

Report from Bonn by George Gregory and Rainer Apel

The Hitler diary hoax

Attempting to whitewash der Führer with a crude forgery, the Nazi International has put his name back into the limelight.

Experts from the West German Federal Archives announced May 6 that the "diaries" of Adolf Hitler "discovered" by *Der Stern* magazine reporter Gerd Heidemann were a "grotesque and superficial fraud." Hans Booms, the Archive president, said that he thought the hoax originated with "unreformed Nazis."

The perpetrators of the hoax are the coalition that *EIR* has previously identified as the backers of a "new Hitler project": the Nazi International based in Switzerland, South America, and elsewhere; British Intelligence networks (the same that put Hitler into power in 1933), including the "denazification" experts of the postwar Wilton Park brainwashing center; and strongly-suggested input from the East.

Even with the diaries now exposed, the effect has been achieved of putting "the Hitler question" on the agenda. As *Newsweek* commented in its May 2 issue, in one of the more extraordinary instances of journalistic cynicism: "the appearance of Hitler's diaries—genuine or not, it almost doesn't matter in the end—reminds us of the horrible reality on which our doubts about ourselves, and each other, are based [emphasis added]." The furor was intended to test the response of the population to a "cleaned up" version of Hitler (the "family man" who supposedly "didn't know" about the Holocaust).

Stern magazine publisher Henri Nannen is a chief perpetrator of the

operation. The details of Nannen's past history have been carefully excluded from the public view: Nannen was a prominent official in the Nazi propaganda office of Josef Goebbels. In one Nazi-era document, Nannen praises the "biological advantages" of Aryan blood over the "Jewish/Communist race" for culture and art.

Reporter Gerd Heidemann is no "objective journalist" but a cultist with connections to the Nazi International. German historian Werner Maser reported to *Time* magazine that Heidemann is "gullible and morbidly interested in Nazi paraphernalia." Heidemann once denounced Maser for claiming that Hitler knew of the mass execution of the Jews. Maser claims that Heidemann was "furious" and accused him of smearing "the Führer's name." Heidemann's wife spilled the beans with her openly pro-Nazi statements when the fraud was exposed: "It would have been a joy to tell the world the reality about the Führer," she said. "We have received letters and telegrams, above all from youths, who are overjoyed finally to learn the truth."

Heidemann became interested in the "diaries" through his purchase of Reichsmarshal Hermann Göring's yacht, known during the Nazi years as the "Carin II" (after Göring's wife). At the sale of the yacht, Heidemann became acquainted with SS General Karl Wolff, former chief adjutant to Heinrich Himmler, as well as other Nazi officials. Wolff was the principal

involved in separate peace negotiations with Allen Dulles for a Nazi surrender to the Americans in Italy.

While the story of the sale of the "Carin II" has been widely reported in the U.S. and British press, no one reports whom Heidemann bought the 160,000 deutschemark yacht from: the Queen of England! The yacht was in fact renamed the "Prince Charles," by the British Royal Family, which had requisitioned it after the war. Links between the Royal Family, Heidemann's Nazi friends, and the "diaries" hoax are currently under investigation.

Heidemann was also in touch with members of the Nazi International in South America, including Klaus Barbie, the recently-arrested Gestapo "Butcher of Lyons," and Josef Mengele, the "White Angel of Death" of the Auschwitz concentration camp.

Who certified the "diaries" as authentic and rushed them into print? A key figure was Hugh Trevor-Roper Lord Dacre. A member of the board of the *Sunday Times* of London and a top British Intelligence spook, Trevor-Roper had been sent by Winston Churchill into Germany just after the war to determine whether or not Hitler had died in the bunker. Trevor-Roper was a leader of the Wilton Park center, and has been involved in "validating" every major "discovery" of Nazi material. He edited the Goebbels diaries, and was the first international "expert" to hail the Hitler diaries as authentic (a position he later amended).

Trevor-Roper in turn is a friend and associate of Nazi International head François Genoud, a banker based in Lausanne, Switzerland! Trevor-Roper wrote the introduction to a collection of Hitler's "table talk" published by Genoud. Asked his opinion about the *Stern* diaries, Genoud deferred to the opinion of Trevor-Roper, whom he called "honest and reliable."