

According major influence to the European peace movement, which in West Germany constitutes the major "left-wing" fascist forces deployed against the Schmidt government, Kissinger claimed that the "demonstrations in Europe . . . show above all the total intellectual collapse of the concept of an Atlantic strategy." Attacking the Europeans for failing to go along with a hard-line policy against the Soviet Union, Kissinger asked, "How much diversity can we stand?" The current level of agreement in the alliance is only "a consensus of the fearful," he said. "If it leads to paralysis and inaction, then the alliance will disintegrate because it will not be relevant to most of the issues that arise."

Kissinger, however, did not explain that his British sponsors would be the beneficiaries of such a disintegration of the Atlantic Alliance, as it would give the British, who otherwise wield little power as a *nation-state* in their own right, enhanced influence over both Europe and Washington.

In the conclusion of his speech, Kissinger declared that this "papering over of crises . . . cannot go on forever. . . . It is in our interests to try and bring some of these disputes to a head in some fashion." During the question period, he made clear that he considered Soviet-West German economic cooperation a prime target, endorsing efforts to force a cancellation of the Siberian-West German natural gas pipeline project. "We should make a major effort, and it seems to me cutting off the credits would be the best way to achieve this."

Plots against Schmidt

Throughout the conference, at which the featured participants from the United States also included U.N. Ambassador Jeane Kirkpatrick, leading "smash the pipeline" State Department operative Richard Perle, and "end of democracy" advocate Samuel P. Huntington, the behind-the-scenes machinations against Schmidt were even more blatant. CFW head Midge Decter told a journalist, "Schmidt responds to pressure. If we build up a lot of pressure, he will respond."

She added, however, that the CFW intends to found a West German branch in the near future, to be headed by Prof. Erwin Scheuch of the University of Cologne, who will work with the oligarchy's Prince Nicholas Lobkowitz and others to build a campaign against Schmidt over the Polish question. At the same time, they hope to rebuild the political fortunes of feudalist Franz Josef Strauss, the discredited Christian Social Union leader who lost his bid for the chancellorship to Schmidt in the last election. In private discussions, another conference participant and CSU parliamentarian, Franz Ludwig Graf von Stauffenberg, spoke openly of plans to eliminate Schmidt.

Abscam

Did the FBI murder a Williams witness?

by Andrew Rotstein

The shocking death under suspicious circumstances of Cynthia Marie Weinberg, estranged wife of FBI sting man Mel Weinberg, has complicated the intrigue surrounding the Abscam case of New Jersey Sen. Harrison Williams. Mrs. Weinberg's allegations that her husband perjured himself repeatedly with FBI complicity in a half-dozen Abscam trials had shaken the Justice Department's three-year-long project to its roots over the past two weeks.

Mrs. Weinberg's death came only two days after Senator Williams, who has openly counterattacked government political targeting and entrapment methods, was admitted to a New York hospital for emergency surgery, forcing postponement in the Senate vote on his expulsion, which had been slated for Feb. 2.

Marie Weinberg was discovered in the Palm Beach, Florida apartment of an acquaintance for whom she had been housesitting. A note was found next to her body, stating that all her allegations against Weinberg and the FBI were true, but that she could no longer stand Weinberg's abuse, which included public ridicule of her character and threats to take away their son. Although the media automatically portrayed her death as a suicide, preliminary evidence strongly suggests foul play:

- Within 24 hours of the Jan. 21 "20/20" national television broadcast which featured a lengthy interview with Mrs. Weinberg, she received a death threat from Weinberg's son by a former marriage. In response to the threats her attorneys, and syndicated journalist Jack Anderson, requested FBI protection as Mrs. Weinberg was a likely federal witness. FBI Director William Webster personally refused the request.

- Two days later, on Jan. 26 Marie Weinberg disappeared from her Palm Beach County apartment along with Mel Weinberg's diaries—documents that are reported to be devastating to both Weinberg and the FBI agents who directed the Abscam operation.

- A series of reports by neighbors indicate that the Weinberg apartment had been under surveillance by two white males in a blue Chevrolet for a 24-hour-period prior to Mrs. Weinberg's disappearance.

- Hours before she disappeared, Mrs. Weinberg had provided her attorney with a detailed packet of new evidence.

- According to the *Philadelphia Inquirer* of Jan. 19, Mrs. Weinberg did not reveal her address in affidavits submitted in court "for fear she would be killed." The same article quotes Robert K. Greene, author of Mel Weinberg's biography, *The Sting Man*, as telling Mrs. Weinberg "that book was very dangerous and 'they would kill for that.'"

- Upon relaying information from Mrs. Weinberg, alleging criminal acts on her husband's and others' parts to the Justice Department, columnist Jack Anderson urged the Justice Department not to funnel such information to the FBI. Not only did Justice give all Anderson's material to the Bureau, but Weinberg himself was fully briefed within 48 hours.

- Several weeks before Mrs. Weinberg's interview on national television, the FBI dispatched eight agents to supposedly "guard" Mrs. Weinberg in her home. She refused to cooperate with them and instead called local police to protect her from the FBI agents.

- Simultaneous with Mrs. Weinberg's abduction, a pattern of intensive harassment was activated against Sen. Harrison Williams and his wife Jeanette. The day after Williams's operation following a fall which severely aggravated a hernia condition, individuals representing themselves as reporters for the New York *Daily News* illegally entered Williams's hospital room at Columbia Presbyterian Hospital in New York City. The initial *Daily News* incident was followed hours later by 25 other ostensible "reporters" attempting to invade Williams's recuperation room. These incidents were followed by a series of phone calls from individuals posing as Williams's attorney, another supposed reporter from the *Daily News*, and a phone call from an individual falsely identifying himself as a reporter from UPI. Williams's security has been tightened.

- The aggressive defense Senator Williams has been waging, in the context of stunning Italian revelations on the control of international terrorism and dirty money, charges against scores of Sicilian heroin-running families, and the spectacular rescue of U.S. General Dozier, threatens to unravel the entire web in which tainted Justice Department networks are operating. In Greene's book Weinberg admits transferring fraudulent certificates of deposit to funders of Italy's Red Brigades.

Judge George Pratt of the Eastern District of New York had several days prior to Williams's hospitalization denied a motion by Williams's attorneys to delay sentencing pending further investigation of Marie Weinberg's explosive charges of perjury and other misconduct.

The Senate has indefinitely postponed deliberations on the Williams case due to the Senator's condition.

Civil Rights

Minority spokesmen support Sen. Williams

by Elliot Greenspan

Reflecting the spreading outrage at the illegal and unconstitutional tactics used in the Abscam prosecution of Senator Harrison Williams (D-N.J.), two New York City political leaders, both nationally prominent civil rights figures, spoke out in defense of Williams Jan. 28 at a press conference held in New York City by the National Democratic Policy Committee (NDPC), and released statements of support for Williams from black and Hispanic leaders from around the nation.

Jack and Montano speak

Hulan Jack, who served as Manhattan Borough President from 1954 to 1961, the first black elected county official in America, and who also served as a New York State Assemblyman for 18 years, was joined by State Assemblyman from the South Bronx Armando Montano. Montano, who represents the 77th Assembly District, is Chairman of the Democratic Program Committee and is the senior Hispanic elected official on the East Coast.

In a prepared statement, Mr. Jack, a member of the advisory council of the NDPC, addressed "the process of entrapment and despicable prosecution of Senator Williams by the Department of Justice," and he cited the parallel between the frameup of Williams and the "vicious" behavior of Abscam prosecutor Thomas Puccio in the case of former New York Assemblyman Samuel Wright of Brooklyn.

"A mobilization of support for Senator Williams is sweeping the country from the North to the South," Mr. Jack said. "Civil rights groups, labor organizations, public officials, and citizens are concerned at the process of entrapment and despicable prosecution of Senator Williams, as perpetrated by the Department of Justice. This case is a clear demonstration that we the people cannot become indifferent and must keep a continuing watchful alert lest we lose our rights to the greed of the autocracy."

Assemblyman Montano, in his remarks to the press, emphasized that, if successful, the attack on Senator Williams would be the prelude to a new onslaught