

Nazi General Reinhard Gehlen. At the time it was known as the Gehlen Organization or Gehlen "Org" and was essentially a retread of Hitler's *Fremde Heeres Ost* (Foreign Armies East — FHO), the Wehrmacht office responsible for intelligence-gathering and evaluation on the Eastern Front during World War II, headed even then by Gehlen.

The present head of the BND, Lt. General Gerhard Wessel (then a Lt. Colonel) was one of Gehlen's top aides in the FHO. On July 11, 1955, the Gehlen "Org" became an official agency of the Federal Republic at the urging of CDU Chancellor Konrad Adenauer and State-Secretary Hans Globke. Similarly, the BfV was founded with the close assistance of the CIA and the U.S. Army Counterintelligence Corps through the American Military government, in which the future BfV head Otto John was prominent.

With such ties and the known involvement of Genscher in Rockefeller cabal activities in Germany, it is not hard to imagine just what "friendly Western intelligence service" provided the tip on Guillaume.

### "Most Important and Best Placed"

The ensuing scandal, fanned by Genscher and the CDU, has led to the characterization of the Guillaume affair as "the greatest espionage affair in the history of the Federal Republic," according to *Der Spiegel*. While Guillaume's predecessor Peter Reuschenbach admitted, contrary to original reports, that Guillaume did have access to classified documents, it is by no means true, as CDU Chairman Carstens suggested, that the SPD produced the "most important and best placed" East German agent. More significant, in fact, have been the agents discovered in previous CDU governments. Two examples follow:

On July 21, 1954, Dr. Otto John, head of the *Bundesverfassungsschutz* defected to East Germany. John had been a close associate of the CDU Interior Minister Dr. Robert Lehr and an intimate of CDU Chancellor Konrad Adenauer. The impact was similar to what would have been generated had J. Edgar Hoover surfaced in Moscow and announced that he had been a Soviet agent ever since his appointment to head the FBI.

An even more devastating example is found in Heinz Felfe. Felfe, a former *Obersturmfuehrer* (First Lieutenant) in the notorious SS Security Service (the *Sicherheitsdienst*), had been placed in charge of West

German anti-Soviet counterintelligence in the BND by ex-Nazi Gehlen. While in this post Felfe gave to the USSR photocopies of the BND card-index of officials and agents, the names and addresses of the BND residents (overseas espionage supervisors), lists of BND agents and their covers in Eastern Europe, and all the top-secret internal memoranda of the BND. Most significantly, Felfe was responsible for passing on Soviet "disinformation" — false information designed to mislead spiced with a minimum of true information to give it credibility. In fact, as admitted by General Gehlen himself, Felfe's reports provided the basis for Chancellor Adenauer's entire policy toward the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe.

Espionage cases such as these put the Guillaume affair into more realistic perspective.

### Why Now

If Genscher knew about Guillaume's activities for over a year, why did he choose to reveal them at this time?

It is clear to the Rockefeller interests in Europe that a stable German government under Willy Brandt and the SPD, regardless of how rightist or collaborationist it might be, would endanger any plans for fascist onslaught by NATO troops *anywhere else in Europe*. The reason for this is simple: such an onslaught would catalyze the entire left-wing of Brandt's party around resistance to military fascism and force Brandt to take measures to resist. A Social Democratic regime, no matter how weak-willed, cannot ignore an enraged working-class population in this period and hope to continue to rule. Therefore, it is a *sine que non* of Rockefeller's plot to remove Willy Brandt and the SPD from effective control of the West German government.

Further, this issue is being used to discredit Brandt's entire *Ostpolitik*. A cartoon appeared in *Die Welt* picturing Brandt seated at a desk and an East German agent hiding behind a curtain guiding Brandt's hand as he wrote a speech. Brandt himself noted that such an affair cast grave doubts on the future of the *Ostpolitik*. The reasons for such a move are manifest: any attempt to form a "golden snake" arrangement to ward off the international monetary crisis at Rockefeller's expense would logically come through the channels which Brandt has cultivated with the USSR and Eastern Europe. Destruction of the *Ostpolitik* severely undercuts the chances for European economic resistance allied with the Soviet Union.

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## EUROPEAN LABOR COMMITTEES MOVE IN UNITED FRONT TO BLOCK SCHMIDT

May 8 (IPS) — As evidence mounts that the Guillaume scandal was entirely a set-up for Willy Brandt, the European Labor Committees have launched a massive propaganda drive, turning the German political void to full advantage. Within the next eight days — before the Bundestag is scheduled to elect Rockefeller stooge Helmut Schmidt as Chancellor to replace Brandt — the ELC intends to interrupt or block Schmidt's election by sharpening factional polarization within the Social Democratic Party (SPD). Initial reports indicate that the

situation is one of those unique moments in history in which a small force can play a decisive role in the life of an organization even thousands of times its own size.

Finance Minister Helmut Schmidt, acting under Rockefeller-faction discipline, sabotaged the SPD and the entire European Economic Community by overruling Brandt and denying the extension of credit to bankrupt Italy (see IPS this issue). Schmidt, as Finance Minister, consistently opposed economic cooperation, especially credits to the Soviet bloc. A Nazi during World War II, Schmidt fought on the Eastern front!

The ELC put its united front proposal before the left-wing of the SPD and their youth group the JUSOS. Selecting approximately left-wing candidates in Lower

Saxony, the ELC will campaign for them on the basis of the united front. ELC posters headlined "Nonetheless, Vote SPD" will be displayed throughout West Germany. In these posters, the ELC recognizes that Schmidt, the SPD nominee for Chancellor, is a Rockefeller Euro-traitor — the leading enemy within the party leadership. The poster also recognizes the disastrous rightwing line and blunders of the SPD leadership generally. Nonetheless, the SPD is the mass party of the German working class; and the ELC will campaign for the SPD with our *working-class program*.

If the SPD is to survive, it must expose the Rockefeller cabal, not merely in the engineering of the Guillaume affair but also in its plans for military fascism throughout the advanced sector. The SPD must reverse its right turn and begin to agitate within the working class to raise a defense throughout the continent.

### Strong Sentiment for Brandt

The possibility for ELC success is defined by the pro-Brandt mood of the SPD base. There have been pro-Brandt demonstrations, some spontaneous and some regionally coordinated, in all parts of Germany. At one demonstration, the head of the Trade Union Federation, Oskar Vetter stated "Willy Brandt continues to have the complete confidence of the German worker" to thunderous applause.

The situation is ripe for someone like Herbert Wehner, left SPD leader, to step in and pull together an anti-Schmidt left turn. Meanwhile, the ELC analysis of the situation is the *only* analysis the German working class is getting, and ELC credibility and influence are growing. Already, more than 100,000 ELC leaflets have been distributed throughout Western Europe.

Since the SPD lacks a single influential national newspaper, the SPD does not organize through a press propaganda machine, but through the internal channels of communications of the party trade-union and locality machinery. In this situation, where the top SPD apparatus is struck dumb during a major political crisis, the ELC political analysis is reaching out successfully to fill the vacuum.

### INDIA'S GOVERNMENT ABOUT TO FALL?

May 8 (IPS) — India stands on the brink of military takeover at the hands of the international Rockefeller cabal. The crippling national railway strike, which began today, is the cover for declaration of a state of virtual military rule. The strike involves close to two million Communist Party of India (CPI)-based trade unionists, and results from government provocations which culminated in the arrest a few days ago of almost 3,000 trade-union leaders — in the midst of negotiations with the government. Military units are poised across the country, prepared to take over all necessary functions in the planned emergency. Late reports indicate that railways are functioning despite the strike — which can *only* be the result of military intervention.

Any illusions concerning Prime Minister Indira Gandhi's role in this situation were dispelled by her trip last week to Iran. With India on the verge of total bankruptcy as a result of oil price rises, Gandhi struck a deal with the Shah of Iran and his CIA controller Richard Helms. The CIA's price for averting financial disaster was *political* disaster: capitulation to Rockefeller.

India's financial plight, resulting from the oil squeeze, is critical. Oil payments in 1974 rose by 30 per cent over exports. By the end of May, payments are due at amounts ranging from a conservative estimate of \$550 million to a more realistic \$1 billion. Added to this are massive hikes in the price of fertilizer. With India's available reserves at \$300 million, Gandhi was forced to go begging. The International Monetary Fund offered \$62 million out of the Indian quota to postpone the deadline — psychological warfare in the face of ever-looming payments. (According to the *Economist*, the IMF has set aside \$1,000 million for India, and more to follow.) Gandhi next pleaded to renew U.S. aid through the offices of the U.S. Ambassador Daniel P. Moynihan.

### Soviet Union Silent

The Soviet Union, whose alliance with India is now crumbling, has apparently closed its eyes to the impending disaster. *Pravda* has had *no* coverage of the rail situation or Gandhi's trip to Iran, restricting itself to suggestions that Gandhi "arouse patriotic fervor to enable completion of steel plants on time, since steel capacity was well below requirement."

Accompanying the Iranian aid is talk of joint naval exercises by Iran and India in the Indian Ocean. With Pakistan also tied to Iran, Rockefeller can now reach across the entire northern frontier of the Indian Ocean, extending a line of control from Turkey eastward. Pro-Soviet Iraq, which has had close ties with India, appears more isolated than ever.

### Planned Riots Supplements Strike Chaos

The escalation of riots last week in New Delhi and elsewhere in the wake of the rail strike supplements Rockefeller's overall game-plan. Revival of Hindu-Moslem riots and other divisive regional issues has already brought about curfews in the large industrial centers of India, including New Delhi, the capital. The CIA-trained Border Security Forces are being activated for use in control of civilian populations. Gandhi's call to the Army to "keep the wheels rolling" during the rail strike was debated heatedly in the Indian Parliament (Lok Sabha), as Defense Minister Jagjivan Ram was forced to answer questions concerning the possibility of military takeover. Ram assured the Parliament that "the armed forces would not be used to combat workers and break their strikes"!

### FIRST U.S. REPORT ON EUROPEAN LABOR COMMITTEE CONFERENCE

FRANKFURT, BRD, May 3 (IPS) — The following news report on the second Strategy for Socialism Conference of the European Labor Committees (ELC), held here April 20 and 21, is the first U.S. coverage of that convention. The West German newsweekly *Der Spiegel* carried a three-page article on the conference in its April 29 issue, as did the major West German newspaper *Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung* in its April 22 West German edition.

Over 300 socialists from West Germany (BRD), Italy, Sweden, France, Denmark, and Great Britain met to map out plans for building an international united front