

# Frankfurt drug lobby hollers against ADC

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Frankfurt-on-Main, sometimes referred to as Europe's capital of crime and drugs, is faced with a major scandal. Only three days after the inauguration of Mayor Andreas von Schöler, the First Lady of the city misused her position as a journalist for the local state radio Hessischer Rundfunk (HR) for an inflammatory libel against the Anti-Drug Coalition and its co-founder, American politician and economist Lyndon H. LaRouche. For more than 10 years, the ADC has been among the harshest critics and opponents of the liberal drug and security policies of Mrs. Ulrike von Schöler's husband.

Andreas von Schöler, a highly controversial liberal political careerist in Germany, who has switched from the Free Democratic Party (FDP) to the Social Democrats (SPD), succeeds the unfortunate Volker Hauff in the Frankfurt mayor's office. Hauff headed the city's first "red-green" magistrate, which included the radical ecologist and anarchist figure, the head of the May 1968 riots in France, Daniel Cohn-Bendit. Hauff's surprise resignation two months ago occurred in the midst of a breaking scandal that linked city officials to local organized crime figures like the Beker brothers and real estate tycoon Josef Buchmann. Buchmann, who has been named as the suspected "godfather" of organized crime in Frankfurt, acted in the background of big real estate deals in the red light district, between the city's magistrate and "bordello king" Hersh Beker, involving millions in tax revenues.

Already a decade ago, the ADC had exposed Buchmann as an asset of the Meyer Lansky mob, charges that have been ridiculed by Mrs. von Schöler as "conspiracy theories" in her frequent broadcasts, thus covering up for the structure of organized crime in Frankfurt and its connection to prostitution, drugs, money laundering, real estate speculation, and political corruption.

Even more embarrassing to Mrs. von Schöler is the fact that her husband added nothing to fully clarify the scandalous deals between the city and the mafia during his powerful position as legal administrator of the Hauff magistrate. In his inaugural speech, he did not even mention Frankfurt's role as capital of the drug trade in Europe. Among von Schöler's first acts in office were a reception for rock star Sting in the historic "emperors' chamber" in City Hall and a donation of DM 10,000 for Sting's campaign to "save the rain forests."

## The skeletons in the closet

The drug lobby should be grateful to the couple. Mrs. von Schöler, a student of Teodoro Adorno and Max Horkheimer of the "Frankfurt School" and a former radical leftist who is well-known for her hate-journalism, has pursued systematic vilification against Lyndon LaRouche and the work of the ADC for fully 10 years, drawing on the dope lobby's slander networks in and around the Anti-Defamation League (ADL). The new First Lady, who prefers to work under her maiden name Holler, used the HR station for the first time in 1982 against the ADC and LaRouche, when she defended the liberal drug policy of her husband. Her vitriolic attacks against the ADC are understandable. The ADC opposes any move for legalization of drugs and has therefore attacked von Schöler since 1981, when he was a spokesman for this policy within the FDP. During the Frankfurt municipal elections in 1981, the FDP received a painful blow when it was branded the "Free Drug Party," and von Schöler's party was subsequently kicked out of the city council. One year later, the HR local TV channel stupidly slandered LaRouche as an "anti-Semite," because he described "Jewish" Meyer Lansky as a gangster.

But there is more which the von Schöler clan does not like to be exposed. During his term as state secretary in the Interior Ministry under Minister Gerhard Baum (FDP) at the end of the 1970s, von Schöler played an active role in the destruction of efficient police and intelligence systems of information. Even today, the blood pressure of anti-terror experts rises, when the names Baum or von Schöler are mentioned. The reasons for today's problems in German anti-terror efforts, as highlighted recently in the assassinations of banker Alfred Herrhausen and corporate official Detlev Rohwedder, can be traced back to these "data-protection" hysterics. Already in 1980, von Schöler campaigned against the current anti-terror legislation, and was a member of the liberal Humanistische Union, which has been pushing not only anti-police projects, but also pro-euthanasia campaigns.

The latest slander by Mrs. von Schöler was broadcast simultaneously with slanders of similar content nationally and internationally. While it is part of the attacks of the drug lobby and the Bush administration against their political opponent, 1992 Democratic presidential candidate Lyndon H. LaRouche, it is also of local political significance. The HR broadcast is an outburst of hate and lies against "the LaRouche political sect," using "psychologist" Hella Ralfs-Horeis as star witness against the LaRouche movement. Ralfs-Horeis was formerly the editor-in-chief of the ADC's magazine *War on Drugs*, but she now collaborates with the drug lobby. This new defamation is considered an attempt to silence the only remaining opposition to the methadone program which von Schöler is pushing "for ideological reasons" along with his coalition partner, the pro-dope Greek Party of pothead Cohn-Bendit.