

Morgenthau Plan returns to West Germany, vaunted by left and right 'green fascists'

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Since the government of Chancellor Helmut Schmidt was toppled Oct. 1, the conspiracy to destroy West Germany—and the rest of Western Europe along with it—as an advanced industrial nation has been moved forward so rapidly that it is now public policy.

"The Morgenthau Plan is being carried out in Germany today, 40 years after it was first formulated," European Labor Party Chairman Helga Zepp-LaRouche, a candidate for parliament in the March 6 elections told *EIR*. The Morgenthau Plan, devised by the same Anglo-American bankers who had supported Adolf Hitler's Finance Minister, Hjalmar Schacht, even before World War II was over, intended to demolish German heavy industry, flood the coal mines, and turn the country into a huge pasture fit only for cows and peasants.

"My opponent, CDU Labor Minister Norbert Blum, is proposing that the German steel industry be 'nationalized.'" Zepp-LaRouche stated. "This means that Thyssen would take sole control of whatever production and market still exists for steel in Germany—where production is now at less than 50 percent capacity. The rest down, throwing millions more out of work. The worst is that the current election campaign is being conducted with no discussion of economic policy. Both major parties, the CDU and SPD, have studies showing that, if the crisis is not reversed, unemployment will reach 5 or 6 million in the coming period. Because they have no policies to deal with this disaster, they have refused to publish the studies. Unemployment in Germany as a whole was 6 million when Hitler came to power in 1933.

"This is not only national suicide for Germany. This means the destruction of European civilization. Recently, Green Party leader Rudolf Bahro stated that the Federal Republic must be neutralized, and that the trends of the past 10,000 years must be reversed—that means every advance civilization has made. The churches will play a key role in the process, Bahro claimed. The churches, the unions, the media are creating the same conditions that existed before the Nazi takeover."

As *EIR* stated in October, the government of CDU Chancellor Helmut Kohl has been a transition to a new fascist government, this time to be led by an alliance of the Social Democrats with the green movement. The rapidity with which the German economy collapsed during the final quarter of 1982, far exceeding the rate of collapse of the U.S. economy, has totally discredited Kohl's government, opening the way for an SPD-Green coalition government after the March 6 elections.

The SPD's chancellor candidate is Hans-Jochen Vogel, a Commander of the Order of the British Empire. Vogel has proposed an "international solidarity pact against unemployment," which essentially means that West Germany will eliminate its productive industrial capacity, and shift to a "sunrise" economy, creating "new" jobs in public works programs and so forth. The Third World will be allowed to retain whatever heavy industry it has—in its most labor-intensive form—but all "Third World development" will shift to light industry and small-scale projects.

Former Chancellor Helmut Schmidt, in 1978 the architect of the anti-British European Monetary System with former French President Giscard d'Estaing, is now lending his international reputation as a statesman to voicing the policies of the IMF. Schmidt is presently touring Mexico and visiting the coordination committee of the Non-Aligned movement in Nicaragua, where his influence can be used to divert the Non-Aligned from focusing on an essential new world economic order. Opposition to population growth, one of Schmidt's long-term fatal flaws, has become his point of intersection with the same oligarchic policy-makers who forced him out of office in October. "The explosion of population growth represents the biggest threat of pollution of the world," Schmidt stated in a recent interview with the *Frankfurter Rundschau*. Nations like India, China, and Brazil, says Schmidt, justify their industrialization plans by citing the need to feed large populations, and because these nations are unable to afford anti-pollution devices, massive destruction of the environment will result.

This formulation comes directly from the same international financial oligarchy which established the elite World Wildlife Fund. Britain's Prince Philip, leader of the WWF, made an international tour last summer to coordinate a campaign against development projects in exactly those nations targeted by the IMF.

CDU Minister of Development Policy Jürgen Warnke has called for drastic measures against the "destruction of nature by big projects in the Third World." His ministry declared an exemplary cut of capital aid to India, because of that nation's "too ambitious armament policy," setting a precedent for carrying out the Brandt Commission formula that the "arms race" in the Third World is the primary reason for those nations to seek financial aid, and debt would be cut drastically if this military expense were halted.

Two policy options are now being prepared for West Germany to ensure that this Morgenthau Plan attack on its own advanced industry, and any decoupling from commitment to develop Third World industry are carried out. The first, "left-wing" option was formulated for Vogel by C. Fred Bergsten's International Institute of Economics (IIE) in Washington, D.C., which met in London during Henry Kissinger's October travels in Europe. Vogel adviser Karl Schiller supervised the formulation of the blueprint for the Dec. 12-14 Ottawa Brandt Commission meeting, which called for Third World debt rescheduling in the context of upgrading the IMF and World Bank. Part of the plan called for an "expansionist policy," described by Hamburg weekly *Die Zeit* publisher Dr. Gerd Bucerius as a plan to revive Keynesianism in the United States, Great Britain, Germany, and Japan.

The German side of the "solidarity pact" was laid out in a second blueprint by the Schiller-led IIE meeting. This calls for Germany, while demolishing its productive heavy industry, creating jobs in the so-called future industries of telecommunications, plastics, and so forth, and in the "big growth branch of the future: protecting nature." Readjustment to these future industries means lowering pension ages, shortening work time, and, primarily, lowering wages for "labor sacrifice for the community."

Vogel, in alliance with the labor movement, is seen as the candidate best able to push this program through in West Germany. In addition to Schiller, Vogel's campaign staff includes Prof. Krupp of the monetarist DWI economics institute and Carl-Friedrich von Weizsäcker, the German equivalent of Bertrand Russell.

Former head of the German Trade Union Federation Heinz-Oskar Vetter, who in a Dec. 29 interview made available to *EIR* threatened that the unions would join the green and peace movements in mass violence if unemployment is not stopped, is demanding that levels of development be equalized between North and South, i.e., that all technological advances be halted. Vetter is claiming that German labor is "fully willing" to abstain from any wage increases for

years, if such a step is necessary to create more jobs.

What Vetter did not mention is that he is one of five German trustees at the Anglo-German Foundation for Studies of Industrial Society, the British complement to the American German Marshall Fund (see *EIR*, Jan. 25). Other German trustees include Joachim von Oertzen, the director of Siemens, A.G.; Sigismund von Braun of the Inter-Alpha banking group and a member of the Italian Freemasonic lodge Propaganda-2; W. A. Mene, formerly of I. G. Farben, and C. C. von Weizsäcker, a nephew of Vogel's adviser.

The president of the Anglo-German Foundation is none other than Prince Philip, also of the World Wildlife Fund.

The foundation, according to a source, had held a conference on "labor-related questions" earlier in 1982, and that they were concentrating their efforts on studying "job creation in communal protection-of-nature or infrastructure renovation programs," and "new technologies and their effect on the employment situation."

The other area of investigation is the so-called black economy, which, according to the Institute, "although usually viewed as a negative aspect of economic life, does represent a sector of economic freedom. The official unemployment figures do not tell the full truth, because more and more people are dropping out of normal work, and work in socially useful, but unrecognized areas, because they do not want to pay taxes. . . ." As *EIR* has documented in the United States, most of these "unrecorded unemployed" exist in the huge illegal drug economy.

The second option now being prepared for Germany is centered around the "right-wing" Mont Pelerin Society, with ties to the CDU and Kohl government. This grouping includes Cologne University economics professor Christopher Watrin, who first published the aims of the Ditchley Group in Germany in October 1982. Watrin, vice-chairman of the Economic Advisory Council to the Bonn Economics Ministry, was a prominent participant in the October conference of the Dominican Order held at the Vatican. The conference launched according to one source, "a crusade against German industrial ventures in Latin America . . . to fight Marxist planned economy" promoting "small is beautiful" projects and a stronger role for the IMF.

Another center of the right-wing post-industrialists is the IWG institute run by Dr. Miegel, former chief of the Christian Democrats' national political department who operates in Georgetown/Aspen Institute circles. In collaboration with the London-based Policy Studies Institute and the Friedmanite Center for Policy Studies, Dr. Miegel is on the attack against what he calls the "overpopulated" and "overindustrialized" Ruhr. "One must make the Ruhr unattractive to people, so that they will leave," he said, adding that such "socialist chimera" as modern health care, subsidized housing, and public transport should be eliminated in order to promote the "natural trend" of migration into "new industries" like communications.

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