Editorial

Ambassador Richard Burt: a Soviet asset

At the time of Richard Burt's nomination for U.S. ambassador to the Federal Republic of Germany, this publication campaigned vigorously against his confirmation by the U.S. Senate. At that time, we demanded an investigation into his role in promoting the Moscow-controlled Green Party of West Germany; his relationship with convicted KGB spy Arne Treholt of Norway; his role in the so-called "Chalet" espionage scandal while he was still working for the *New York Times*.

Our warnings were not heeded. The light of publicity was never shed on these seedy aspects of Richard Burt's life, and so he became the Ambassador of the United States to Bonn. Those in the Senate, the U.S. intelligence services, and law enforcement agencies who allowed Burt's nomination to go through, are now responsible for the mess he is creating in the Federal Republic of Germany.

Burt and his close collaborator and subordinate, John Kornblum, who represents the U.S.A. in Berlin, have extended invitations to representatives of a "National Bolshevik" fringe party, the Republikaner Partei, to grace with their presence the official reception honoring President Reagan's visit to the divided city of Berlin. The intention of that invitation was to provide a cloak of legitimacy to an important, Moscow-controlled political operation which has been assigned the task of selling to traditional, conservative political layers of West Germany, the idea of decoupling from the United States.

Richard Burt and John Kornblum stand exposed as the principal backers of a key Soviet intelligence operation against the Western alliance, the Nazi-communist Republikaner Party. The Republikaner are, simply, "Moscow's Fifth Column" in the Federal Republic. That Munich-centered operation is a den of enemy operations, deployed by the Russians, who, in this instance, are cooperating with two leaders of the Nazi International secretly behind the founding and funding of the Republikaner Partei: François Genoud, the Swiss literary executor of Adolf Hitler and Martin Bormann, and his life-long collaborator, Ahmed Huber.

There is irony in this particular political menagerie. Old Nazis and old Communists, François Genoud, Ahmed Huber, and the local KGB, are digging up from the political graveyard, the old camaraderie and spirit of the 1939 Hitler-Stalin Pact, and call it the Republikaner Partei. They then get the U.S. ambassador, Richard Burt, to invest it with legitimacy. Essentially, the Republikaner, which has been the recipient of financial donations from Project Democracy's "Spitz" Channell, makes the Nazi argument that the ties of alliance between the United States and the Federal Republic be dissolved and replaced by ties of alliance with Russia.

This is what Ambassador Burt, and his friend Kornblum, are, essentially endorsing. They are doing so with the active encouragement of Secretary of State George Shultz, whose commitment to the cause of the illegal, "parallel government" of Project Democracy has been displayed in the form of support for Assistant Secretary for Latin American Affairs Elliott Abrams, the single most responsible person—after Robert Vesco—for the spread of anti-Americanism in Central America.

Shultz himself, acting like the high priest of betrayal, is going around the world, making speeches to international audiences, to the effect that the United States can no longer dispense with its international leadership responsibilities, and that "others" should take up the "burden." This is what we warned of when we campaigned against Richard Burt's nomination as ambassador to West Germany.

Since then, we have had the Reykjavik summit, the steady unfolding of the Irangate clean-up, and the publication of *EIR*'s "Project Democracy" report. Now, whoever wants to reverse what's gone wrong with U.S. policy, must join with us in cleaning up the State Department nest of Project Democracy. Shultz has stuck what he has of a neck out to defend his "sensational" assistant secretary, the perjurer and bullying juvenile delinquent Elliott Abrams. If that's the way he wants it, we should make sure that's the way he gets it.

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