

BRD Parliament debates NATO

West German Defense Minister Hans Apel declared March 8 that during the government's parliamentary debate on security this week, he will "take off the gloves" in dealing with all those who are exaggerating "the Soviet threat," a direct slap at NATO.

During the course of the debates, it is also expected that West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt will issue an official reply to the recent election speech by Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev, who called on the signatories of the Helsinki Accords — which include West Germany and the United States — to repudiate any nuclear first strike.

NATO officials have down-

played the speech as propaganda not worth reply, but in West Germany, as reported by government spokesman Klaus Bölling on March 6, "The government sees many interesting aspects in it (Brezhnev's speech — ed.), and is viewing it very scientifically..." Another source close to Schmidt commented that "one would not be doing justice to the speech if one treated it as propaganda."

The pressure on NATO is in opposition to plans by General Alexander Haig and his British-linked cronies in the Carter Administration to increase military hardware directed at the Warsaw Pact from West Germany. After the Un-

ited States, West Germany is the second strongest industrial power in NATO, and its 500,000-man Bundeswehr is the largest single NATO contingent in Europe. West German government officials are opposed to NATO provocations that would make West Germany a target for Warsaw Pact retaliation.

In a related move to counter-attack NATO's line that the Warsaw Pact is preparing for a war of aggression, Herbert Wehner, the parliamentary caucus chairman of the ruling Social Democratic Party, will speak with Schmidt and Apel to provide the government's reply to Hungarian concerns about preventing the outbreak of world war. Schmidt last week sent Wehner to Hungary to discuss the Chinese invasion of Vietnam as the beginning of the process leading to World War III.

France, BRD on terror alert

Through both confidential and public sources, *Executive Intelligence Review* has confirmed that the governments of France and West Germany have placed their intelligence services on alert in anticipation of an imminent escalation of terrorist activity. The coincidence of these unofficial alerts with the coordinated moves by these same governments to push through to final implementation the European Monetary System indicates that the terrorist threat is being viewed as an effort by anti-EMS forces to stall the starting date by "surrogate warfare" means.

* In the Federal Republic of Germany, the Interior Ministry has issued statements to the effect that terrorists associated with the Baader-Meinhof Gang have been smuggled back into the country from Cyprus. The Mediterranean region has been identified for years

as a safehouse for such terrorist networks. Additionally, *Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung* London correspondent Grudinski filed a story this week indicating a recent activation of the "Friends of Astrid Proll," a terrorist support committee housed in London and involved in fighting the extradition of Baader-Meinhof founder Proll to Bonn. The committee, according to the *FAZ*, is financed by Oxford University legal professor Herbert L. A. Hart, and was involved last year in similar support activity on behalf of the Jesuit-trained British Intelligence agent Philip Agee.

Agee himself is now in the Federal Republic, where he is working closely with Baader-Meinhof circles around terrorist-lawyer Kurt Groenewald and with expatriate members of the pro-terrorist National Lawyers Guild (U.S.).

* Five bombs were set off at different locations in France on March 6, marking the first significant incidence of terrorism in months. All five attacks were claimed by the Breton Liberation Front. As of last summer, the group had been effectively shut down by French intelligence services. Of a half dozen Front members arrested at the time, none were from the Brittany region. In fact, authorities identified the group as being predominantly former Vichyite fascists and several Irish terrorists, indicating a profile identical to the Permindex-Israeli intelligence operation behind the DeGaulle assassination attempts of the 1960s.

* After several weeks of inactivity, the ETA (acronym for "Basque Motherland and Freedom") carried out its fifteenth assassination of a Spanish military figure since the first of the year on March

* According to reports in *Newsweek*, the general lull in terrorist deployments by the ETA was the direct result of West German special anti-terror units being sent in to advise the Spanish government.