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AND TO DUESSELDORF, FRANKFURT, MUNICH, WEST BERLIN

UKREP BRUSSELS (FOR MRS CHALKER'S PARTY)

LAND ELECTIONS IN SCHLESWIG HOLSTEIN AND BREMEN  
13 SEPTEMBER 1987

1. IN SCHLESWIG-HOLSTEIN THE CDU LOST ITS OVERALL MAJORITY, BUT SHOULD BE ABLE TO FORM A COALITION WITH THE FDP, PROVIDED BARSCHEL CAN REFUTE ALLEGATIONS OF IMPROPRIETY IN THE LATEST ISSUE OF 'SPIEGEL' (SEE PARA 3 BELOW). IN BREMEN THE SPD HAVE RETAINED THEIR ABSOLUTE MAJORITY FOR THE FIFTH TIME IN A ROW, WHILE THE CDU HAVE SLUMPED. BOTH THE SPD AND THE FDP CAN FEEL VERY SATISFIED WITH THEIR PERFORMANCE IN BOTH LAENDER. RESULTS WERE:

## SCHLESWIG-HOLSTEIN

	PERCENTAGE OF POLL	NO OF SEATS	PERCENTAGE OF POLL MARCH 1983	PERCENTAGE GAIN/LOSS OVER 1983
C D U	42.6	33	49.00	- 6.4
S P D	45.2	36	43.7	+ 1.5
F D P	5.2	4	2.2	+ 3.0
GREENS	3.9	-	3.6	+ 0.3
S S W	1.5	1	1.3	+ 0.2

## BREMEN

	PERCENTAGE OF POLL	NO OF SEATS	PERCENTAGE OF POLL SEPTEMBER 1983	PERCENTAGE GAIN/LOSS OVER 1983
S P D	50.5	54	51.3	- 0.8

C D U	23.4	25	33.3	- 9.9
GREENS	10.2	10	5.4	+ 4.8
F D P	10.0	10	4.6	+ 5.4
D V U	3.4	1	-	-

## 2. SCHLESWIG-HOLSTEIN

IN A LOWREPOLL THAN FOUR YEARS AGO, THE SPD DID WELL, BUT JUST FAILED TO WIN AN OVERALL MAJORITY. THE FDP ARE BACK IN THE LANDTAG THOUGH BY A VERY NARROW MARGIN: THEY DREW A NUMBER OF VOTES FROM THE CDU. A CDU/FDP COALITION (TO WHICH BOTH PARTIES ARE COMMITTED) WOULD COMMAND EXACTLY HALF THE SEATS IN THE LANDTAG: WHICH WOULD BE ENOUGH FOR MOST PURPOSES THOUGH NOT FOR THE ANNUAL BUDGET, WHICH REQUIRES A MAJORITY OF VOTES. BARSCHER WILL THEREFORE ALSO HAVE TO CULTIVATE THE SOLE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE SSW (DANISH MINORITY PARTY) WHICH IS CONSTITUTIONALLY EXEMPT FROM THE 5 PERCENT HURDLE. THE GREENS SCORED SCARCELY BETTER THAN IN 1983, AND HAVE AGAIN FAILED TO SECURE A SEAT. ACCORDING TO THE POLLSTERS, PEOPLE VOTED MAINLY ON LOCAL ISSUES, ESPECIALLY UNEMPLOYMENT.

3. THE CAMPAIGN WAS MARRIED BY SOME PERSONAL MUD-SLINGING IN THE LATTER STAGES. THIS CULMINATED IN AN ALLEGATION IN 'SPIEGEL' THE DAY BEFORE THE ELECTION THAT BARSCHER HAD IMPROPERLY ORDERED SCHLESWIG-HOLSTEIN OFFICIALS TO MOUNT SURVEILLANCE ON ENGHOLM, IN THE HOPE OF DISCOVERING IRREGULARITIES IN HIS SEXUAL ACTIVITIES AND O/OR TAX RETURNS, BUT WITHOUT SUCCESS. BARSCHER HAS DISMISSED THE ALLEGATION AS A PACK OF LIES, AND HAS SAID HE IS SUING 'SPIEGEL', WHILE ENGHOLM HAS DEMANDED THAT THE MATTER BE CLEARED UP BEFORE A NEW GOVERNMENT IS FORMED. ZUMPFORT, THE FDP LEADER, HAS ALSO CALLED FOR AN EARLY INVESTIGATION.

## 4. BREMEN

THE CDU HAD ITS WORST RESULT FOR 28 YEARS. MANY TRADITIONAL CDU SUPPORTERS NO DOUBT REALISED THAT THEIR PARTY HAD NO CHANCE, AND SO VOTED FDP INSTEAD. THE FDP AND GREENS BOTH DID WELL, THOUGH THE GREENS ARE DISAPPOINTED NOT TO HAVE DONE BETTER STILL (THEY SCORED 14.5 PERCENT IN THE JANUARY FEDERAL ELECTIONS). THE NEO-NAZI DEUTSCHE VOLKS-UNION (DVU) HAS FOR THE FIRST TIME SECURED ONE SEAT. (ALTHOUGH IT FAILED TO GAIN 5 PERCENT AOF THE OVERALL VOTE, IT POLLED 5.4 PERCENT OF THE VOTE IN BREMERHAVEN, AND

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