Editorial

No more Wackersdorfs!

Five months have passed since the events of Wackersdorf, West Germany, over the Pentecost weekend of May 17-19. As *EIR* emphasized at the time, the violence that occurred at the planned nuclear waste facility in the Bavarian village of Wackersdorf was no mere "riot," but actual war, using militarily trained and centrally commanded forces of the Soviet "irregular warfare" units sometimes called *spetsnaz*.

Under the protection of over 10,000 so-called peaceful demonstrators, approximately 2,000 trained shock troops attacked the reprocessing facility at Wackersdorf and the security forces deployed there with unprecedented brutality. The weapons are hunting slingshots with steel pellets, axes, flare pistols, and, in some cases, small-bore shotguns. The communications equipment: walkie talkies, etc. These and the tactical execution of the attack, revealed military planning. The "fighters," as the terrorists called themselves, expected there to be deaths. With the 200 wounded police, it was almost a miracle that no one was actually killed.

These facts finally clear away the false belief that *spetsnaz* troops, that is, elite Soviet sabotage and assassination squads, will only be activated 48 hours before the beginning of a nuclear war. In fact, *spetsnaz* are already at work—at the front line of the war to weaken and wear down the enemy, the Federal Republic of Germany.

Now, in the wake of President Reagan's triumph over Gorbachov at Reykjavik, the Wackersdorf troops are regrouping for a new phase of assault. There has been mass distribution of leaflets in Wackersdorf and nearby Obersfeldt, calling for sabotage of power lines, blocking of the main arteries, and other actions.

The purpose is clear: Destroy NATO, and drive the United States out of Europe. This fits into a war plan to destroy the Strategic Defense Initiative that includes, as Lyndon LaRouche stressed in this week's *National* lead article, the threat of assassination against Ronald Reagan.

The Soviet leadership aims, through massive propaganda bombardment and simultaneous low-intensity war ("terrorism"), to so weaken West Germany's will to defend itself that the Federal Republic will, for all practical purposes, break from the Western Alliance and fall under the control of the Soviet Union. As a means of enticement to the "useful fools" of the West, disarmament proposals, economic treaties, etc. are also offered, continuously.

The official figures on terrorist attacks and acts of sabotage during the past 18 months alone show that, on the average, at least three terrorist acts have occurred each day. Thus, each day, somewhere, a bomb explodes in a police station or army barracks, somewhere a fire is set in the computer center of a large firm, somewhere the overhead lines along a stretch of railroad track are pulled down with kedge anchors, to become entangled in the wheels of the express train running by. Somewhere, high-power cable towers are "laid low," as the saboteurs put it, with cutting shears. These "successes" are then published with pride in the pages of such radical newspapers as *tageszeitung* or *Radikal*.

The culmination of the Soviet low-intensity warfare strategy is the condition of "ungovernability" and civil war in the state affected—perhaps the Federal Republic of Germany, perhaps Italy.

EIR has intervened against this scenario in West Germany with a Special Report on "The Green Party and Terrorism," now also being published in English, which documents the Soviets' political and military command of irregular warfare.

Here in the United States, a post-Reykjavik housecleaning is due, particularly in the State Department nests that have nourished the terrorist-harboring Green Party from its inception. U.S. Ambassador to Bonn Richard Burt, who told reporters at an embassy press conference on Oct. 16 that "stationing Pershing II missiles in Germany is unnecessary," is clearly working for the other side. Isn't it time to finally fire Richard Burt, before there are *many* Wackersdorfs, and Europe is lost?