

Timeline of Activities of Protest Groups in Germany in and around 1968

1957

Gruppe SPUR forms

1959-1961

Feb 10

Gruppe SPUR collaborates with SI

1962

Gruppe SPUR and SI separate

1965

Gruppe SPUR breaks up

1967

January 1

Kommune I formed

April 2-5

The Pudding Assassination Plan formulated
The plan is leaked and members arrested

June

First publication of Oberbaumblatt

June 2

Protest against the visit of Shah of Iran, leads to Fritz Teufel's arrest. Demonstration escalates into clashes between protesters and police. Policeman Karl-Heinz Kurras shoots and kills student Benno Ohnesorg.

June 6

The Arsonist's lawsuit is filed against Langhans and Teufel

First publication of Linkeck

1968

Feb 17-18

International Vietnam Congress at West Berlin's Technical University. Speakers include Giangiacomo Feltrinelli, Rudi Dutschke, Bahman Nirumand, Gaston Salvatore, Peter Weiss, Tariq Ali, Robin Blackburn, Erich Fried, Ernest Mandel and Ekkehart Krippendorff. Organizers are informed that Berlin's US Commander issued a firing order against the demonstration after the congress. Following a final approval of the demonstration, 12,000 people participate in the closing rally.

Feb 21

At a counter-rally organized by the Senate of West Berlin, the Federation of Trade Unions and Springer Newspaper Publishers, 80,000 people demonstrate against the student movement and for the US government's Vietnam policy. Several student "suspects" beaten up by demonstrators carrying slogans like "Dutschke People's Enemy Number One" and "Berlin is not Saigon".

Apr 3

Fire bombs explode in two department stores in Frankfurt, as a protest against capitalism and the public opinion's indifference with regard to the Vietnam war. The bombs were planted by Andreas Baader and Gudrun Ensslin.

Apr 11

Assassination attempt of Rudi Dutschke by Josef Bachmann, Dutschke survives with serious injuries. Attack results in violent protest at Springer publishing house, seen as symptomatic of wider media campaign against protests.

Sep 13

In a speech at the 23rd SDS delegates conference in Frankfurt the concept of the "Action Council for the Liberation of Women" is presented. As the conference continues without discussion, a tomato is thrown at one of the SDS leaders. In the following

months, Action and Women's Councils are founded throughout Germany.

Sep 26

In Essen, the new German Communist Party, DKP, is founded.

1969

Feb 26

Failed bomb attack against the visit of Richard Nixon in West Berlin. Demonstrations against his visit and three months later against a US military parade are violent but remain small.

November

Kommune space raided by a gang of rockers and the members disperse

First publication of Agit 883

1970

Mar 21

In Germany, the SDS is declared dissolved.

May 14

In an operation at the Central Institute for Social Affairs in West Berlin, Andreas Baader is liberated from captivity. Over the next few weeks, two declarations are published in the Agit 883 journal with the dictum "Build the Red Army!" RAF founded.

Sep 29

In West Berlin three banks are robbed to finance the underground movements.

Oct 8

In West Berlin, Ingrid Schubert, Brigitte Asdonk, Monika Berberich, Irene Goergens and Horst Mahler are arrested as the first ones from the Red Army Faction.

