

# WEST GERMANS URGED TO TOLERATE DISSENT

## Brandt Warns Against a Backlash of Antipathy Toward Intellectuals Because of Terrorist Actions

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BONN, Sept. 17—Former Chancellor Willy Brandt warned today against a backlash of intellectual intolerance that would silence all critics of the West German society in the wake of the current terrorist activities.

Speaking at a provincial convention of the Social Democratic Party in Recklinghausen in the industrial Ruhr district, Mr. Brandt, the party's president, said that "critical spirits" must not automatically be branded as sympathizers of the terrorists.

The former Chancellor also appealed to all parties to shun the temptation of trying to take advantage politically of the terrorism issue. "The community of democrats must prove it is stronger than the perpetrators of violence," he said.

Mr. Brandt's warning was clearly prompted by public attacks on political and cultural dissidents that have grown since a gang of ultraleftist terrorists kidnapped the president of the West German Employers and Industry Federations, Hanns-Martin Schleyer, 12 days ago. The industrialist's driver and three police escorts were killed in the attack in a Cologne suburb.

### In Contact With the Kidnappers

The Government has had indirect contacts with the kidnappers for more than a week in an effort to free Mr. Schleyer. The terrorists asserted in their latest message to Bonn that Mr. Schleyer was still alive, and reiterated their demand that 11 imprisoned radical extremists be released and flown to a destination abroad that they would indicate.

One of the 11 jailed terrorists, Gudrun Ensslin, is the indirect cause of an affair that exemplifies the hazards of dissidence of which Mr. Brandt spoke today.

Miss Ensslin, daughter of a Protestant minister, is serving a life sentence in a Stuttgart penitentiary for terrorist murders and other crimes. She is considered one of the top leaders of the underground movement that calls itself the Red Army Faction. The illegal group has taken responsibility for the abduction of Mr. Schleyer.

Some time ago Miss Ensslin's mother asked intellectuals for help in organizing a fund drive to pay for dental treatment that she said was needed by Miss Ensslin and some other inmates who belonged to her group.

### Theater Manager Endorsed Appeal

One of those who endorsed the appeal was the manager of the Baden-Württemberg state theater, Claus Peymann. He put Mrs. Ensslin's request for donations on the theater's bulletin board with a handwritten note saying his office would forward cash offerings.

This gesture of support for the fund drive induced conservative critics to denounce the theater manager as a backer of terrorists. Officials of the Baden-Württemberg state government, which is in the hands of the Christian Democratic Union, the major conservative party, censured Mr. Peymann publicly.

The mayor of Stuttgart, Manfred Rommel, a Christian Democrat and son of the late Field Marshal Erwin Rommel, came to the theater manager's defense, contending that a humanitarian move must not be construed as approval of violence. Besides, Mr. Rommel remarked, the manager's work was a cultural success. Leading Social Democrats welcomed the mayor's moderation.

The state authorities nevertheless announced today that Mr. Peymann's contract would not be renewed when it expires in 1979.

Former Defense Minister Franz Josef Strauss, leader of the Christian Social Union, the Bavarian ally of the Christian Democratic Union, spoke today at a rally in Regensburg and called the terrorists "perverted offspring of the new left." He said that "as many crimes have been committed with ink and from university chairs as have occurred in the streets."

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