

and increased East-West trade. The chief opponents of this program are the so-called "left" or zero-growth wings of the governing Social Democracy and Free Democratic Party, both under the immediate guidance of SPD chairman Willy Brandt.

At an industrialists' meeting in France in early August, Hans-Gunther Sohl proposed that Federal Economics Minister Hans Frederichs resign from his government post to replace the murdered Jürgen Ponto as chairman of the nation's second largest bank, the Dresdner Bank. After Schleyer's kidnapping, Friederichs announced that he would accept this offer and, in addition, resign from his deputy chairmanship of the FDP. This move has been widely interpreted as an attempt to facilitate collaboration between the government and the Christian Democrats on economic policy directly contrary to the interests of Lazard Freres and company.

Despite these preparatory moves, Schmidt's Sept. 16 address at the Hamburg Party conference demonstrated

that the *Washington Post's* evaluation of government paralysis is closer to the truth. For the first time, Schmidt adopted a "sociological" explanation of terrorism, attributing it to the alienation of middle class youth. The "sociological" explanation of terrorism has been developed by British operatives, such as Italian university professor and creator of the terrorist "Red Brigades", Francesco Alberoni, to cover the obvious conspiracy involved.

Secondly, Schmidt urged a cessation of public attacks on the terrorist "sympathizer" networks (university professors, "prominent intellectuals," leading "left-wing" newspapers, etc.), saying the attacks created unnecessary strife. This appeal was directed specifically at Schmidt's conservative supporters, such as northern CDU leader Stoltenberg and Baden-Württemberg Minister President Filbinger, who have consciously led such campaigns in their efforts to discredit Brandt.

Schmidt's fear-ridden, "into the trenches" appeals to the public have been accompanied by an official an-

## Franco-German Alliance Can Break Lazard Control

West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt has at his disposal the means to shatter the Lazard Freres' operation, as a result of an alliance he and leading West German industrialists have been pulling together with the Gaullist-influence government of French President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing. Recent reports that Schmidt and Giscard have been in frequent phone communication on the terrorist threat are merely one facet of the bonds that have been developing between the two foremost powers of Western Europe.

Following a June agreement between Giscard and Soviet President Brezhnev for intensified scientific collaboration on fastbreeder development, West Germany and France have finalized an official agreement for scientific cooperation on nuclear power development. France has offered Schmidt technical assistance in handling "nuclear waste," the major obstacle holding back West Germany's domestic energy program.

On a semi-official basis, banking and industry layers in both countries have worked out detailed plans to develop capital markets and gold exchanges in Luxembourg, and have openly stated they intend to do this to destroy the financial hegemony of the City of London. Moreover, the *Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung* last week denounced the "Croissant affair" as a blatant attempt to destroy relations between the two countries. Croissant, a Baader Meinhof "lawyer" in the Lazard Freres' network, was recently smuggled into France to conduct a high-profile publicity campaign against the "repressive" West German government. Croissant has been directly implicated by European police forces in the terrorist wave.

In outline, the Schmidt-Giscard program for nuclear energy development and financial reform could destroy London's financial networks, rapidly free Andreotti of the Cuccia plague, and soon thereafter undermine Lazard Freres' ability to control even British economic policy. The potential in the Franco-German alliance was demonstrated last week by the visit to France of Polish Communist Party chairman Gierek. In an outstanding interview in *Le Monde*, Gierek praised Poland's economic ties to West Germany as exemplary of the "spirit of Belgrade," referencing the groundbreaking Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe (CSCE), which is the chief forum for discussion of international detente.

The present, devastating flaw in the thinking of leading French and West German circles is their failure to recognize the urgency of the present situation. Lazard Freres' destabilization networks — intersecting a broad operation prominently involving Second Socialist International head Willy Brandt and extending into the Soviet bloc — could easily provoke global, thermonuclear war. The creation of a new, gold-backed international monetary system, a move which would immediately pull the plug on Lazard Freres-Rockefeller terrorist deployments, is long overdue, and will not wait for some time later this year, or 1978. Similarly, every hesitation on Schmidt's part to implement a hard-commodities, high-technology export policy in favor of fiscal and tax concessions to various party cliques, threatens to turn West Germany into a decrepit economic power with no political muscle to defend Europe's interests.

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