

Der Spiegel has lost its nerve

Helga Zepp-LaRouche, chairman of the European Labor Party in the Federal Republic, issued the following reply to Der Spiegel from her campaign headquarters in Wiesbaden.

about the collapse of Helmut Schmidt." Date: "Before the end of June...."

The British, according to the ELP view of the world, which, like the manner of thinking of religious sects, is self-contained and has an answer for every question, "have the reconquest of the United States through political subversion" in mind and with this, the worst for everyone: "the end of humanity."

The West German ELP leader has taken over a fantastic fear of the "blackest oligarchs of England" and of Queen "Elizabeth, the witch of Windsor," from her husband, the American Lyndon Hermyle LaRouche, whose activities as head of the "U.S. Labor Party" the *New York Times* numbers among the "most extraordinary episodes in the history of the American left...."

Just how the LaRouche group finances itself lies in darkness. SPD Federal Parliament deputy Ernst Waltemathe presumes that the Central Intelligence Agency has its hand in the game. According to a confidential paper by the Bonn Interior Ministry the budget, which even in 1974, the ELP's first year, reached about 800,000 marks, "is allegedly financed to a great part by payments from the USA...."

...And just like the young followers of a new religious leader, the LaRouche followers also pawn their possessions: this is what Bischofsheim insurance agent Karl Heinz Holz did, who switched from a Mercedes to an Opel, sold his house, and increased the party's finances from the profits. ...

This extraordinary engagement is worthy of their mentor LaRouche, to whom they attribute prophetic gifts. *Neue Solidarität* announced in May that the founder of the party devised a computer program that predicts, "with almost 100 percent accurate prognosis, what economic consequences economic decisions and decisions taken by individual firms will have on the world and on the economy."

June 10 will show just what is to be made of the ELP's mathematical prophesies. Hamburg Deputy State Chairman Werner Zuse supposed that "we'll get five percent very easily." Three years ago in the Federal Parliament elections it was 0.0180077.

Der Spiegel, and to be more precise, Herr Augstein, have lost their nerve over the ELP's potent election campaign. After my four campaign broadcasts on the European parliament campaign which made people extremely enthusiastic about the ELP's program, and after *Der Spiegel*, though one must say inadvertently, reproduced the content of our campaign without falsification, Herr Augstein blew his stack. At the editorial conference on Tuesday he ordered a second article on the ELP, and this time the line was to be: finish off the ELP!

Now Herr Augstein, as you well know, anger makes you blind. First of all, *Der Spiegel* has a miserable reputation in the population, and most people only read it to find out what the opponents of the Federal Republic of Germany are really planning. And with your permission I would like to say that I would really be worried if *Der Spiegel* were to write something exclusively positive about the ELP, because then this would at best create a false impression among the right people. Second, readers are also going to wonder why *Der Spiegel* has reported on the ELP in two successive issues, and then almost goes head over heels to emphasize how unimportant the ELP is.

No, Herr Augstein, you won't have much luck with the overwhelming majority of citizens of the Federal Republic, who believe in the necessity of technological progress, or with the innumerable citizens who said to us after our TV broadcasts that "Mrs. Zepp-LaRouche is right, the ELP is the only party that has the courage to speak out loudly and clearly for nuclear energy and economic growth along with it, and that wants to fight terrorism effectively."

The single effect that your article has is to give marching orders to the greenies, the terrorist sympathizers, and the anglophile liberals: the ELP is the opponent.

And this will also prove itself to be a boomerang.

What was it about the ELP's election campaign that put *Der Spiegel* in such a panic?

1. In my first campaign broadcast on May 14 on the Second Network, in which I called out for a fight against terrorism, in no way at all did I speak of "dark forces" hiding behind terrorism, as *Der Spiegel* wrote. Instead, I explained in detail that the reason why the

Italian government was so successful in the fight against terrorism lies in that not only did they carry out the investigation on just a criminological level, but that they correctly understood the political background. And in Italy the people who belong to this background, besides "left" professors, leading politicians and banks which finance terrorism, are journalists and various newspapers and magazines, who over the years have helped to build up the credibility of terrorism. And then I simply demanded that one must draw the consequences for the Federal Republic out of the arrests in Italy.

2. In two other campaign broadcasts, I explained that not only our well-being, but world peace itself depended on a massive increase in nuclear energy and the industrialization of the Third World. If people didn't know what *Der Spiegel* is they could almost believe that *Der Spiegel's* scribblers are just intellectually too simple-minded to understand this connection. Of course, this may be true, but the real reason for *Der Spiegel's* outbreak of hysteria becomes clear when people consider the third and most essential aspect over which *Der Spiegel* lost all self-control.

3. The ELP's attacks on the policies of the leading circles in Great Britain, and on the British-dominated oligarchs the world over, who want to plunge the world, with the aid of the International Monetary Fund, into a new Dark Ages; this above all is what hits Herr Augstein right on the target, as if someone were attacking his mother.

It is not just that Herr Augstein received his license for printing *Der Spiegel* from the British occupation authorities when he was 22 years old, and has laid down, right up to the present day, British editorial policy, but that *Der Spiegel* today, along with Radio Free Berlin, the Second Network, the newspapers *Die Welt* and *Die Zeit*, belong to the corporate members of the British International Institute for Strategic Studies (IISS), a branch of the Royal Institute for International Affairs (RIIA). The RIIA itself is composed of the highest circles of the British monarchy, the British foreign ministry, the financial interests of the City of London, the British press and the British secret services. When people further realize that *Spiegel* reporters Boerris Gallasch (London correspondent) and Ruediger Lentz (chief of the foreign desk) are members of the IISS, they will no longer wonder why *Der Spiegel* never publishes articles that reflect the national interest of the Federal Republic of Germany.

Herr Augstein himself once said that *Der Spiegel* is a child of the occupation. There is another word for that in the German language: British bastard.

4. In typical British tradition, *Der Spiegel* gets angry because the ELP has a cohesive and coherent view of the world. This must make it angry indeed, for, true to British philosophy from Hobbes to Sir Karl

Popper, *Der Spiegel* believes in mankind's irrationality and when the followers of this school are confronted with reason they react just as irrationally as a spoiled two-year-old, and stamp their feet and begin to cry out of sheer malice.

Herr Augstein cannot stand reason, and in a 1966 interview with the *Rheinische Post* he said: "Man today can no longer promote enlightenment in the philosophical and historical sense for this presupposes belief in human reason. This presupposes the assumption that man can be educated and improved, that under favorable conditions a noble community can develop. We no longer believe in all of that today."

It is precisely because of this conviction that mankind is just as bad as Herr Augstein himself, that it can be neither educated nor improved, that *Der Spiegel* believes it has permission to drag every value through the mud, to do the same to mankind, and to public affairs, in this case, to our Federal Republic. It is precisely because of this that *Der Spiegel* lost its temper when the ELP announced a new Age of Schiller for the Europe of the future.

We have chosen the campaign slogan "Bring on the Age of Schiller" (Nun kommt die Schillerzeit) because it was precisely Friedrich Schiller who fought for mankind's education for reason; for the education and ennoblement of mankind, for the establishment of "a noble commonwealth," and for the foundation of humanist republics in which citizens do not totally and cynically concern themselves with the gratification of their self-seeking desires, but in which they seize responsibility for the formation of the future of their state.

One last item. The Federal Constitutional Court has repeatedly referred *Der Spiegel* to the press's duty to report the truth, and that it is not tolerable when the image of a person or an event is distorted by keeping silent about important details. Considered from this standpoint of the duty to report the truth, then not a single sentence in the *Der Spiegel* article about the ELP is true. The article is a characteristic example of the so-called "*Spiegel* style." However, the *Spiegel* style is nothing other than wretched German, in which what is attempted, through false causality, is to produce definite associations in the reader's mind.

The *Spiegel* style is not only the worst printed German there is to read, but in reading *Der Spiegel* the question is raised as to whether the *Spiegel* journalists are familiar at all with the German language.

It is precisely because of such abuses as *Der Spiegel* that we need a new Age of Schiller so that the citizens of the Federal Republic can despise the *Spiegel* journalists with the same contempt that Schiller had for the greasy poets of his period, so that they can finally draw the consequences and leave the British bastard Herr Augstein to his reward.