

## Report from Bonn by Rainer Apel

### Time to act against the Greens!

*Their Nazi connections in the public eye, a law suit against their accusers could be the occasion of the party's undoing.*

If the political establishment in Bonn had not been so pragmatic over the past 10 years, there would be no Green Party in the national parliament of West Germany today. But the Greens are now in parliament, and spare no effort to paralyze its functioning. After all, they have sworn to abolish the country's parliamentary democracy.

Green Party deputies are currently blocking the work of key parliamentary commissions by delay, side-tracking motions, sabotage, and so on. They keep more than 90% of all legislation prepared in the crucial Interior Affairs Commission buried in the drawers. The same situation paralyzes the work of the Juridical Commission—the Greens are naturally determined to block any legislation which would strengthen the state's institutional power to defend the parliamentary system.

During a period in which more than 80 terrorist attacks have shaken the country, the Greens presented a set of parliamentary motions calling for the repeal of laws which ban terrorist groups and the promotion of political violence. The motions were drawn up by a group of left-wing and pro-terrorist lawyers led by Sebastian Cobler, a sponsor of a ring which surveils police activities, monitors police telecommunication, and so forth.

Several months ago, Cobler defended two anarchists in Berlin for promoting violence in their publication *radikal*. They also circulated pamphlets of the terrorist Revolutionary Cells. The two, Michael Klöckner

and Benny Haerlin, were about to go to trial when the Green Party provided them with immunity from prosecution by placing them among the first ten candidates on its slate for the June 17, 1984 European Parliament elections. They now sit as Green representatives in that body.

Cobler, incidentally, represents one more interface of the Greens and the Nazi International. When the leading West German neo-Nazi, Michael Kühnen, whose ANS (Action Group of National Socialists) was outlawed one year ago, was put on trial in Frankfurt in January for violating the West German Constitution, Cobler and other Greens came out in public defense of him. The Greens' argument was that "freedom of thought," no matter what thought, had to be protected—even Nazis.

Kühnen was sentenced to two years in jail by the Frankfurt court—but the sentence did not stop Cobler and his entourage from continuing support for Kühnen's "objective human rights," even as six other members of his ANS were put on trial on charges of bombing U.S. Army cars and installations in the Frankfurt area two years ago.

The Nazi connections are not limited to Frankfurt, of course. The whole Green Party section in Berlin has recently been dissolved by the national party executive after being exposed as "infiltrated" by neo-Nazis.

The Greens are not infiltrated by Nazis, they *are* Nazis, including plenty of old but still practicing members of Hitler's party among their foun-

ders. And recall that Rudolf Bahro's keynote address to the national Green Party convention in Hamburg in December included the proclamation: "The Green movement will rise to power according to the same model as the Nazi Party." Another prominent spokesman proclaimed: "We have much to learn from brother Hitler."

All of this has made headlines in Germany over the past four or five weeks. It simply corroborates charges made by the European Labor Party, Christian Democrats, and even some prominent right-wing Social Democrats that the Greens are comparable to the Nazis during the period of the Weimar Republic.

Such charges were issued in a million-run leaflet of the European Labor Party on Oct. 17, 1984. It made the Greens nervous, because they were then planning a new escalation in an admitted campaign to make the country "ungovernable." But they made no reply.

Now, some months after the leaflet with the aforementioned Nazi connections stirring up a broad sentiment in favor of banning them, the Greens have decided to act. They have filed a suit against the European Labor Party and its chairwoman, Mrs. Helga Zepp-LaRouche, charging that the October leaflet had "insulted" and "instigated hatred" against them.

The court action might prove to be a deadly trap for the Greens rather soon, since the European Labor Party, which recognized "environmentalists" for what they are years ago, has compiled some pretty explosive dossiers on the Greens. In court, they will be the focus of public attention at a time when they are most vulnerable—their relations to terrorism and Nazism now very much more in the public eye. Now, before a new wave of terrorism strikes this country, is the time to destroy them.