

The traitors within Schmidt's party

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If Helmut Schmidt is to remain in power, he will have to allow certain bitter factional issues now ripping apart his Social Democratic Party to come to a head. The forces exist within the SPD for these factional issues to be resolved in Schmidt's favor.

Central among these fights is how the SPD will counteract the electoral growth of the London-sponsored Green Party. The Green Party has been geared up by Schmidt's London-based enemies as a battering ram against the SPD and constitutional government. Schmidt's electoral base has the legal means to halt the Green Party, and many SPD leaders are simply waiting for a go-ahead signal to exercise it. They are being restrained by the implicit threat from the faction around Chairman Willy Brandt that if they move to halt the Greens, the SPD itself will split.

The Brandt faction, similarly controlled out of London, has protected the Green movement from its inception. Brandt's goal is to eventually merge the Greens into the SPD, thereby permanently disenfranchising the SPD's pro-technology, working class electoral support.

The fight over SPD policy toward the Greens is intensifying. In mid-June, the SPD weekly *Vorwärts* covered the results of a study commissioned by the SPD federal parliamentary fraction on the Greens. The study concluded that the Green parties are anti-state, right-wing extremist, and organized around the pre-Hitlerian cult ideology of *Blut und Boden* (blood and soil).

According to West German law, such anti-constitutional, neo-fascist formations must be outlawed. But the Brandt faction argues that the Greens represent a "legitimate" expression of public anxiety over nuclear power. Brandt personally has chiefly supported the Greens through his spokespersonship in the peace movement, which overlaps with the Greens through the peace movement's violent wing. Brandt has encouraged a policy of "reconciliation" with all such "protest" groups.

The same day the *Vorwärts* article appeared, Peter Gloetz, a Brandt adherent and federal business manager of the SPD, issued an interview urging that a "dialogue"

process with the Greens get underway. Gloetz did the interview with the pro-terrorist, Frankfurt-based *Tageszeitung*, which intersects groupings that have represented a terrorist assassination threat against Schmidt.

Brandt's policy of accommodation has been defended by Eugen Loderer, head of the Metalworkers Union, and SPD Executive Committee member Egon Bahr. Following the June 6 state election in Hamburg, Loderer and Bahr called for the SPD to "negotiate" with the Green parliament fraction there, after the SPD lost 8 percent of the vote and couldn't form a government.

Brandt and social fascism

Willy Brandt's current accommodation with the Greens is a fitting endpoint of a career which has been strictly devoted for 50 years to the British Fabian experiment of "fascism with a democratic face."

U.S. State Department official Eleanor Dulles pushed Brandt into the leadership of the West Berlin SPD in the 1950s. Dulles had been part of her brother Allen Dulles' Switzerland-based wartime intelligence operations, through which British intelligence salvaged extensive fascist political assets for future deployment. The coordinating center for that Dulles operation became the Geneva-based Fascist (or Malmö) International, whose networks set up the Green parties in Germany in 1976-78. Willy Brandt was educated in the 1940s period, leading up to the formation of the new Fascist International by the joint British-Austrian "left-wing" or Fabian component of the same operation.

To a large extent, the Brandt wing of the SPD today is actually run out of Austria, through Prime Minister Bruno Kreisky. In 1942, Kreisky and Brandt held long indoctrination sessions in exile in Sweden with "left-wing" fascist ideologue Gunnar Myrdal, a mastermind behind policies for population elimination in the Third World. In chairing the so-called Brandt Commission on North-South relations today, Brandt has become a leading implementor of Myrdal's programs.

London ensured that between 1933 and 1945, the majority of the pre-Hitler SPD leadership was eliminated by Nazi terror. Brandt only joined the SPD after 1945. During exile, he was a member of an obscure socialist fringe group which was funded out of the United States and London, and was controlled by the Austrian-trained ideologue Richard Loewenthal, still an influential *eminence grise* in the SPD today.

It is well known that Brandt and Schmidt have been bitter opponents ever since Schmidt stepped forward in 1974 to head a successful conspiracy to oust Brandt from the Chancellorship. Since then, Brandt has often threatened to split the SPD to outflank Schmidt. Were Brandt to carry out that threat after a real political fight, Schmidt's base would be strengthened—not hurt—by a Brandt faction exodus from the party.