

German Secret Service: 'KGB Runs Peace Movement'

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Aug. 2 (NSIPS)—The head of the West German secret service for the first time last week charged that the Soviet Union is funneling millions of deutschemarks to the West German "peace movement" to create a "hot autumn" of violence and political chaos this year.

Herbert Hellenbroich, president of the West German Office for Protection of the Federal Constitution, said in a radio interview that the West German Communist Party (DKP) is known to have received at least 60 million marks (\$23.5 million) from the East to finance the peace movement, and that he would not exclude the possibility that terrorist groups like the "Revolutionary Cells" would use upcoming planned demon-

strations against U.S. missile deployment as the cover for terrorist acts and assassinations.

Hellenbroich declared that his office possesses information indicating that Eastern intelligence services have been financing hard-core terrorist groupings which have vowed to sabotage or blockade NATO munitions transport. The danger exists, he said, that a nervous soldier confronting angry demonstrators this fall will lose his head and shoot, giving the "peace movement" a martyr.

Hellenbroich's interview is the first break in the public "what me worry?" attitude toward the "hot autumn" of top German law enforcement authorities and of U.S. government personnel in Ger-

many. Evidently his forthright statement was not to the liking of some high-level personages, for it received no coverage whatsoever in the German press. (This news service learned about it through Italian newspapers!) Television viewers were astonished to find that a subsequent scheduled interview with Hellenbroich on the nationally televised ARD-TV news program "Report" was canceled at the last minute since, said the station, "time was up"!

During recent months the West German terrorist underground has streamlined and professionalized its operations, law enforcement officials report. A kind of terrorist "general staff" has been created in the north of the country, in

areas of heavy Communist Party and East German influence, to plan actions against NATO and U.S. munitions transport. The terrorists now operate with sophisticated surveillance and counter-observation capabilities, including round-the-clock surveillance of police headquarters. The role of the Communist Party in the broader peace movement has increased markedly.

A key planning meeting for the "hot autumn" occurred July 2-3 under the auspices of the Lutheran student association of Mainz University. The secret meeting brought together formerly jailed terrorists, Lutheran pastors and leftist leaders to draw up a common plan of action for sabotage of munitions transport, blockading of U.S. and German military facilities, etc., to prevent the deployment of U.S. missiles.