

Facts Behind Terror by Jeffrey Steinberg

Violence planned for convention

The networks include anti-nukes, race riot provocateurs, Maoists, and veterans of Chicago 1968.

The Democratic National Convention in New York City is targeted for a series of mass demonstrations modeled on the 1968 Democratic Convention in Chicago. Like the Chicago demonstrations, which resulted in widespread violence and rioting, the New York operation is being organized on several levels.

The first level of the operation is a "counter-convention" which functions as an umbrella to draw large numbers of people. The counter-convention was planned at a semi-secret meeting held in Youngstown, Ohio on March 15-16 attended by 80 individuals, representing virtually every significant ethnic, "new left," environmentalist, and human rights grouping in the country, including many organizers of the 1968 Chicago riots.

Interviewed at the time of the Youngstown meeting, terrorist lawyer William Kunstler, an organizer of the meeting, explained the overall strategy: "While you can't really have a fundamental impact on policy . . . you can prevent them [authorities] from doing things they might otherwise have done . . . through fear. You have to make them scared of you, and the only way is to have mass uncontrollable violence in the streets."

The second level of the operation is organized around the "Coalition for Direct Action at the Democratic Convention" (CDADC) made up of members of the Yippie organization, which played a central role in the 1968 Convention

riots; the Coalition for Direct Action at Seabrook which has called for sabotage of nuclear power stations and has carried out two assaults on the Seabrook, New Hampshire nuclear power plant construction site; and the Rainbow Coalition, a collection of pro-drug Yippie collaborators.

The July-August issue of the Yippie newspaper, *Overthrow*, outlines the CDADC plans: "At the end of the big straight left rally Sunday, direct actionists of all persuasions will march uptown to Central Park, there to occupy Central Park and proclaim Sheep's Meadow Free State."

A source recently reported to *Investigative Leads* that the Yippie group claims "the word is out" that if "the police get violent against demonstrators, there will be riots in the streets." The Yippies are preparing a Direct Action Handbook for demonstrators "with 500 additional corporate and ruling class targets which can be hit while police are occupied at the Garden."

The third level of the operation is the activation of the terrorist and race riot apparatus around the convention. An April 1980 FBI raid on an FALN Puerto Rican terrorist safehouse in Jersey City, New Jersey uncovered a detailed floor plan and map of the electrical system of Madison Square Garden where the Democratic convention is being held. While many members of the FALN have been arrested, the entire support apparatus remains in-

tact, and interfaces with various Hispanic groups involved in the "counter-convention" operation.

Similarly, a black race riot infrastructure is being deployed to the Democratic Convention to protest for "economic justice." National Black United Front (NBUF) leaders Rev. Herbert Daughtry and Stokely Carmichael were both participants in the March Youngstown planning meeting. Other NBUF leaders, including Alfred "Skip" Robertson of Mississippi, intend to bring large contingents to hold demonstrations at the Convention. The New York Justice Department Community Relations Service director, Fletcher Graves, who is one of the controllers of NBUF, described the possibility as follows: "New York City minorities are the most sophisticated; the situation is perfect for chaos."

Also operating in the third level are the Maoist Revolutionary Communist Party and Communist Worker's Party (CWP). Currently, the CWP youth group, the Revolutionary Youth League, is organizing New York ghetto youth to come to the convention and "crash the Garden party." Jerry Tung, the general secretary of the CWP, has been orienting the organization toward black riot organizing, and a contingent of the CWP participated in the founding conference of NBUF. In a recent speech Tung discussed the revolutionary potential of running riots, "like Miami," noting that the CWP was in contact with a "hard-core" group directly involved in the May rioting in Miami, Florida.

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