Who are the Bombers?

Often the Rulers!

THE GOVERNMENT ORGANIZES BOMBINGS AND OTHER TERRORIST ACTS TO DISCREDIT RADICALS & HEROIC MASS ACTIONS LIKE THE ONE BELOW:

Portage, Penn. -- Aug. 9, 1970

350 pickets of the United Mine Workers charged through a line of about 50 State Police troopers to firebomb the Cooney Bros. Coal Co. 22 other mines in the Cambria County area were closed in sympathy to the pickets by over 4500 workers.
New York: Tommy the Traveler

A year ago, a handsome, tense, slender youth known only as "Tommy the Traveler" appeared at Hobart College in Geneva, N.Y., and began to preach revolution to anyone who would listen. He claimed to be an S.D.S. organizer, and his principal converts were two freshmen, would-be revolutionaries who were fascinated by his violent rhetoric. To them he taught the use of the M1 carbine and demonstrated the construction of various types of fire bombs.

Last month his efforts seemed to have come to fruition when two of the students were arrested for allegedly firebombing the campus ROTC office, located in a dormitory where 120 students were sleeping. The fire was put out without any injuries. That was fortunate because Tommy the Traveler, the zealous revolutionary, was in fact an undercover policeman.

Harassment: After the ROTC fire, Tommy came under increasing pressure from his immediate employer, the Ontario County sheriff's office, to "produce some results" on campus. His answer was to lead an on-campus marijuana bust on June 5 in a sheriff's car, carrying a side arm and accompanied by a sheriff's deputy, several Geneva city policemen and, waiting off campus, two dozen riot police. The raid blew Tommy's cover, and when it was over, he retired to his Geneva apartment, presumably to prepare for his next undercover assignment.

The incident probably would have ended there had not angered students seized on the fact that the month before, Tommy had struck Hobart's assistant dean of students, Ted Theinmeyer, and threatened a student's life. Soon after a John Doe complaint charging him with harassment was filed. When the students now demanded, had the complaint ever been served? In an interview broadcast last week on Walter Cronkite's CBS Evening News, Ontario County Sheriff Ray Morrow replied: because he was only doing the job he was hired to do. Morrow defended Tommy's actions as necessary to build up his credibility to radical students. As for instructing students on how to build bombs, then urging them to use them, said Morrow, "There's a lot of difference between showing how to build a bomb and building one." What that difference was, he never made clear, although the former, he indicated, was perfectly proper behavior for a police agent attempting to infiltrate student radicals. He did, however, finally have most recently, Hobart. He invariably identified himself as an S.D.S. organizer, and wherever he went, violence seemed to follow. He was also said to have been at the head of the assault force that marched on the South Vietnamese embassy during last fall's demonstrations in Washington. His true identity was uncertain. The harassment complaint listed him either as Thomas M.S. Tongyai or Singkata P. Tongyai, 26, of Warrington, Pa.

If Tommy the Traveler was indeed so well traveled, the question arises whether he was an employee of the Ontario County Sheriff's office the entire time. Time Correspondent Frank McCulloch spoke with Sheriff Morrow in an effort to find out.

Q. How long has Tommy worked for you?
A. Two and one-half months.
Q. Where did he come to you from?
A. I can't say that. But he did come highly recommended.
Q. Can you tell us by whom?
A. No. I really can't.
Q. Was it another law-enforcement agency? Was Tommy actually a police officer for the last two or three years?
A. I can't tell you because I promised these people—those people—who sent him to me—I would never tell who they were or anything else about it.

Thus the question remains: Who sent Tommy to Sheriff Morrow? The FBI? Some other national or state law-enforcement agency concerned with radicals? Whoever were Tommy's employers, the incident will reinforce a belief already widely held among the young that much seemingly radical violence is in fact the work of police agencies out to discredit the radical movement.

The use of undercover agents to infiltrate subversive or otherwise menacing organizations is not new in the U.S.; it is a defendible practice. But what happens to such agents who actually get involved in illegal activities? Tommy's fire-bomb lessons to young, malleable students seem to represent a serious breach of law-enforcement responsibility. The fire-bombing of the Hobart ROTC building might never have happened had Tommy not instigated it.
As the war continues to take its bloody toll and unemployment skyrockets to its second highest level since the Depression, the U.S. government is finding it harder and harder to drum up any popular support. But there's one "issue" they've got left: the bombers!

Pick up any newspaper. The media are filled with tales of bomb-throwing, bankrobbing "radicals" and "revolutionaries," and in many cases SDS is blamed or implicated. The fact is that these terrorist acts are often actually organized by the government. (See "Tommy the Traveler" -- front inside cover.) This is the oldest trick in the book.

SDS has nothing to do with these bombings, bankroberries or any other terrorist acts.

WE SUPPORT MASS MILITANCY

No mass movement has ever wrested any concession from the U.S. government without mass militant action. The workers and peasants of Vietnam have been fighting back heroically for years to kick out the U.S. government. We support their struggle. We support black rebellions. We supported the militant GE, postal, and GM strikes, and the militancy of students in their fights against ROTC at Kent and Jackson State.

The government is threatened by these militant fights. They want very much to discredit the militancy of workers and students in general and SDS in particular. This is the real reason why the government and the press are promoting these bombers. These rulers fear the growth of a strong worker-student alliance which fights back against their profitable practices -- like the war, racism, and the oppression of women.

Fight back! Build a worker-student alliance! Join SDS!

U. CONN. BOSSES, THREATENED BY SDS, RESORT TO TERRORISM!

On the last day before the jury went out in a political trial of an SDS member named Jim Sober at the University of Conn., a number of things happened:

- The U. Conn. ROTC building was fire-bombed.
- The Young Americans for Freedom passed out phony leaflets signed 'SDS,' hoping to provoke a confrontation between a few SDSers and the police. YAF did this in hope of building for a lecture they sponsored by a right-wing Cuban exile named Salizar.

The University Administration and the big business interests they serve indeed have a lot to fear for last year SDS and BSU (Black Student Union) kicked off two scab GE recruiters and when prosecutions began against the students arrested for this action, 1200 militant students showed up at 3:30AM at the Administration building to demand their release! And this year SDS led an action of 200 students that stopped a Portuguese diplomat from putting forth his racist, imperialist theory that Africans need rule by the Portuguese. The U. Conn. bosses and their lackeys (YAF) would like nothing better than to try to engineer a slander campaign against SDS at such a time when a strong movement was being built to smash them.
RYM (WEATHERMEN) VS. THE PEOPLE

This article, from the Sept. 20, 1969 issue of New Left Notes, deals with RYM I which is now known as the Weathermen. Even though the Weathermen at first called themselves SDS they are not now and never have been part of SDS. (Note: This article was written before the Weathermen went underground and began their bombing tactics.) by Norm Daniels, Tufts, Jared Israel, NIC

At the June SDS convention, the old national leaders (calling themselves the ‘Revolutionary’ Youth Movement, ‘R’YM) led a minority (about 1/3) walkout, then declared that the Progressive Labor Party (PL) and Worker-Student Alliance caucus (WSA), as well as many others, had been ‘expelled’. The clear majority, including hundreds not in any caucus, repudiated any attempt to split SDS and avoid the political struggle which, it was evident, the ‘R’YM leaders had been losing all last year and at the convention. ‘R’YM leaders walked out to maintain as much legitimacy as possible. To cover their opportunist maneuver - which threatens the existence of the anti-imperialist student movement - they whipped up some principles. Perhaps key among these was the fact that PL, most WSAers and many other SDSers have sharp disagreements with the Black Panther Party. Having lost politically, ‘R’YM leaders used this, maintaining that the Panthers’ hostility to PL and others was grounds for ‘expelling’ the majority. But within a month the Panthers’ leaders had denounced ‘R’YM as ‘National Socialists’ - nazis! ‘R’YM’s leaders had used the Panthers in a completely racist way – to ‘get’ their opponents. And the two ‘R’YM factions (they call themselves ‘R’YM I, or ‘Weatherman’, and ‘R’YM II, the better to communicate with ordinary people), which had united all year to ‘get’ PL and WSA, have been at each other’s throats for two months, calling each other ‘running dogs of imperialism’. Their ‘principled’ unity and that between ‘R’YM as a whole and the Panthers has crumbled into a scramble for position since they walked out -- or, as they claim, expelled everyone else.

‘R’YM Strategy: Serving the Rulers

In the past, many SDSers have opposed ‘R’YM’s ideas and practice. We argued that ‘R’YM is terribly arrogant towards most people - especially working people - and has a thoroughly elitist, self-building notion of how to organize. They’ve advocated ‘small group’ or ‘exemplary’ actions, going ‘wild in the streets’ for the purpose of psychological self-liberation instead of organizing masses of people into REALLY militant struggle against imperialism. ‘R’YM always denied that, but their practice since the convention has more clearly than ever shown that our analysis is right.

The owners of this country and their government and press love to paint SDS as a bunch of vicious rich kids, out for kicks, fanatics-on-the-left ready to kill any who won’t mouth insane slogans.

Articles in the ‘R’YM paper show that, by posing workers as the
enemy, by attacking the people, "R'YM is trying to live up to that lie. The government can smear SDS with "R'YM's practice!

**Death to all Passengers!**

Consider the picture below.

The caption reads: 'WITH A DEFIA NT SMILE, 5-YEAR OLD MARION DELGADO SHOWS HOW HE PLACED A 25-POUND CONCRETE SLAB ON THE TRACKS AND WRECKED A PASSENGER TRAIN.' The newspaper, which "R'YM calls 'NEW LEFT NOTES', has no connection with this 'New Left Notes'. It's issued in Chicago by the group that splintered from SDS at the convention.

What is the message of this picture, which appears on the front page of "R'YM's paper on August 29? "BRING THE WAR HOME!" is "R'YM's slogan for their October action in Chicago. So this is an illustration of that slogan! The war we are told, is the fault of the American people -- most of whom are exploited working people. The "R'YM leaders aren't putting forward a too-militant approach. They aren't proposing 'left-wing' terrorism. To blow up a train carrying millionaires would be terrorism against the rich -- who alone gain from the war and are responsible for it. That would be a bad mistake, given the effect it would have. But THIS train is identified only as a PASSENGER train! So "R'YM's line is that American working people gain from and caused the war, that they must be fought -- must be attacked and destroyed! What need newspapers do to convince most people (except suicidal maniacs) that SDS is their deadly enemy? Just reprint this picture!

We could go on talking about this picture, but the point is clear. "R'YM is TRYING to LOOK LIKE the enemies of the people.

**'R'YM Practice: Fighting the People**

That's bad enough. But "R'YM puts its theories into practice. They haven't yet reached the stage of the 5-year old, but they've already done tremendous harm. Their attacks on the people are like something the Green Berets would think up, something they would hire Vietnamese finks to do, disguised as Vietnamese revolutionaries to turn off the people.

**'R'YM Attacks Detroit...**

In the August 29 "R'YM paper an article boasts that in Detroit 'about 30 cadre and people starting to work with us swept the beach (continued on p. 8)
"You revolution not a slogan"

The girl: Diana Oughton, Bryn Mawr graduate turned terrorist. UPI documents her tragic life and death in a significant, disturbing 5-part series. Will your paper miss out?

Last March, Diana Oughton and two other "Weatherman" revolutionaries were killed by an explosion in their New York City bomb factory. That news story made America shudder. But the story of how Diana, a wealthy and loving family girl, became a terrorist is even more troubling.

How could it have happened? UPI reporters Lucinda Frank and Tom Powers spent almost a month unraveling the story of Diana from the time she was a child.

The rich man's press - the news services - attempts to turn mad-bombers in order to thwart workers and students, and thus Build a mass Worker-Studen
They were assisted by Diana's family and friends. They visited cities where Diana had gone to school, worked and was active as a radical.

Result? "The story of Diana—the making of a terrorist." This five-part series portraying Diana Oughton as the product and victim of American society is one of the most significant pieces of journalism of the past decade. It is too important not to be read. If you don't want your paper and readers to miss out on the important journalism of today, contact Wayne Sargent, UPI's VP for Sales in New York.

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—this time UPI, one of the world's largest wire to portray radicals as snotty-nosed-rich-kids-order to isolate radicals from the masses of and discredit militant action. FIGHT-BACK!
student Alliance!
in a line distributing Chicago leaflets and carrying a red flag. After planting the flag, the 'R'YMers told the people 'that it's a political world and that they have to deal with that. The main contradiction is between those who have it (auto workers?) and those who don't -- between white America and the colored nations.' People on the beach, seeing a bunch of dangerous nuts, attacked the 'R'YMers. But 'R'YM was heroic. They 'fought the attackers (the people!) to a standstill and left the beach chanting.' As the excerpt below from 'R'YM's paper notes, they're studying karate. Why such half-way measures?

**We've become fighters this summer.**
Our study of karate makes us strong, and our practice makes us real to young people. Fighting understands winning. Our words have content because they are backed up by a growing base of power. Opening a new front here at home can only be achieved by striking blows at the enemy and building a movement that understands that to aid the Vietnamese and blacks we must develop a white fighting force that FIGHTS!

Why not just shoot down the people and be done? What will those people think if they hear some REAL radical say that not we but the rulers are the people's enemy?

A group of female 'R'YMers (the Motor City 9, as 'R'YM calls them) barricaded a class taking exams and attacked two men (using super-duper karate) when they tried to leave.

McComb Community College is located in an all-white working class community and trains the local white youth in the skills necessary for lower managerial jobs, positions that objectively oppress black people. By busting into a classroom during final exams, and by talking to people about what's happening in the world, we confronted them with their dual position in capitalist society. They are oppressors because of their acceptance of privilege, and they are oppressed because of their objective relationship to the ruling class.

'R'YM calls this an 'exemplary action' raising the 'con-
and Columbus...

'R'YM activities aren't confined to Detroit. In Columbus, Ohio, they criticized themselves as follows:

Our correct fighting instincts led to a few fistfights when the men's chauvinist baiting reached an unbearable level. Such fights led the men to take us more seriously at first, but because they were in the context of no practice, the political content of such struggles became more and more unclear.

Aside from the weird sound of 'our correct fighting instincts' -- aside from the paragraph itself, what was 'R'YM's solution? To redirect their 'fighting instincts' against working women. Some working women, in desperate need of money and unable to leave their homes, are tricked into working for Stanly Co. Giving parties at home, they sell Stanly household products to their friends and get a small commission. Instead of uniting with these highly exploited saleswomen against Stanly, 'R'YM accepts Stanly's lie that they are 'sales representatives' and attacks! Going to a 'Stanly party', 'R'YM puts forth its politics. Afterwards, again, they are self-critical:

It was the first time we had really organized around women's liberation, and we made lots of mistakes. We were too liberal and we didn't put the women, particularly the representative from the Stanly company, up against the wall.

Not only the saleswomen, BUT ALL THE WOMEN PRESENT needed to be 'put up against the wall'. 'R'YM won't let these 'imperialists' off so lightly next time, they promise!

(continued on p.10)
And, indeed, overcoming their 'liberalism', Columbus ‘R’YMers ‘began charging through the parks with an NLF flag, leafletting and rapping... And in job after job, racists were put literally up against the walls.' One can imagine the local rulers trembling... with glee!

and Pittsburgh

Shouting the slogan ‘jailbreak’, a large number of ‘R’YMers charged into Pittsburgh’s South Hills High School at lunch recess, shouting ‘Ho Lives!’ After sporadic fighting with cops, 34 were arrested. Completely unrooted in any work being done at the school, and in any case, on its own, pretty crazy, this action is supposed to represent the essence of the ‘R’YM march on Chicago, planned for October. Take heed.

Building on Decay

These actions are so clearly geared to isolating radicals from the people that it’s clear cops are influential among ‘R’YM leaders. (One ‘R’YM attack on the people is worth more to the rulers than a thousand editorials against SDS!) But why do these guys have any following? Clearly, some honest people get tricked.

‘R’YM’s attraction comes from ideas most students hold to some extent—that the ‘insensitive’ (working) people are to blame for what’s wrong in America. ‘It is THEIR bad traits which are the problem, it is THEY who foment racism and wars like Vietnam: The answer is for us (who’ve never exploited anyone and are free of wrong ideas) to form in-groups and fight the people. We should run down the streets very militantly, ferociously in fact -- shout at people until they change and act like us revolutionaries. We’ll teach those insensitive bastards to go to work every day and sweat their asses off and thus be part of ‘the machine’ -- we’ll teach their sons to go and die in Vietnam!’

That sort of thinking is just an hysterical variation of the old liberal moral witness strategy, the idea that by confronting people with our moral superiority, we can change things. This strategy only helps the rulers. By attacking the people, ‘R’YM is a tool in their hands, to use as they want to against the anti-imperialist movement. And, indeed, if one opposes the people, who does one have really left to ally with?

The very selfish and also mystical thinking that ‘R’YM appeals to comes out in Detroit ‘R’YM’s leaflet for their Chicago demo -- the leaflet is called ‘TAKE THE BLUES TO CHICAGO’. It reads: ‘People all over the world will feel the blues in that city. The mass march on Saturday - October 11 - will be everything; all the reasons for our anger crystalized in our love for the people of Viet-Nam, the NLF, and joy at the strength of their will. It will be as real and as pure as we can make it. Come and help us organize, sing the blues loud and strong; for these days in October, and for our future.’ ‘R’YM appeals to the worst in people -- in all of us -- the desire to get together with the ‘other good people’ and squash everyone else within striking distance.
'REVOLUTIONARY' BANKROBBERS?
OR
COPS, COPS, & MORE COPS

Last fall, the major headlines in the Boston area press were that five 'radicals and revolutionaries' robbed a bank and killed a cop. We think that the main lies were put forward by the newspapers and the government concerning the robbery.

- The most important thing going on today is a bank robbery:
  - While the press is playing this up, the standard of living for most American people is lower now than it was six years ago, layoffs are sweeping the country, the war continues, and police terror is being stepped up in the ghettos. But people are fighting back; 350,000 auto workers are on strike for decent wages and better conditions, ghetto rebellions demanding more jobs and better housing are raging, from New Bedford, Mass., to Augusta, and the Vietnamese working people are waging a fight to get the U.S. out of their country. The government and the press want to take the focus off the ways American people are being shafted and are fighting back.
  - The suspects have been proven beyond doubt to have robbed the bank.
  - There hasn't been one piece of concrete evidence that indicates any of the suspects actually robbed the bank. The press attempts to give the impression that a confession by Valeri started the police on a search for the four original suspects, and now Fleischer; a confession, incidentally, which has never been printed or even quoted from.

All of the suspects are radicals and revolutionaries.

Based on a tremendous amount of evidence, Stanley Bond, referred to by the press as the leader of the hold-up gang, could be nothing further from a revolutionary. -- HE'S A COP, FBI agent Gordon Hall stated in the Herald-Traveler (10/25) that Bond was a committed revolutionary while serving time in Walpole prison for armed robbery. Yet somehow when Bond emerged from prison onto the Brandeis campus he was staunchly in favor of the war and racism. Even then he was trying to sound people out about terrorism. Bond was paroled early and brought to Brandeis on a program associated with the Lemberg Center for the Study of Violence, which develops programs for police departments on how to best suppress ghetto rebellions and student unrest. AFTER REPEATEDLY COMING TO SDS MEETINGS WITH THE SOLE PURPOSE OF DISRUPTING THEM, BOND WAS PHYSICALLY EXCLUDED FROM FURTHER MEETINGS FOR BEING A COP. While Brandeis SDS was building a campaign to shut down the Lemberg Center, an institution which attacks most American people, Bond brought people he met with to have dinner with John Sollenberg, the director of the center. When the suspects were first named, Police Commissioner McNamara said that although he had no documented proof, when a group springs up from our colleges that robs banks, it's revolutionary. Not too many people were taken in by that one, so the next day McNamara changed it to the story that they're all part of a national revolutionary group, but he won't divulge the name, conveniently. McNamara, two days later a letter was produced written by Bond stating that he is the commander-in-chief of the Revolutionary Action Force-East. Bond later denied that he's the commander of this previously unheard of group, but only a 'combat committee member!!!! Perhaps McNamara is the real commander-in-chief of this revolutionary group.

No sooner as Bond in jail facing charges of murder than he's engaged in writing a book about his life in crime and revolution! Most prisoners are denied such privileges.

Let's look at Valeri next, the supposed commander-in-chief of the RAF-West. Six hours after being apprehended Valeri is alleged to have provided the names of four other suspects, On Thursday, at a preliminary hearing in which he is not required to say anything, he gave one hour of secret testimony. 'REVOLUTIONARY' TO POLICE INFORMER IN A MATTER OF DAYS!

The National Strike Information Center, which several of the suspects were connected with, can hardly be considered radical, much less revolutionary. Its pacifist-liberal positions bear no resemblance to a fighting program designed to bring about basic social change.

These people are who the cops and the big businessmen who own the press want us to believe are radicals.

Student radicals are individual terrorists and bank robbers. The press and the cops are building this image in order to isolate serious radicals, who want to build struggles involving millions of people against the American government, from most people, particularly workers. The police often have agents who provoke frustrated liberals on to commit isolated terrorist acts. We think that the Brighton bank robbery is an example of this.
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