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THE BERKELEY STRATEGY

Berkeley, California, has set the pattern for Radical revolutionary activity throughout the nation during the past decade.

The elections held there April 6, reveal the strategy that will be used in many communities to advance the Radical objective of the destruction of the American political, economic and cultural system. While this objective will not be pursued in the name of communism, communists will be active participants in planning and executing programs, and they will be the ultimate beneficiaries if the Radicals are successful.

The immediate objective is to establish "sanctuaries" in selected communities where Radical revolutionaries control the police. Huey Newton of the Black Panthers calls such sanctuaries "Liberated Communities."

There are two ways in which such a sanctuary can be established: 1) Direct Radical control of the police, 2) Election of Radicals as mayor and councilmen. These Radicals will then be in a position to supervise and direct the police.

In the Berkeley election, the Radicals were unsuccessful in their attempt to obtain direct control of the police but elected a mayor and three councilmen. They will probably have a majority on the council.

The direct attempt to establish a sanctuary was to seek to control the police in the black "ghetto" through an amendment to the charter. This amendment proposed the abolition of the Berkeley Police Department and the division of Berkeley into three areas: 1) The Black area, 2) The university area, 3) The white area. Each area would then select police from the residents of the area.

The population of Berkeley is 113,000. There are about 30,000 blacks.

The plan was designed by the Black Panthers and administered by a Black Panther front called the National Committee to Combat Fascism. (NCCF)

The Berkeley chapter of the NCCF secured 15,000 signature of registered voters to have this amendment placed on the ballot. The Panthers were confident that their superior organization and the "respect" their actions had engendered in the black community would assure their control of the police in the "black" area.

This amendment was defeated by 33,172 votes to 16,142.

However, the radicals were able to secure the election of the mayor and three councilmen. The mayor-elect, Warren Widener, and two councilmen-elect, who are members of the Black Causus, D'Army Bailey and Ira T. Simmons, immediately called for the resignation of Chief of Police Bruce Baker and City Manager William Hanley.

The election of the radicals was secured by the fragmentation of the opposition. The final votes for the three major candidates were: Warren Widener (Radical) 21, 921, Wilmont Sweeny (Liberal Democrat) 21, 865, and John K. DeBonis (Republican) 5, 167. There were six slates of candidates for the council positions.

This strategy has been encouraged by two recent developments: 1) The granting of the vote to 18-year olds, and 2) The relaxation of residency requirements by court decision.

This strategy has prospects of success wherever there is a large university in a small community. The more radical the faculty and students, the greater the prospects of success. However, a handful of Radicals may manipulate the votes of the young against the older, and the transient against the property owners.

The next test of this strategy will be in Kent, Ohio, home of Kent State University, on May 4.

What city in your neighborhood is vulnerable to the "Berkeley Strategy?"

THE BLACK PANTHER SELF PORTRAIT

No attacks upon the Black Panthers could reveal their nature as clearly as the articles they publish.

The Black Panther of March 20 features an open letter to Eldridge Cleaver by the San Quentin branch of the Black Panther Party. This is the same Eldridge Cleaver to whom Huey Newton referred in his speech delivered at Boston College, November 18, 1970:

"Our Minister of Information, Eldridge Cleaver, asked me to petition you, to ask you to prepare a place for him because he would like to return home. We know what we have to do in order to return Eldridge Cleaver home. . . We have to liberate our communities." *The Black Panther*, January 23, 1971.

Extracts from the letter to Cleaver are:

"We take our stand with the Minister (Supreme Servant), Huey P. Newton. No if's or but's about it. Not only have you broken every code a Revolutionary Comrade is supposed to live by, but also you have committed murder of our of our comrades. . . 'Smitty' (Clinton Smith —Rahim).

"If we were in any position to do so—however, some of us will soon—Nigger, your life would be mud. Some say your life isn't worth taking and to let you suffer in your sex-perversed, degenerated pig sty. But, nigger, you're not going to be let off that easy. Death is

the only solution to the problem you pose. So whatever you do, you better hope this racist pig society here (America) don't send you back here.

“You have broken every rule that the Party has set forth to meet the needs of the people. So we think you should be taken to the ditch, as was done in China to protect their security. You are like a mad dog carrying rabies, and you surely must be dealt with on that same level.

“We could continue to write our feelings to you, but it would be a book, and ‘really’ you’re not even worth the space taken up here. The only space you should be given is 3x6x6 feet with a black apple stuck in your mouth.

“We stand with the Supreme Servant, Minister Huey P. Newton, who is the Soul Servant of the People, both in actions and deeds. You are an outcast.” *The Black Panther*, March 20, 1971, pages 10 and 11.

GUS HALL LISTS SOCIAL FORCES COMMUNISTS CAN USE

Communism is the “Science of Marxism-Leninism.” A communist considers himself a scientist harnessing and utilizing social forces.

An idea or emotion shared by a number of people and which causes them to act as a group, may be considered as a social force. Samples of social forces are:

1. The desire of workers to receive higher wages.
2. The desire of businessmen to make higher profits.
3. The longing to own land.
4. The resentment felt towards an impersonal and bureaucratic government.
5. Tribal or national solidarity.

The communists do not create the forces which they seek to harness and use. They analyze the objective situation, discern the operating forces, and design and execute a program by which these forces may be harnessed.

Gus Hall, General Secretary of the American Communist Party, discusses the social forces which are available for communist utilization in the United States at present. In a report to a meeting of the National Committee of the Communist Party, Gus Hall enumerates available forces and discusses how they can be used. He states:

“We must give serious attention to them. We must study them, we must understand how they develop and what gives rise to them. What levels of action are they ready for? What are the possibilities and the potential that are present? We must see them as the forms of a new wave of struggle that is emerging in this country. We must make our contributions to these movements. We must give leadership and help raise them to higher levels.” *Daily World*, April 3, 1971, page 6.

The forces he enumerates are: 1) Welfare, 2) Peace, 3) Angela Davis, 4) Veterans, 5) Ecology, 6) Elections. Gus Hall has the following comments on each of these forces:

Welfare Movement

“Because of the welfare crisis, the Welfare Rights Movement, which is not a new movement, has now emerged on the scene as a mass movement. There are today some 700 active chapters. This is a tremendously important movement. It is another reflection of the new patterns of action arising out of the urban crisis.”

Peace

“There is the rise of the People’s Coalition for Justice and Peace. This is a coalition on a new level. The unity is deeper than in the past. But just as significant are the working relationships which have developed between this People’s Coalition and other movements, such as the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, the Welfare Rights Organization, the Chicano movement in California. This is new. These are new patterns. These new relationships are the basis of the mass actions that are going to take place in the coming weeks.”

Angela Davis

“There is the phenomenal rise of the Free Angela Davis movement—a mass movement in the full sense of the word. It, too, is cast in the mold of the new patterns. Then we have the new student movement developing around part of the National Student Association. These student leaders are a part of the People’s Coalition. They are organizing 100 Free Angela Davis teach-ins in the main colleges of the country.”

Veterans Movement

“Then we have the new Vietnam Veterans movement. There are three million returned veterans now. It is already clear this is a new kind of veteran, such as we have never seen. It is a veteran who is tremendously militant and geared for action. It is a veteran who is not going to return to the old pattern of things.

“These veterans are not going to join the old veterans’ organizations. That would be like trying to mix water and oil. In this veterans’ movement the role of the Black veterans is most significant. And here again we see a new level of Black-white unity. Their plans of action are very exciting and show the tremendous potential of this new movement.”

Ecology

“In this same new mold is the movement to stop the pollution of the environment. We have not understood the significance of this movement. We have not given it leadership. The movement started with pollutants in the air, but it has quickly moved into an antimonopoly position on a mass scale. It has become an important factor in exposing the role of monopolies in ruining our environment.”

Elections

“The last elections also opened up new patterns of electoral struggle. An indication of this is the fact that some Movement candidates were successful in their election bids. They are

a new breed of public officials.

“All one has to do is to visit the offices of two of such people in Congress—the offices of Congressman Ronald Dellums of California and Congresswoman Bella Abzug of New York—to see that there is something new. Their offices are Movement offices. They are offices of struggle. . . What is needed is an extension of this concept of electing Movement activists into public office—activists from the Black liberation and peace movements, from the Rank-and-File movements of labor, from the struggles of women, of youth.”

Gus Hall concludes with a challenge to the Party to take advantage of these situations:

“We can now again qualitatively change the role of the Party is we become a part of and relate to this new wave—to the new forms that are emerging.” *Daily World*, April 3, 1971, page 6.

VIETNAM PERSPECTIVE

President Nixon is withdrawing American troops from Vietnam. The record speaks for itself.

When he became president, there were nearly 600,000 American servicemen in Vietnam. Now there are about 300,000. Approximately half of America’s forces have been withdrawn.

Casualties of Americans are about one third of what they were when he assumed authority.

This has been achieved without handling all South Vietnam and Southeast Asia to communism and a potential bloodbath.

Despite this, President Nixon has been subjected to a campaign of harassment and vilification which is awesome in its deliberate dishonesty and mighty in its service to communism.

One common accusation is that America is intervening in what is essentially a civil war.

On this subject, the words of Nikita Khrushchev merit consideration: “There is more at stake in this war than just the future of the Vietnamese people. The Vietnamese are shedding their blood and laying down their lives for the sake of the World Communist movement.” “Khrushchev Remembers,” page 487.

The so-called “peace agitation” which is so prevalent in the United States is regarded by the communists of Vietnam as part of their war action. This is made clear by the directive given to the “progressive” American people by Xuan Thuy, Ambassador to the Paris Peace talks from the Democratic Republic of Vietnam as published in the *World Magazine* of the communist *Daily World*, March 13, 1971.

“The Nixon administration, by refusing to respond seriously to the proposal by the

P.R.G. for the withdrawal of American and other foreign troops before June 30th, 1971, nor to set any other date for that withdrawal, proved that they want to perpetuate their military occupation of South Vietnam, that they never wished to negotiate seriously but to seek military victory.

“Facing the serious situation as it exists now, I call upon the progressive American people and all anti-war organizations in the United States to unite, to associated all forces and strata of the population irrespective of their views, color, religion and politics, thus making a wide and strong movement so as to curb in time new military adventures by the U.S. administration, to demand an end to their war of aggression in South Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia, to demand the withdrawal of all American troops from Indochina and let the Indochinese people settle their own internal affairs. Such is the way beneficial to the peoples of Vietnam and Indochina, beneficial to the American people, beneficial to the world.” Page M-4.

The radicals have formed an organization called the “People’s Coalition for Peace and Justice” (PCPJ) to organize the demonstrations along the lines requested by Xuan Thuy. Demonstrations they have scheduled are:

April 19-23—Vietnam Veterans Against the War—“Dewey Canyon Three” in Washington, D.C.

April 24—Mass March and Rally.

April 25-May 4—People’s Lobby and Encampment—Washington, D.C.

May 5—“No Business As Usual”—Nationwide Moratorium.

May 16—“Solidarity with G.I.’s”

The objective of the coordinators is to make it impossible for the government of the United States to carry on its lawful activities. One tactic proposed is to drive old cars to Washington, D.C. and to abandon them and block the roads around the Capitol and the Pentagon.

CASTRO CONDEMNS COMMUNISM

Juanita Castro, sister of the communist dictator of Cuba, Fidel Castro, delivered a message at the Orange County Antisubversive Seminar, February 12, 1971. She will also be a member of the faculty of the Washington, D.C. Antisubversive Seminar which will be held in the Hotel Sonesta, Massachusetts Avenue at Thomas Circle, June 18-21, 1971. The following is part of the message of Juanita Castro at the Orange County Seminar:

“One of the evidences I can bring out regarding the evil nature of communism and its leaders is that fact that I am here fighting against the system and against my own brother. I had no alternative. I had to choose between being an accomplice to the abnormal plans of Fidel’s against the Cuban people and against the peoples of the Americas, and my own Christian convictions, my love for freedom, peace and progress for all human beings all over the world.

“Communism divided my family in the same way as it has divided most of the families in the countries where this inhuman system exists.

“Communism is the reason for children to persecute their parents and for parents to persecute their own children. Communism is a cruel, atheistic doctrine, and whoever follows it becomes it fanatic and he, too, devotes himself to persecute and to exterminate his fellow men. It can be affirmed that communism is a mental disease. Communists suffer from different mental traumas and complexes. They become wild beasts and there is no way to either restrain them or stop them for the sake of goodness.

“Communism is as bad in domestic affairs as it is in national and international ones.

“In the domestic aspect, it destroys the home, the family and religious beliefs.

“Nationally speaking, it destroys the democratic and progressive institutions in order to reestablish the barbarity of ancient times.

“Internationally speaking, communism destroys the concepts of nation, sovereignty and independence in order to superimpose the imperialistic interests of the Soviet metropolis.

“In brief, the communist system is good to not even one of the aspects of the life of a human being or of any nation.

“In my home country there were the problems faced by any other nation in the world, since perfection does not exist on earth. But when the communist system was imposed upon my people, it worsened these problems and built up a wide range of different ones.

“Nowadays, Cuba is a country destroyed by communist imperialism. The Cuban people have greater needs; they suffer poverty and misery of all kinds. Rich people have been lowered to the status of poor, while the poor have become miserable ones due to the fact that nobody, not even the humblest ones, can benefit from communism.

“The Communist, Marxist-Leninist, Socialist—call it as you wish—system was introduced in Cuba by means of the deceit, the lies, and the treason on the part of my brother Fidel.

“Fidel started by deceiving his own family and ended up by deceiving all the Cuban people. He still deceives people in other countries, people who still believe his lies. Those people are not aware of the fact that they are trusting in, sympathizing with the worst tyrant who ever existed in America, a tyrant who would carry out any sort of betrayal, any kind of injustice.

“The Cuban people fought for a true democratic revolution which would bring forth freedom, peace and social justice for all. Those were the principles I myself fought for and still fight for.

“It is because we wanted all those things for Cuba that we fought during the Cuban revolution and we are still fighting to see that the Cuban people get them, because,

unfortunately, the Cuban people had the misfortune of seeing Fidel's tyranny replacing that of Batista.

"I affirm that Fidel betrayed the Cuban people because he has done everything contrary to what he promised. While in the Sierra Maestra, Fidel promised one thing; he has done just the opposite since he seized power.

"But Fidel is not satisfied with Cuba as his only prey. His ambition is to subdue other nations. His ambitions is extremely abnormal. His goal is to be the tyrant of the Americas. His ambition is as enormous as it is ridiculous, but he is able and willing to carry on all sorts of villainy in order to accomplish it.

"For many years Fidel has been gathering together the most modern military equipment to use it against the other countries in the Hemisphere. It is not only Fidel and the little Island of Cuba. Backing and supporting him is the military power of the Soviet Union.

"So we see that Cuba, situated only 90 miles of the south coast of the United States, is becoming a powerful nuclear base for the Soviet Union. Along different regions in the Island of Cuba and aiming to the principal countries in this Hemisphere, the Soviet Union has decided to build up missile pads. They have already built up some of them.

"Just a few years ago, the leaders in the United States used to say: 'We will not allow another Communist Cuba in this Hemisphere.'

"Well, incomprehensible as it may seem, there is already another Communist Cuba in this Hemisphere: Chile. This country has just fallen into the orbit of the Soviet Union and of Red China, without any help from the United States to prevent it. Bolivia and Peru, both under leftist demagogue military regimes, are following the same path.

"In some other Latin American countries as Uruguay, Guatemala, Brazil, etc., the terror imposed by communist delinquents makes it impossible for diplomats to carry on their work and, even worse, to live. The same thing happens to the citizens of those countries whose lives are as endangered as those diplomats.

"There is a wave of political terror sweeping all over the continent. This wave has its origin in the fidelito-communist organization known as 'OLAS,' created and organized in Havana with the participation of the communist agents in the Americas.

"A few years ago the United States used to fight against communist subversion side by side with its friends and allies in the Latin American countries. Nowadays, the policy has been changed, and the communist advance and progress are permitted. In a way, the mistaken policy followed by the late British Prime Minister Chamberlain is being put into practice. It is the same policy of appeasement which permitted the Nazi hordes to advance in Europe; the same policy which originated the Second World War.

"Back in October 1962, the Governments of the United States and the Soviet Union reached a pact or 'understanding,' concerning the missile crisis in Cuba. By this 'understanding,' the Soviet Union committed herself to take the offensive weapons out of

Cuba. In turn, the United States, with trump cards on its side, backed down and accepted such an ‘understanding,’ promising not to invade Communist Cuba and not to permit anyone to do so, including the Cuban forces in exile who were exercising their legitimate rights.

“It was the Soviet Union who came out the victor, simply because she reached her goal, namely, the permanence in Cuba of a communist regime.

“Recently, the governments of the United States and the Soviet Union have ratified the already mentioned ‘understanding’ in view of the building of a naval base for nuclear submarines in Cuba.

“In the struggle between the United States and Russia, where communism and slavery are represented by the Soviets, while democracy and freedom are represented by the United States, whoever wishes sincerely for the success of the United States and the free world must be—and I myself an one of them—very much concerned with it.

“If the North American people awake and understand the Cuban situation, if they succeed in having their leaders help liberate the Cuban people, the United States and Cuba will be allied once more, the people of the United States and the people of Cuba will be friends again.

“This is what we are fighting for. This is why we are suffering misunderstandings and persecutions.

“Some day, I am sure, understanding and justice will prevail and then, the United States will change its mistaken policy regarding the Cuban case.

“Cuba will be once and for all an independent and sovereign country. Thank you very much.”

WASHINGTON D.C. ANTISUBVERSIVE SEMINAR (June 18-21, 1971)

Hotel Sonesta, Massachusetts Ave. at Thomas Circle, Washington, D.C.

The faculty will include: Juanita Castro, Dr. Walter Judd, Herbert Philbrick, Dr. Charles Rice, Dr. Fred Schwarz.

Subjects will include: Marxism, Leninism, Communism, Anarchism, Dialectical Materialism, Marcuse and Sex, Red China, Anti-Semitism, Obscenity and Pornography.

You are invited to attend and participate. Pathways of positive action to preserve freedom will be presented.

Scholarships are available for students, teachers, clergymen and peace officers. If you cannot attend, sponsor a student.