

Report from Bonn by Rainer Apel

Neo-Nazis are steered by the KKK

Some of the new right-wing extremism in Germany is home-grown, but some is a foreign import.

Many people want to know the real cause of the alleged recent "upsurge of neo-Nazism in Germany." This year's anniversary of the Nov. 9, 1938 Nazi pogroms against German Jews—the infamous "Crystal Night" that destroyed almost all of the synagogues—was overshadowed by numerous acts of violence by right-wing extremists.

Based on the usual news coverage, many people abroad will probably conclude that the Germans are about to launch another brutal onslaught on the Jews.

Certainly the readers of *Newsweek* may come to that conclusion, as in its Oct. 28 issue, it portrayed the slogan "Foreigners Out" as a majority view. The magazine's reporters discovered that "a wave of anti-immigrant violence sweeps the country, west as well as east. . . . Every day brings some new spectacle of terror, almost as if Germans had declared open season on *Ausländer*—foreigners—living within their borders."

But what the U.S. media don't report, is that German authorities have launched an official probe into the involvement of U.S.-based racist groups with the German neo-Nazis.

On Nov. 4, and again Nov. 9, the office of the chief federal prosecutor announced an official investigation into the activities of the U.S.-based Ku Klux Klan in Germany. Spokesman Hans-Jürgen Förster explained that the probe is focusing on the role of Dennis Mahon, known for Klan activities in Texas, Oklahoma, and Missouri. Mahon and his collaborators have been on a "propaganda tour" for

at least several months, trying to recruit new members in east Germany.

As *EIR* has documented, the KKK and other such groups are the controlled assets of assorted intelligence services, notably the U.S. Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Anti-Defamation League (ADL). Britain's intelligence services pioneered the use of such "gangs" and "countergangs" for political purposes. In this case, the transparent political aim of the Anglo-American establishment is to discredit reunified Germany and curb its influence.

"We want to know whether the Klan is forming a terrorist organization in Germany," prosecutor Förster said. The probe is a preliminary one, but it is serious, as the chief federal prosecutor is activated only on cases of suspected terrorism or espionage.

On Nov. 10, Eckart Werthebach, the chairman of the BfV, the agency for the protection of the Constitution, said that there is an official investigation into the activity of two neo-Nazi terrorist organizations operating in east Germany. The names of the two groups were not disclosed, but a source hinted to *EIR* that the militant Action Front of National Socialists may be one of them. The ANS openly worships the Third Reich and has a radical anti-foreigner profile. It is said to recruit from the radical youth of such right-wing groups as the Republikaner (REP). The ANS is run, not by a German, but by Gottfried Küssel, an Austrian citizen for whom an arrest warrant was issued for neo-Nazi provocations in Vienna.

There is a U.S. aspect in the rise

of the ANS. It started out in the late 1970s under Michael Kuehnen (a homosexual who later died of AIDS). It was one of those groups that emerged from recruitment work in west Germany of U.S.-based groups like the NSDAP-AO (Organization Abroad) in Nebraska of a certain Gary Lauck. In its recruitment drive, the ANS capitalized on disappointment of many right-wing youth over the fruitless tactics of the NPD party, the largest neo-Nazi group.

Many of the NPD party officials who did not join the ANS, were attracted by the rise of the REP from 1983 on. The REP had numerous prominent military officers among its members, and some of them had a NATO intelligence background, such as Rear Adm. Günter Poser (ret.), who had headed the NATO intelligence group in Brussels. Poser eventually quit the REP, but his term as party vice chairman beginning in 1987 did a lot to make the party acceptable to German voters.

Today, there is a reinforcement of the ANS by radicalized youth deserting the REP, for the same reason that neo-Nazi youth quit the NPD 15 years ago to join the ANS.

This monster, which U.S.-based neo-Nazis helped to create, is now running amuck in east Germany, where efficient new police structures are not consolidated yet, two years after the fall of the communist regime.

Three of the eight neo-Nazis who were sentenced Nov. 11 for rioting in the east German city of Zittau, had a background in the REP. On May 9, they attacked a home for radiation-sick children from the Ukrainian Chernobyl region, shouting such slogans as "a tree, a rope, a Russian neck." Who told them to do that, an "inner" voice, or the KKK operatives whose activities are now the subject of an official probe?