

Report from Bonn by George Gregory and Rainer Apel

On Genscher's trail

The Foreign Minister and his friend in the Inferior Ministry are no longer receiving the political benefit of the doubt.

Foreign diplomatic circles as well as some quite powerful people in internationally active German industry here are scrutinizing a series of moves initiated by Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher of the Free Democratic Party (FDP). Quietly but sternly, they are letting it be known that Genscher's scorecard is accumulating a substantial list of demerits that borders on the intolerable.

One item is the Foreign Minister's covering up for FDP Interior Minister Baum, previously viewed as due merely to the strength of the "left" in the FDP. Genscher's then-perceived loyalty to the Bonn Social Democratic-Liberal coalition government was a plus point, somewhat counterbalancing the fact that his Interior Minister openly supports the radical environmentalists, systematically dismantled data-gathering capabilities of the German anti-terrorism units, and houses influential Club of Rome ideologues in his ministry. Now the word is Genscher's behavior is not forced by the "left" alone, but that he has thrown his entire party in the direction of environmentalism, as part of a deliberate strategy intended to keep a voter base for the FDP, which received 10 percent in the last federal election.

People have begun to notice the fact that the Genscher-Baum domestic sabotage moves against the Schmidt government are also coordinated in favor of Genscher's own track in German foreign policy. Is it

not curious that Interior Minister Baum is collaborating with representatives of the Iranian secret intelligence, Savama, in their efforts to target anti-Khomeini Iranians in the Federal Republic and Europe at large? This coheres with the fact that the French government is giving free rein to Savama activities in that country.

That fact is also coherent with the general spread of Genscher's pro-Muslim-Brotherhood policies in the larger context of Mediterranean and Mideast policies. Genscher is primarily responsible for the fact that Saudi Arabian offers of comprehensive economic cooperation with Germany, including several tens of billions of deutsche-marks of direct high-technology purchases in the Federal Republic, as well as leveraged investments in other Mideast countries, is currently in an indefinite holding pattern in Bonn. Our sources report that when Saudi representatives point out that they are actually looking for a close partnership with Bonn in order to parallel the realization of the Fahd plan and U.S. support for the plan, it has been Genscher who stalls. Much irritation at the fact that it has not yet been possible for Bonn and the Schmidt government to move in support of the Fahd plan as President Reagan did is focused on Genscher. Saudi offers of cooperation are attached to their request for Leopard II German tanks, but "only to get assurance that Bonn has the political courage to follow

through on the partnership the Saudis know Chancellor Schmidt wants to see." The Leopard II tanks would, in fact, constitute a mere 8 percent of the economic cooperation package the Saudis are offering. Fortunately, up to now, neither Genscher nor Baum has been able to prevent or sabotage the work of the elite German anti-terror squad, the GSG 9, of Mogadishu fame, from carrying out a far ranging anti-terror training program for Saudi forces to guard against a recurrence of the Muslim Brotherhood Mecca Mosque seizure.

Not accidentally, Genscher has also led the barrage of attacks against Turkey, and has ensured that Bonn aid of \$450 million will be blocked for 1982, all under the guise of concern for democracy in Greece—actually to feed destabilization in Turkey, for which the Muslim Brotherhood is mobilizing.

As Foreign Minister Claude Cheysson of France has stated recently, French Mideast policy, as well as overall policy coordination, is closely discussed with British Lord Carrington twice weekly. As Genscher comes in on the "Anglo-French entente cordiale" to make for a triple concert in support of the Muslim Brotherhood British intelligence assets in the Mideast, the reasons for his protection of Interior Minister Baum and collaboration in Europe with the Savama become self-evident.

As our sources further report, the entire gamut of FDP lobbying for Global 2000 Malthusian policies in Bonn, from Interior Minister Baum, to Helga Schuchardt and the Foreign Minister himself, is all extremely closely tied to Israeli Prime Minister Begin's clique, known here as the "Tel Aviv lobby."