

Der Spiegel's boomerang

Days before European Parliament election, BRD weekly reacts to ELP campaign

The influential campaign of the European Labor Party for seats in the European Parliament has so stirred West German politics that *Der Spiegel* stepped to the fore with an unbridled attack on the party and Helga Zepp-LaRouche, its chairman, in the magazine's end-of-May issue (see below).

Mrs. Zepp-LaRouche, who is given a chance of winning a seat in the June 10 elections, has delivered several moving and well-received national television addresses in support of nuclear power, industrial development, and expanding the scope of Chancellor Helmut Schmidt's European Monetary System policy. *Der Spiegel* itself was prompted to report the party's program and spreading influence as news, only to rush to press with its slander piece in the very next issue.

Because Chancellor Schmidt's own faction has left the European Parliament field to Social Democratic Chairman Willy Brandt, an antinuclear spokesman when sober, the ELP is the only party campaign in the elections representing an industrial policy.

A notable feature of the *Der Spiegel* slander, prepared at the direction of publisher Herr Augstein, is the awkward insertion of an honorable-mention attack on the "Riemannian economic model" of computerized forecasting and development planning, developed by U.S. Labor Party Chairman Lyndon LaRouche, the American presidential candidate who is the ELP chairman's husband. Only weeks old, the LaRouche model's use is already the subject of discussion among several governments, and is indicative of the fact that he, as the world's leading economist in fact, represents an essential added ingredient of policy-making otherwise lacking in the anti-British policy thrusts of Schmidt, of Giscard in France and others.

Der Spiegel, for reasons of a British pedigree outlined by Helga Zepp-LaRouche in her reply (reprinted below), could not refrain from a nervous swipe at the Riemannian-model breakthrough in economic science.

Confused and chaotic

The "European Labor Party" is waging their European Parliament campaign—for nuclear energy and against "dark forces"—with curious revelations.

Right after the Tagesschau show Monday last week, the lady on Channel One programmatically announced: "This excellent nuclear power plant here in Biblis is a symbol of the economic strength of the Federal Republic of Germany...vote for me, so that Europe gets many of these nuclear power plants."

What sounded a little like PR words from nuclear power plant builders and utilities were the campaign spots for the "European Labor Party" (ELP) which is campaigning in the Federal Republic and Belgium for the European parliament elections on June 10.

In four segments of two-and-a-half minutes each, which is the TV stations' guaranteed minimum for campaign advertisements, a political grouping that has just as many members as a tennis club in a small town

presented itself to millions of TV viewers. ... ELP Chairman Helga Zepp-LaRouche, 30, promised the West German citizens that with nuclear energy "there will be a new Age of Schiller" from the reactor.

This is the enticement from a political association which according to argumentation, self-conception, and structure is unique in the West German political landscape. The ELP activists, who are organized into 11 state groups, call on Dante and Beethoven, praise Chancellor Schmidt and France's Giscard, and fight against "dark forces"—a front composed of secret service agents, greenies, terrorists and the rock scene that threatens the world and that is allegedly controlled by long distance from England. ...Mrs. Zepp-LaRouche announced via TV that "international networks" are directed under London control, together with banks and "Zionist circles"—terrorists as well as the environmentalists. The ELP weekly paper *Neue Solidarität* (circulation: 5,000) writes that the English hold the threads of the "American puppet government" in their hands, which has recently determined "to bring

Der Spiegel has lost its nerve

Helga Zepp-LaRouche, chairman of the European Labor Party in the Federal Republic, issued the following reply to Der Spiegel from her campaign headquarters in Wiesbaden.

about the collapse of Helmut Schmidt." Date: "Before the end of June...."

The British, according to the ELP view of the world, which, like the manner of thinking of religious sects, is self-contained and has an answer for every question, "have the reconquest of the United States through political subversion" in mind and with this, the worst for everyone: "the end of humanity."

The West German ELP leader has taken over a fantastic fear of the "blackest oligarchs of England" and of Queen "Elizabeth, the witch of Windsor," from her husband, the American Lyndon Hermyle LaRouche, whose activities as head of the "U.S. Labor Party" the *New York Times* numbers among the "most extraordinary episodes in the history of the American left...."

Just how the LaRouche group finances itself lies in darkness. SPD Federal Parliament deputy Ernst Waltemathe presumes that the Central Intelligence Agency has its hand in the game. According to a confidential paper by the Bonn Interior Ministry the budget, which even in 1974, the ELP's first year, reached about 800,000 marks, "is allegedly financed to a great part by payments from the USA...."

...And just like the young followers of a new religious leader, the LaRouche followers also pawn their possessions: this is what Bischofsheim insurance agent Karl Heinz Holz did, who switched from a Mercedes to an Opel, sold his house, and increased the party's finances from the profits. ...

This extraordinary engagement is worthy of their mentor LaRouche, to whom they attribute prophetic gifts. *Neue Solidarität* announced in May that the founder of the party devised a computer program that predicts, "with almost 100 percent accurate prognosis, what economic consequences economic decisions and decisions taken by individual firms will have on the world and on the economy."

June 10 will show just what is to be made of the ELP's mathematical prophesies. Hamburg Deputy State Chairman Werner Zuse supposed that "we'll get five percent very easily." Three years ago in the Federal Parliament elections it was 0.0180077.

Der Spiegel, and to be more precise, Herr Augstein, have lost their nerve over the ELP's potent election campaign. After my four campaign broadcasts on the European parliament campaign which made people extremely enthusiastic about the ELP's program, and after *Der Spiegel*, though one must say inadvertently, reproduced the content of our campaign without falsification, Herr Augstein blew his stack. At the editorial conference on Tuesday he ordered a second article on the ELP, and this time the line was to be: finish off the ELP!

Now Herr Augstein, as you well know, anger makes you blind. First of all, *Der Spiegel* has a miserable reputation in the population, and most people only read it to find out what the opponents of the Federal Republic of Germany are really planning. And with your permission I would like to say that I would really be worried if *Der Spiegel* were to write something exclusively positive about the ELP, because then this would at best create a false impression among the right people. Second, readers are also going to wonder why *Der Spiegel* has reported on the ELP in two successive issues, and then almost goes head over heels to emphasize how unimportant the ELP is.

No, Herr Augstein, you won't have much luck with the overwhelming majority of citizens of the Federal Republic, who believe in the necessity of technological progress, or with the innumerable citizens who said to us after our TV broadcasts that "Mrs. Zepp-LaRouche is right, the ELP is the only party that has the courage to speak out loudly and clearly for nuclear energy and economic growth along with it, and that wants to fight terrorism effectively."

The single effect that your article has is to give marching orders to the greenies, the terrorist sympathizers, and the anglophile liberals: the ELP is the opponent.

And this will also prove itself to be a boomerang.

What was it about the ELP's election campaign that put *Der Spiegel* in such a panic?

1. In my first campaign broadcast on May 14 on the Second Network, in which I called out for a fight against terrorism, in no way at all did I speak of "dark forces" hiding behind terrorism, as *Der Spiegel* wrote. Instead, I explained in detail that the reason why the