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Patriots for Germany appeal to the nation

The battle for the future of Germany is intensifying sharply. With the coalition government in Bonn looking weaker every day, Green Party parliamentarian and terrorist lawyer Otto Schily has filed a lawsuit with which he hopes to topple the government of Chancellor Helmut Kohl. U.S. Ambassador Richard Burt is promoting the effort of the "New Yalta" crowd to reach an accommodation with the Soviet Union, on terms that would have embarrassed Neville Chamberlain. The Soviet Union has stepped up its own carrot-and-stick tactics toward the Federal Republic, offering trade deals and nuclear disarmament provided that Bonn "decouple" from the United States, as Burt and Henry Kissinger demand.

In this embattled situation, the Patriots for Germany group on Feb. 12 issued the third in a series of political newspaper advertisements, calling for a national mobilization to avert economic disaster and Soviet domination. The Patriots published a full-page ad in two national newspapers, *Die Welt* and the *Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung*, as well as in regional papers.

Among the signers are the following prominent German leaders: Fritz Redepenning, vice-president of the Farmers' Association of Displaced Persons in the state of North Rhine-Westphalia; Prof. Friedrich August Baron von der Heydte, former brigadier general of the Reserves and former member of the Bavarian state parliament; a number of members of state parliaments; members of city councils in at least three states; Hans-Georg Grünewald, former chairman of the Employers' Association of Hildesheim, in the state of Lower Saxony; numerous active and retired colonel and general officer-rank military men, including Brig.-Gen. (ret.) Friedrich Wilhelm Grünewald and Vice-Admiral (ret.) Karl Adolf Zenker: Helga Zepp-LaRouche, chairwoman of the Schiller Institute.

We publish here excerpts from the declaration:

All the dangers threatening our nation, and of which we Patriots for Germany have warned, have grown dramatically because of the continued weakness of the government in Bonn. Unfortunately, it is not only Brandt's Social Democrats (the SPD), but also the "Genscherites" in the Christian Democratic Union, as well as in the top levels of the Free Democratic Party (the FDP), who are determined to sweep the truth about these dangers under the rug—up to the federal

elections in 1987.

The Bonn government is making a convulsive attempt at spreading illusions and wishful thinking about the situation of our economy. Reality is different; The army of millions of unemployed has not been reduced. Every day, more craftsmen, retail businessmen and farmers are being driven into ruin. Small- and medium-sized businesses and agriculture—the very heart of our economy—are being destroyed.

America's economic and social structure is being shattered by the brutal cuts of the Gramm-Rudman legislation. This, combined with the world debt crisis, will lead to a severe breakdown of German exports, if we do not drastically change our policy toward the international financial cartels. Without a new world economic order, unemployment and bankruptcies in 1986 will turn into an avalanche.

Aside from the targeted dismantling of our economy conducted by the SPD and the Greens, it is a scandal that "Christian" politicians, of all people, continue the "liberal" economic policy dictated by the international financial cartels. Christian ethics and our moral responsibility require, that the ruthless destruction of human existence for reasons of financial interest, be strictly opposed. It was Cardinal Ratzinger, at the historic Synod of Bishops in Rome, who recently demanded of every Christian, that economic policy and Christian morality must be brought into accord; that is, that the welfare of society has priority over egoistic "market interests."...

Let no one be deceived by the harmonious-sounding words of Social Democrat Johannes Rau. Behind Rau there are Brandt, Bahr, and Ehmke, and behind them are the Greens. The leadership of Brandt's Social Democrats is determined to bring a Red-Green coalition to power in Bonn in 1987. And Moscow will do everything in its power to support a Red-Green seizure of power in Bonn. . . .

- The leaders of the Union parties have no intention whatsoever, even now, to initiate the change of policies they promised. The policy of rotten compromises with Genscher's FDP is being consolidated at this very moment by rigging the lists of candidates for the 1987 federal parliament elections.
- We Patriots of Germany will do everything, to assure that the policy of the Union parties is determined by the national interests of the Federal Republic, and not by the sellout of the "Genscherites."...
- We Patriots for Germany will make sure, that the standards of morality we all previously held to be valid, regain that validity—that is, that we so conduct our lives, and that we so shape the world, that our children can have a better future.
- In our work, we will be an inspiration for the moral and cultural renewal of our people. To that end, we base ourselves on the 2,500-year Christian-humanist tradition of Europe, on the German classics, the statecraft of the Prussian reformers, and the integration of the Humboldt system of education with the tasks of the future.

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