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URBAN GUERRILLA WARFARE--THE NEW REVOLUTIONARY STRATEGY

Emboldened by the accuracy of my prediction of the program the Symbionese Liberation Army had prepared for Patricia Hearst, I ventured to express the following conviction and prediction at a meeting in Cincinnati on May 29: "I believe that at this moment at least 100 groups are conducting secret meetings discussing how they can conduct programs similar to those carried out by the Symbionese Liberation Army. These groups are small and they do not know each other. They are meeting in ghettos, in college dormitories, in communes, and maybe in penthouses. They share the conviction that the American establishment is evil and that it must be violently destroyed. Many of these groups will disintegrate without translating their ideas into action, but some of them will become nationally known as they carry out programs of bombing, arson, bankrobbing, kidnapping, and assassination."

Within 48 hours, the following activities were reported by groups who were inspired by the S.L.A.

1. Thursday, May 30: In Cleveland, Ohio, three members of the Sunni Orthodox Muslims, who conducted funeral services for Symbionese Liberation Army leader, Donald De Freeze (Cinque) were arrested after a gun battle with about 100 police officers.

Having been foiled in their attempt to kidnap a man they believed to be a drug pusher, they invaded the home of Mrs. William C'Brien and held her and her family hostage until flushed out by tear gas and gunfire. Five policemen and two hostages were wounded.

2. Friday, May 31: A powerful bomb exploded on the 6th floor of the Old State Building in Los Angeles at 2:05 a.m. shattering the reception room of Attorney General Evelle J. Younger's office. Phone calls to the LOS ANGELES TIMES followed by a letter to the Times claimed that the bomb had been placed by the "Weather underground in solidarity with the Symbionese Liberation Army."
3. Friday, May 31: Two teen-age youths attempted to rob the Crocker National Bank in Rancho Cordova near Sacramento. They took 24 people hostage. They demanded and received a million dollars in cash and they demanded a car in which to make a getaway with a hostage. Finally they asked to talk to television newsmen and recorded an interview to be broadcast on television. Being assured that the interview would be broadcast, they surrendered. They claimed that their actions had been inspired by the exploits of the Symbionese Liberation Army.
4. Saturday, June 1: A letter was received by a Los Angeles Radio Station on letterhead bearing the emblem of the Symbionese Liberation Army, the 7-headed cobra, claiming that the S.L.A. had used a military-type missile to shoot down a police helicopter in which one Los Angeles officer was killed and that they possessed more missiles which would be used to shoot down civilian aircraft. The author or authors of the letter claimed to be members of the Symbionese Liberation Army.

It is probable that this claim was false. Nevertheless, those who made the claim were inspired to do so by the reported activities of the S.L.A. and such false claims are favored activity in Urban Guerrilla Warfare.

The main membership of the Symbionese Liberation Army may have been destroyed in the battle with the Los Angeles police on May 17, but this does not mean the end of their work. It is probable that their activities have introduced an era of urban guerrilla warfare which will plague this country with bombings, kidnappings, arson, assassination, armed robberies and riots, and which will threaten the existence of all democratic liberties.

The latest campaign for the destruction of the constitutional government utilizes the techniques of urban guerrilla warfare. The rationale of the campaign is that a relatively small number of independent organizations engaged in indiscriminate violence can make the maintenance of democratic liberties impossible. When people are afraid of being killed on the streets, they will demand strong government action which will lead to the loss of personal liberty. The "Zebra" killings of white people by blacks on the streets of San Francisco created such public anger that the liberal city government of San Francisco initiated a program to stop every black person who fitted the profile of the assassins on the street in order to question and search them. This was rightly protested as an infringement of the civil liberties of those who were stopped and searched, but, if the killings had continued, it is almost certain the searches would have continued by popular demand. People are prepared to barter liberty for security.

The Objective--The Worse the Better

The objective of urban guerrilla warfare is to destroy limited constitutional government so that it will be replaced by an authoritarian regime. The overwhelming majority of the urban guerrillas would call themselves socialists, communists, or anarchists, but they do not expect that their activities will lead directly to socialism, communism, or an anarchist utopia. They know the immediate consequences of their activities will probably be a military or fascist dictatorship. They believe that such dictatorships are progressive steps on the path to socialism, communism, or anarchism.

The urban guerrillas believe that democracy deludes the people so that many members of the working class and the poor believe they possess political and personal freedom. This dulls their revolutionary ardor. This order can only be rekindled by the experience of dictatorial rule. Once the people are deprived of their liberties, they become rebellious. When the dictatorship weakens or splits, rebellion becomes possible. This is the moment when the communists have their opportunity. Under dictatorship, democratic political parties die. The communist party, however, can live and flourish underground. During the period of revolutionary chaos, communists emerge as the champions of freedom with a strong political organization and a program of popular protest. Thus fascism facilitates communism.

Mussolini waged a virile anticommunist campaign during the fascist rule of Italy. When Mussolini was overthrown, one-third of the Italian people voted for the communists and the communist party of Italy became the strongest communist party of Western Europe.

An anticommunist dictatorship governed Portugal for 38 years. Recently this dictatorship was overthrown by a military coup and the communists have emerged with a fine organization and have become very powerful. The Minister of Labor, Anelino Pacheco Gonsalves, is a communist, and the leader of the party, Alvaro Cunhal, who was formerly exiled, is a member of the cabinet. The prospect of total communist power in Portugal is now better than anywhere else in Europe.

The belief that fascism is a stepping stone to communism was expressed by one of the Weathermen leaders, Ted Gold, at the final Weatherman convention held in Flint, Michigan, December 27-30, 1969, before the movement went underground. When challenged that their activities would lead to fascism, he replied: "If it will take fascism, we'll have to have fascism."

Urban guerrilla warfare has already succeeded in destroying democracy in Uruguay, Latin America. Uruguay was formerly the democratic jewel of South America. The people enjoyed maximum civil liberties and the temporary blessings of a welfare state. These blessings were soon dissipated by a ravenous inflation. The urban guerrilla movement called the Tupamaros flourished and engaged in diverse acts of violence. The democratic government was unable to control the terrorists and this has led to a military coup. The military dictatorship, which is not limited by due process, arrested and killed many of the Tupamaros and they are no longer active but it simultaneously destroyed the liberties of the people.

The exploits of the Tupamaros inspired the Weathermen who became urban guerrillas within the U.S.A. The Weathermen in turn set the pattern for the Symbionese Liberation Army.

The Recruits

The membership of urban guerrilla organizations such as the S.L.A. is recruited from the deluded and the desperate. The deluded are those who are convinced that the American Establishment is so evil that any attempt to reform it is hopeless. Destruction provides the only hope for a better tomorrow.

The desperate are those who have a penchant for violence derived from either their past experience or their psychological nature.

The Deluded

The deluded are typically young, white, educated and affluent. Their ideas were generated by the teaching they received at some of the most prestigious universities, and their convictions were confirmed when programs of student activism did not immediately transform society into the utopia they demanded. They are convinced that America is imperialist, racist and sexist; that the affluence and prosperity that surrounds them is the result of international theft and armed theft at that.

Their opinion of the U.S.A. is expressed by the Weathermen, who were the products of this country's wealthiest homes and leading universities, in their basic document: "You don't need a weatherman to show which way the wind blows."

"We are within the heartland of a world-wide monster, a country so rich from its world-wide plunder that even the crumbs doled out to the enslaved masses within its borders provide for material existence very much above the conditions of the masses of people of the world. The US empire, as a world-wide system, channels wealth, based upon the labor and resources of the rest of the world, into the United States. The relative affluence existing in the United States is directly dependent upon the labor and natural resources of the Vietnamese, the Angolans, the Bolivians and the rest of the peoples of the Third World. All of the United Airlines Astrojets, all of the Holiday Inns, all of Hertz's automobiles your television set, car and wardrobe already belong, to a large degree to the people of the rest of the world." (Three Faces of Revolution, pages 67-68)

If you sincerely believe that this is a true picture of the U.S.A., how should you act? Surely it would be a noble thing to devote your life to the destruction of such a monster. The founders of the S.L.A. sincerely believed it. They saw their duty clearly. They became revolutionaries in accordance with the pattern described in the historic document "The Revolutionary Testament" which commences with these words: "The revolutionary is a doomed man. He has no personal interest, no business affairs, no emotions, no attachments, no property and no name. Everything in him is wholly absorbed in the single thought and the single passion for revolution." They agreed that, "Our task is terrible, total, universal and merciless destruction." (The Three Faces of Revolution, pages 132 and 138)

Delusional ideas dictate deadly conduct. To prevent such conduct, the error of the ideas must be exposed. The fallacies of the doctrine of imperialism must be convincingly demonstrated. Few tasks are more urgent.

The Desperate

Many college radicals find it difficult to make the violence of their deeds match the violence of their rhetoric. They have not been conditioned to brutal conduct during their childhood and youth, and they draw back from taking life. They need the help of those already conditioned to violent behavior.

A reservoir of such individuals exists in the returned veterans disenchanted with the Vietnamese War and within the prisons. The intellectuals of the Symbionese Liberation Army set out to recruit from both these groups. The record shows their success.

The Allies

For the program of urban guerrilla warfare to succeed, the cooperation of two important institutions is essential. These are the Courts and the News Media.

The Courts

The courts forced the doors of the prisons open so that revolutionary literature and revolutionary organizers could enter. These found a ready audience in bitter, tormented and violent men. The radicals formed the Black Cultural Association with the announced objective of giving educational, psychological and cultural help for the rehabilitation of the prisoners. They worked in the Vacaville Medical Facility of the California prisons and it was here that the Symbionese Liberation Army was born.

The News Media

The effectiveness of Urban Guerrilla Warfare depends upon the effectiveness of the "Propaganda of the Deed." Most of the value of a kidnapping or killing would be lost if the press, radio and television would not publicize it. Publicity is essential so that susceptible minds can be inspired to plan and execute similar acts. The news media can be depended upon for full cooperation. They provide the multiplying factor to transform individual action into mass action.

The instantaneity and universality of modern means of communication have vastly increased the effectiveness of acts of individual terror. Lenin opposed such actions because they were ineffective. In his day there was no radio, television, or air transport. In the light of present day conditions, Lenin might change his mind. He might approve individual as well as mass terror.

This is the argument that enables many to claim to be Marxist-Leninists and yet to engage in individual terror.

The news media confront this dilemma. Free flow of news is essential to a free society. The unrestrained publicity given to terrorist acts may destroy a free society. The manner in which this dilemma is resolved may determine the future.

The Martyrs

The members of the Symbionese Liberation Army died heroic deaths. This has led many to classify them as martyrs. However, a courageous death does not necessarily signify a good cause.

The Japanese kamikaze pilots were courageous but that did not indicate the rightness of their cause. Many Nazis died truly heroic deaths but this did not sanctify Nazism.

Failure to make this differential plays directly into the hands of the terrorists. When they are depicted as noble servants of a noble cause, many imitators are recruited for similar conduct.

The conduct of the members of the S.L.A. was evil. Their first public act was to murder from ambush a black educator with cyanide impregnated bullets. This was a gang, primarily composed of white fanatics, shooting a progressive and defenseless black man. Their second act was the brutal kidnapping of a young girl along with indiscriminate shooting of the innocent. Their response to even friendly criticism was to issue a death sentence. Their courage compounded their evil and danger.

Nevertheless, the priest who delivered the eulogy at the funeral of S.L.A. member, Angela Atkins, is reported to have said that she died for her convictions, like Christ. Another priest, Father Lucas, compared them to the founding fathers in an article syndicated throughout the Catholic Press. He writes:

"Regardless how you react to the SLA's methods, they have once again shown millions that the ruling class values money more than life. They have drawn attention to the millions of poor and hungry people throughout this land of plenty. They have demonstrated that the wealthy's concern for the poor is at best superficial and hypocritical and at worst non-existent.

"They've demonstrated the possibility of Americans' worshiping another god besides the dollar bill. Moreover, they've raised a possibility of something America dreads even considering: That what we really stand for can be recognized by a white American girl who comes from a family like the Hearsts.

"Finally, there is humor aplenty when Attorney General Saxbe calls them 'nothing more than common criminals and hoodlums.' I wonder how he characterizes the perpetrators of the Boston Tea Party, the founding fathers of the American Revolution, the pioneers and cavalry on the Western frontier, Nixon in obtaining 'peace with honor,' etc., etc." (Catholic Times, Columbus, Ohio, May 10, 1974)

The Response

The danger urban guerrilla warfare poses to constitutional liberties cannot be overestimated. The danger is real and present.

The response demands a symbiosis of education which exposes the errors of the doctrines of imperialism, anarchism, and communism; judicial and press restraint; fair and effective law enforcement; and personal sacrificial devotion to liberty.

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CHEDDI JAGAN OF GUYANA LAMENTS

Cheddi Jagan, communist, devoted servant of the Soviet Union and former premier of what was British Guiana, recently visited and lectured in the U.S.A. He had been denied an entry visa during the past ten years but, in the present atmosphere of detente, this policy was reversed.

Jagan laments that he is not now ruler of what has become independent Guyana. He places part of the blame for this upon the Christian Anti-Communism Crusade which conducted an educational campaign on communism in British Guiana in 1961.

The communist PEOPLE'S WORLD, June 1, 1974, reports on the visit of Jagan:

"Jagan used his two week tour of California to re-remind the people of the U.S. of the role of U.S. imperialism in his ouster in 1964.

" ' Guyana was seen as the second Cuba in the western hemisphere, and I was seen by imperialism as another Fidel Castro,' Jagan said.

"Jagan, and his Marxist Peoples Progressive Party of Guyana, 'won three consecutive elections in Guyana from 1953-1961.'

"Jagan charged the U.S. based Christian Anti-Communist Crusade spent over \$45,000 during the 1961 election to defeat the PPP, unsuccessfully.

"Jagan charged the present government 'was put in by imperialism, with CIA help and the policies of Burnham (Prime Minister Forbes Burnham) are dictated by Anglo-American Imperialism.'

"Those policies have resulted in what Jagan called a 'grave economic crisis that is eroding the standards of living of the working class.'

"The inability of the government to protect the economic and social interests of the people has resulted in mass unrest Jagan said.

" ' Guyana is today a semi-fascist state practicing neo-colonial rule, and neo-fascist tactics.'

" ' One false impression people have about Guyana is that politics there is all race,' Jagan said. 'Another false idea is that the PPP represents only Indians,' he said.

"Guyana has a population of 750,000 people; 52% are of East Indian descent, 30% are Black, 12% are mulatto, and 6% are Indians (indigenous peoples).

"Jagan is East Indian while Burnham is Black, the race issue has been a dominant question in Guyana since the initial successes of the PPP.

"Jagan expressed confidence in bringing about working class unity in Guyana, 'The masses of the people, all people are now fighting in the streets, in the factories, and on the farms--only anti-imperialist policies and working class unity can solve the crisis the people find upon them--and more and more people are recognizing this,' Jagan said." (Page 3)

The present situation in Guyana is not good. It would be much worse, however, if Jagan was in power and a Soviet base existed on the mainland of South America.

REMEMBER THE CHRISTIAN ANTI-COMMUNISM CRUSADE IN YOUR WILL

"BURNING BOOKS AND BURYING ALIVE"

For several months every issue of the PEKING REVIEW has carried an article attacking Confucius and identifying Lin Piao and his supporters as the modern disciples of Confucius. From time to time Liu Shao-Chi is linked with Lin Piao as a Confucian zealot.

In the May 3 edition of the PEKING REVIEW favorable reference was made to the action of Emperor Chin Shih Huang in burning the books of Confucius and burying 480 Confucian scholars alive. This could be interpreted as an instruction that the modern followers of Confucius should receive similar drastic treatment.

The Chinese Communists believe in driving a point home by constant repetition. They repeat over and over again the same words, phrases and ideas. The objective is to have them absorbed by the "masses."

Apparently fearful that some may have missed the message contained in the commendation of this cruel act, an article in PEKING REVIEW, May 10, is specifically devoted to this subject. The caption is "Clarifying 'Burning Books and Burying Confucian Scholars Alive'" by Shin Teng. Here are significant quotations from the article:

"After Chin Shih Huang (259-210 B.C.) had unified China and founded the first centralized feudal state in Chinese history, 'burning books and burying Confucian scholars alive' was an important political event in his reign. Comments about this incident were made by a great many people. Progressive thinkers generally acclaim this revolutionary action, while all those who revere the Confucian school and oppose the Legalist school consider it one of Chin Shih Huang's heinous crimes--an outrageous action and reactionary measure leading directly to the downfall of the Chin Dynasty.

"Chin Shih Huang unified all of China in 221 B.C., the 26th year of his reign. In the new political situation, serious differences and struggles existed within the Chin court between those wanting to consolidate unification and strengthen centralized power and those wanting to undermine unification and abolish centralized power."

Prime Minister Li Ssu contended:

"When times changed the old ways must not remain unchanged and therefore the ancient regulations and institutions could not be followed now. He also pointed out: Contemporary scholars would not study current matters but would devote themselves to worshipping the ancient; they extolled the old order to oppose present-day politics so as to fool the people and upset them. Therefore, he proposed the prohibition of all unauthorized schools of thought and that their books be burnt. Those who dared to talk about the 'Book of Songs' and the 'Book of Historical Documents' secretly should be sentenced to death, and anyone who attacked the present with the past should be punished by killing his whole clan. Officials who knew of such violators and protected them should be punished in the same way. Those who refused to burn the prohibited books 30 days after the issuing of the order should be tattooed on the face and sent to build city walls for four years... The measures dealt a telling blow to those who 'attacked the present with the past.'

Chin responded to attacks on his regime by drastic action:

"He linked their attacks with the actions of the Confucian scholars who vilified the government in Hsienyang and who spread rumours to deceive the people. He ordered the judicial officials to question the scholars and thoroughly look into the case. Their confessions showed that more than 460 Confucian scholars had violated government laws and decrees. Chin Shih Huang buried all of them alive in the capital Hsienyang, so that everybody should know of this event and take it as a warning.

" ' Burning books and burying Confucian scholars alive' was, in nature, a progressive measure which

'laid more stress on the present than on the past' and which opposed usurping power and restoration at that time.

"The thought of the Confucian school represented by Confucius and Mencius reflected the reactionary nature of the slave-owning aristocrats who were making a last-ditch struggle to restore slavery. But the result was complete defeat. The thought of the Legalist school represented by Shang Yang and Han Fei reflected the progressive nature of the vigorous new emerging landlord class which was bent on carrying out social changes. The Legalist school triumphed.

"Therefore, 'burning books and burying Confucian scholars alive' by Chin Shih Huang was a political struggle between the landlord class that had newly risen to the ruling position and the slave-owning aristocrats who had been driven off the political stage. It was also a bold action on the part of the Chin Dynasty which had just unified the country to smash the restoration plot of the old forces and safeguard the new feudal rule, and a progressive measure to 'lay more stress on the present than on the past.' This was absolutely necessary at that time. We should appraise it in the context of history." (Pages 25, 26, and 27)

Bringing the message up to date the article stressed that Lin Piao and his followers are the modern equivalents of the reactionary Confucian scholars:

"As to the historical incident of 'burning books and burying Confucian scholars alive,' we should today analyse it by means of historical materialism, sift the essence from the superficial phenomena of history and reveal the true features of history.

"However, the bourgeois careerist, conspirator, counter-revolutionary double-dealer, renegade and traitor Lin Piao and his sworn followers cursed Chin Shih Huang for 'burning books and burying Confucian scholars alive' and recited Chang Chieh's poem 'Book-Burning Pits' to viciously attack our great Party and the socialist system under the dictatorship of the proletariat. They sympathized with reactionary forces in history such as Chunyu Yueh, Hou and the Confucian scholars who were buried alive, negated Chin Shih Huang's progressive measures of 'laying more stress on the present than on the past,' distorted history and turned things upside down in an attempt to reverse the advance of society. In view of their counter-revolutionary revisionist line and their criminal actions in betraying the Party and the country, their sinister aim in distorting history by means of the idealist conception of history and creating counter-revolutionary public opinion was to subvert the dictatorship of the proletariat and restore capitalism.

"Chairman Mao has taught us: 'Classes struggle, some classes triumph, others are eliminated. Such is history, such is the history of civilization for thousands of years.' In the past, Chunyu Yueh and his kind represented the remnant forces of the decadent slave-owning aristocrats in history to oppose the unification of the Chin Dynasty and the feudal system in their efforts to restore the slave system. Representing the bourgeoisie and the interests of the landlords, rich peasants, counter-revolutionaries, bad elements and Rightists, the Lin Piao anti-Party clique opposed today the dictatorship of the proletariat in its efforts to restore the 'paradise' of the landlord class and the bourgeoisie. But all reactionaries going against the historical tide are short-lived. The plot for a restoration by Chunyu Yueh and his like was long ago crushed in the class struggle during the last years of Chin and early years of the Han Dynasties. The plot for a restoration by the Lin Piao anti-Party clique was also smashed by the iron hammer of the dictatorship of the proletariat in the current class struggle. This is the law of history independent of the reactionaries' will." (Page 28)

Those classified as followers of Lin Piao today have a poor prognosis in Communist China. A sword hangs over the heads of millions. On whom will it fall?

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