

# Green Party leader was Nazi official

*Werner Vogel, elected to the Bundestag on March 6, served in Hitler's SS. Susan Welsh reports on this confirmation of EIR's charges against the Greens.*

One week after West Germany's Green Party was voted into parliament for the first time, with 5.6 percent of the total and the welcome of much of the world press and many Bonn politicians, the European Labor Party's charge that the Greens are a fascist party was publicly confirmed. The word got out that the 75-year-old Werner Vogel, head of the Greens' electoral slate in the state of North Rhine-Westphalia, had been a Nazi official responsible for genocide in Hitler's "occupied territories."

Vogel had served under Hitler's Interior Minister Wilhelm Frick, whose role in the "final solution to the Jewish question" earned him death by hanging at Nuremberg.

Vogel had been no Nazi "rank and filer," as he claimed at first, but was in charge of "social insurance" in the occupied territories of Eastern Europe, and made a trip to the concentration camp at Dachau in 1938. A former leader of the Nazi Brownshirts, the *Sturmabteilung* (SA), he ended up in Berlin from 1938 to 1939 working directly under the state secretary in the Interior Ministry, Stuckart, who was involved in developing the Nazi euthanasia program. Stuckart attended the 1942 Wannsee Conference which decided on the "final solution," the extermination of all Jews living in Germany and the occupied territories.

Vogel, who says "I did nothing that I must reproach myself for," was to have presided over the opening of the newly elected Bonn parliament on March 28 (a privilege traditionally accorded the oldest member of the governing body). But in the scandal that has erupted over these revelations, Vogel resigned his parliamentary seat March 13. The first speaker will instead be Social Democratic Party chairman Willy Brandt.

## Ban the Greens

European Labor Party (EAP) chairman Helga Zepp-LaRouche declared, when the latest election results were known, that her party would intensify its efforts to have the Greens outlawed as unconstitutional, under the provision in West Germany's Basic Law which forbids the reconstitution

of a fascist party. The EAP has demanded this move for nearly two years, but now, with Vogel's exposure, numerous Bonn politicians, who had shrugged and said "you're exaggerating," are looking more closely at the facts and agreeing to meet with EAP representatives to discuss moves to ban the Greens.

Although the Greens have now been boosted into parliament by an extended campaign of media support, the 5.6 percent which they officially received presents an exaggerated picture of their true popular backing. This is due to outright vote fraud and to the peculiar nature of the West Germany electoral system, which worked to the advantage of the Greens and the equally small Free Democratic Party (FDP) of Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher. Neither party received enough votes in any electoral district to elect even one parliamentary deputy, and in a federal electoral system like that in the United States, the Greens would never have had a chance of getting into office. But under the Federal Republic of Germany's complex "second vote" system, a voter votes once for his local *Bundestag* representative, and can vote a second time, for a different party if he chooses, to create a kind of floating pool of party votes from which the party leadership will pick the composition of its parliamentary delegation.

Through this means, and the vote-swapping and backroom deals which it facilitates, the Greens received 27 parliamentary seats.

Yet the results of recent elections in two states, Rhineland-Pfalz and Schleswig-Holstein, where the "second vote" system does not operate, demonstrate more accurately the real base of Green and FDP support. In Schleswig-Holstein the FDP got slightly above 2 percent and the Greens 3.5 percent. A party must have over 5 percent to qualify for state or federal parliament.

The European Labor Party, which received an insignificant official vote total in the federal election, has documented one instance of outright vote fraud benefiting the Greens, but believes that this must be merely the "tip of the iceberg." In

the city of Dortmund, the district in which EAP head Zepp-LaRouche was her party's candidate, a pollwatcher intervened to prevent EAP votes from being surreptitiously placed in the Greens' pile!

## Der Spiegel coverup

Despite Nazi Vogel's resignation from the Bundestag, his party is continuing to support him, and some of the national news media which had promoted the Greens in the first place are attempting to cover up the scandal. Helga Zepp-LaRouche issued a statement March 15 denouncing the "extremely suspect" behavior of the Hamburg weekly *Der Spiegel*, which published a story on Vogel omitting all the known details about his lurid past. *Der Spiegel* reported merely that Vogel had been a member of conservative youth groups during the Weimar Republic. The magazine, which recently described Italian fascist dictator Benito Mussolini as a liberal, is an enthusiastic supporter of the Greens.

At a meeting of the national coordinating committee of the Greens in Bonn to discuss the crisis in the party, there was widespread support for Vogel. Rudolf Bahro, emigré "dissident" East German and a top leader of the party, said that he hoped the Vogel case would help the Greens to overcome what he called "self-righteous anti-fascism." Green leader Hans Verheyen from the Ruhr region said that "even such people who committed major crimes during the Nazi period—and Vogel is certainly not one of them—cannot be kept out of political responsibility for all eternity."

The European Labor Party has prepared a comprehensive dossier on the Greens, which documents why the "eco-fascists" should be declared unconstitutional.

The roots of the Green movement are in the racist and eugenicist organizations of the Nazi International. Their ideology is identical to that of the "left" wing of the Nazi movement, the *Sturmabteilung*, and the Greens' back-to-nature primitivism is the perfect complement to Hitler's *Mein Kampf*, with its cultish paeans to "the German forest" and its horror of industrial progress. Israeli parliamentarian Ehud Olmert recently denounced the Greens for their growing outbursts of anti-Semitism.

The Greens, as a political shock-troop operation against Germany, have been cultivated, the EAP dossier shows, by leading lights of the European noble families (such as Prince Bernhardt of the Netherlands and Prince Philip of Great Britain, both active in the laundering operation known as the World Wildlife Fund) and by other high-level oligarchical fascists.

## The Greens' creators and spokesmen

Prominent among these is Aurelio Peccei, founder and acting president of the Club of Rome. Peccei is linked to a network of pro-fascist organizations and "think tanks," such as the *Weltbund für Schutz des Lebens* (WSL—World Federation for the Protection of Life), based in Salzburg, Austria.

The WSL's head, Guenther Schwab, is a close collaborator of Swiss banker François Genoud, coordinator of the Nazi International. Schwab's 1957 book, *The Dance with the Devil*, is an apology for the neo-fascist "conservative economy movement." The WSL plans to award its annual prize this year to Peccei.

Another promoter of the Greens is Per Engdahl, founder of the Neo-Nazi International, based in Sweden. A self-proclaimed fascist, Engdahl told an investigator recently, "We have to rejuvenate our movement. We tried to recruit young people from the extreme right, but they were too primitive. In the past few years, we have, with some success, worked with young people from the extreme left, who realized that their old ideas of 1968 were in the wrong direction.

Neo-Nazi control over the Greens has worked through such individuals as Herbert Gruhl, candidate in 1978 of the Green List in the state of Rhineland-Pfalz. The Green List was exposed as a front organization for the overtly neo-Nazi National Democratic Party (NPD). In his book, *A Planet is Looted*, Gruhl wrote that only a "spaceship" economy can save the earth from depletion of resources. "This dictatorship eventually has to be tougher than Stalin's. . . . In the future, only those people will gain an advantage who succeed in maximizing their armaments while at the same time keeping the standard of living at the absolute minimum." Today Gruhl is one of the political gurus of the Greens.

Another leader "Green fascist" is August Haussleiter, formerly an executive committee member of the Greens. Haussleiter had been identified by the German courts during the 1960s as a dangerous figure, and his group, the *Deutsche Gemeinschaft*, was banned. But in 1976 he made a comeback as an environmentalist, with a new organization, the *Aktiongemeinschaft Unabhängiger Deutscher* (Action Society of Independent Germans). Haussleiter resigned from the Greens in 1980 when a scandal erupted over his real background.

The Greens have maintained longstanding political ties with Libyan Islamic fundamentalist dictator Muammar Qaddafi, whose political manifesto is called *The Green Book*, and who met with the Greens a year ago and called for joint efforts to overthrow industrial society. Principal Green liaison to Qaddafi is Roland Vogt, one of the party "theoreticians," who met with the Libyan leader in Vienna and later in Tripoli. Qaddafi is believed to be a major source of Green funding.

This motley mixture of "right" and "left" environmentalists also includes such people as Rudolf Bahro, who is on record demanding that history be thrown back to the Stone Age.

Dirk Schneider, editor of the pro-terrorist magazine *Radikal*, and a new member of the Bonn parliament, is under investigation by the police for "advertisement for a terrorist association." Other new parliamentarians include Otto Schily, former lawyer for the Baader-Meinhof gang of convicted terrorists.