

Report from Bonn by Rainer Apel

Will greenshirts rule in 1987?

The anti-nuclear violence of the Greens has severely shaken the political institutions of the nation.

Since the outburst of anti-state violence at the nuclear facility construction site at Wackersdorf during the May 16-18 weekend, riots and incidents of sabotage have been reported almost daily from all over the Federal Republic of Germany.

Sabotage of the railway system in the south, riots in the Ruhr region and the north, and destruction of light signals at the Frankfurt Airport, are among the incidents making daily news headlines here. While Radio Moscow reports that there is "a growing sentiment against Bonn's nuclear policy," the well-organized German Communist Party (DKP) and the pro-Soviet Greens provide the main thrust behind this campaign of terror.

As the DKP's official newspaper, *Unsere Zeit*, wrote on June 4, the party's aim is "to merge people's fear of nuclear power with the concern about nuclear weapons." The DKP's nationwide mobilization against nuclear power projects on June 7-8 will build into rallies against U.S. Army bases on June 11-12.

The reaction of the ruling parties in Bonn has been to issue press releases on the alleged "necessity of more concern about the protection of the environment." Giving in to the pressure from the Greens, Chancellor Helmut Kohl even formed a new Ministry of Environmental Affairs on June 3.

After the Chernobyl nuclear accident and the Wackersdorf insurgency, the political landscape in Germany has changed dramatically. As in the Weimar Republic between 1923 and 1933, before Hitler's brownshirts took pow-

er, the Greens and their violent supporters are forcing upon the established parties one legal and political retreat after another. An atmosphere of fear and appeasement is beginning to rule the country.

The situation in the state of Lower Saxony, where legislative elections will be held on June 15, is particularly explosive, as Greens and allied gangs of "punkers" roam the streets, attacking political opponents. Their special target has been the newly formed party Patriots for Germany, which is creating a rallying point for pro-American forces in the country, and has demanded the banning of the Greens as unconstitutional.

Karl-Heinz Derbfuss, the number-two man on the Patriots' election slate, returned home one day at the end of May to find the doorstep and sidewalk outside his home painted with Green hate slogans. There were four incidents of violence in a week's time against Patriots campaign workers in the cities of Celle and Wolfsburg.

The press is providing a cover for these stormtrooper attacks, as newspapers in Lower Saxony refused to print an ad submitted by the Patriots for Germany. One editor was honest: "I would like to print your ad, but I am afraid that the day after it is published, all my windows will be smashed by stones." Other editors made it plain that they sympathized with the cause of the Greens, and would therefore not print anything against them.

The Patriots' ad warned against the riots and Moscow's controlling role in them. Titled, "A Call to the Voters in

Lower Saxony," it said:

"Moscow's terror gangs in Wackersdorf 'demonstrated' what will happen to us, if a red-green coalition comes to power in Lower Saxony. As the terrorists, on indirect command from Moscow, brutally assaulted our policemen, the Greens at their party congress in Hanover greeted each report from the 'front' with frantic applause. . . .

"The Greens have demonstrated by their conduct, that they are not one iota better than the hard core of the terrorists. . . . Moscow showed her true face in Wackersdorf. Therefore, a red-green coalition must be prevented at all costs!"

The ad attacked the cowardice of the ruling politicians in Bonn and of the parties campaigning in the Lower Saxony state elections, pointing to the lessons of history:

"We once again find ourselves in a situation like the end phase of the Weimar Republic, where concurrence of economic crisis and political violence are threatening the existence of the state.

"The only solution is that the Patriots, as the new and stronger coalition partner of the Christian Democratic Union, rescue our freedom and country."

The Patriots' ad concluded with three demands:

"We demand the banning of the Green Party. We demand the unimpeded completion of our safe nuclear power plants, and immediate shutdown of the unsafe ones in the East bloc. We demand complete participation in the American Strategic Defense Initiative program, so that we can have a real defense against Moscow's missiles."

The Patriots printed the boycotted statement in a million-run leaflet, to be distributed before the election.