lazard Freres" Ellsworth held a press conference to announce that three leading military officials in the Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA) — intelligence arm of the Joint Chiefs of Staff — were to "resign" and be replaced by