

Green Party Leader Kelly Falls Apart at Pre-Trial Deposition

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Oct. 8 (NSIPS)—On Oct. 6 and 7, an attorney for this newspaper and news service conducted a pretrial deposition of Petra Kelly, the media star of the West German Green Party. By the conclusion of the deposition, Kelly was reduced to a frightened infant who realized her libel suit against the two defendants is all but over. Fraulein Kelly had sued New Solidarity, NSIPS, and others in 1983 for printing an article titled "Did You See this Whore on TV?"

Kelly filed a six-count complaint alleging that she had been libeled as an unchaste person, a fascist, terrorist, and Nazi. Miss Kelly's assertion that she has been libeled by being characterized as an unchaste person is perhaps one of the most laughable allegations ever included in an American defamation case. Although Petra Kelly has never married, she admitted under oath to having had sexual liaisons with at least three married men who were twice her age and older.

Deep Eroticism?

When questioned about her first such beau, former European Economic Com-

missioner Sicco Mansholt, Miss Kelly pathologically insisted that she and Mr. Mansholt had a deep spiritual, erotic relationship. Her feminist vocabulary does not admit the use of the term "sexual." Therefore, she stubbornly claimed that she did not know the meaning of the phrase "sexual intercourse."

However, the effort spent in this ridiculous game of semantics wore the witness down. The attorney for NSIPS and New Solidarity began his next line of questioning, about her tryst with Irish trade unionist John Carroll, by asking directly, "Did you ever have a sexual relationship, or as you call it, an erotic relationship with Mr. Carroll?" Kelly stopped the evasiveness and wearily answered "Yes." The Green Party starlet justified these carryings-on by testifying that she had obtained permission from the wife of each lover.

Kelly's contention that the Green Party cannot be characterized as "Nazi," "fascist," or "terrorist" proved equally absurd. The defendants presented on the record countless exhibits from other prominent political spokesmen who noted the similarity between Hitler's hordes and the Greens. As a result of this dep-

osition, the record in this case is now replete with material on the fascist, terrorist, or Nazi background and credentials of numerous Green luminaries. This includes, to mention but a few notables, Rudolph Bahro, the Green Party leader who praised "Brother Hitler" at the Greens' national conference in 1984; Werner Vogel, an ex-member of Hitler's government; terrorist lawyers Otto Schily and Hans-Christian Strobel; and the West Berlin Green Party chapter, dissolved in January 1985 because of its overt neo-Nazism.

Miss Kelly's pat response to the overwhelming evidence which confronted her was to distance herself from, or even deny, these unsavory affiliations. She frequently ranted and raved throughout the deposition that she could not be held responsible for the sins of her associations. Yet her complaint asserts that it is libelous to say, in substance, that the Green Party is at the center of an international gang of terrorists and fascist operatives.

Accompanying her during the deposition was Kelly's pet general, Gerd Bastian. Despite the objections of defense counsel, Gen. Bastian (who is not a part



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Petra Kelly has that haunted look. Her attorney, famous lawyer-for-terrorists Ramsey Clark, declined to show up for her deposition.

to the proceedings) remained at Kelly's side during the entire deposition. This attempt to psychologically bolster her failed completely.

Paranoia

The deposition went so poorly for the plaintiff that she became seized by prolonged fits of paranoia. For example, despite the fact that the evidence presented was all public source or otherwise properly obtained material, she claimed that the defendants had stolen certain documents entered into evidence. She hysterically implied at one point that the defendants must have sto-

len a 17-year-old Washington Post article about her, because she had called the Post and they no longer have the article in their morgue. (The article was obtained at the U.S. Library of Congress.)

Miss Kelly's case received a celebrated boost by the appearance of Ramsey Clark, the former U.S. Attorney General, as her attorney. However, Mr. Clark was nowhere to be seen during his client's two-day ordeal. The young associate who subbed for Clark explained the former Attorney General "was out of town." After Kelly's performance, it is not hard to see why.