

PETRA KELLY

Profile of a Political Whore

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We reproduce here a profile of Petra Kelly, leader of the neo-Nazi, Moscow-backed West German Green Party. This profile was originally published in *Neue Solidarität* newspaper in West Germany, June 10, 1982.

The portrait of the Greens' Chairwoman Petra Kelly, as it was issued with great fanfare in a cover story by the Hamburg magazine *Stern* early this past May, is, to put it mildly, a bad joke. One could almost be moved to tears, reading about how this little thing, only 1.59 meters tall, spent 10 whole years in Brussels, eating nothing but bread and apples in order to finance her numerous trips for the Green cause—and this, even though her health was already unstable—she has “a little heart problem.”

Her selfless exhaustion of her own physical powers, arouses, in fact, feelings of inferiority among those around her. And what is more, the poor creature sleeps at least twice a week on the sofa (or something worse) of some Green commune. She, the little thing with the doll's figure, drags suitcases full of reports and the like across railroad platforms from one train to another, since, naturally, on principle she does not own an automobile. When it is 11:00 p.m. and even the most diligent Greens at the Bonn headquarters give themselves a little break and go out to eat a pickled cutlet, then—according to *Stern*—“Petra Kelly just bites into a sour apple” ... and gets right back to work! Truly, she is an “angel for the troubled and burdened,” and “integration figure for the resistance,” and—here *Stern* lays it on so thick that it groans—“she is a candle which is constantly burning at both ends, and always for others. Human beings as good as her are rare indeed.”

But all joking; and *Stern*, aside: on closer investigation of this apple-munching “angel of the burdened,” we can discern outright un-Christian,



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sons and later wanted to become a Dominican nun, in order to help the poor and ladies of fallen virtue (!), would scarcely believe the rocket-like rise of this rather unremarkable child.

Her actual father, Siegfried Lehmann, was a journalist, and must have been a rather shiftless fellow, since in the early 1950s, he disappeared without a trace, leaving Petra alone with her mother and grandmother. As happened with so many women those days, her mother married an American officer. When Petra Kelly was 13 years old, the entire family moved to the United States. In 1966, Petra Kelly entered the American University in Washington, where she majored in political science.

“Institute for Policy Studies” group around Richard Barnet, the “consumer lawyer” Ralph Nader, the disarmament expert Paul Warnke, and many others.

After her wealth of experience and contacts in the United States, she then had to be prepared for her mission in Europe. She received a stipend to attend the European Institute in Amsterdam, where she was supposed to work on problems of European integration, etc. She worked up a study for the EC on European unification movements, and—according to plan—was then employed by the EC through the personal intervention of EC Commission President, Dr. Sicco Mansholt.

This period begins her involvement with the Young European Federalists (YEF), which she was



In her element—Petra Kelly surrounded by men (above). They include East German communist boss Erich Honecker (back to camera), Gen. Gert Bastian, half concealed to her left, and Green lawyer Otto Schilly.

Bewitching: At left, Petra leers at her pet general, Gert Bastian, during an anti-nuclear forum in New York City. Of Bastian, whom she has destroyed, Petra says “he is like a child.”

Challenge to Modern Society,” which was already calling for an environmental movement while Petra Kelly was still a student in Washington. And—hear and wonder—the NATO General Secretary himself, Joseph Luns, called for a worldwide environmentalist movement.

Violence

From her homestead in Brussels, and with the help of her influential backers, she was catapulted into the leadership of the BBU [National Citizens' Initiative—trans.] and the “Greens.” Still a relatively unknown figure in 1979, by 1982 she is already an internationally renowned and touted

civil disobedience, means capitulation.” Jesuit excrescences from the United States famed for their “direct actions,” such as the destruction of two missile warheads, spilling over blueprints, and—one wonders how the aged it—penetrating into the inner offices—retary of State Haig and spattering their blood.

Of particular concern is the increasing intermeshing of circles in the peace movement around Roland Vogt and Petra Kelly, with man-based Libyan circles allied to Col. Qaddafi. And here, at last, their oft-cited nonviolence generates into an outright farce. Roland Vogt at the alternative “Hambach Festival,” re