The Communist Connection

Why the Convicted Killer of Robert F. Kennedy Became a Hero to Weather Underground Terrorists Bill Ayers and Bernardine Dohrn

By Cliff Kincaid

Sirhan Sirhan was a fanatical Palestinian who killed Robert F. Kennedy because Kennedy was a supporter of Israel. The assassination occurred on the first anniversary of the Six Day War in which Israel defeated the armies of its Arab neighbors. What's more, Sirhan's diaries include the repeated phrases, "RFK must die," and "long live communism." Pages of these diaries are included in this report.

Sirhan reportedly attended meetings of the Communist Party's W.E.B. Dubois Clubs and one of his closest friends was Walter Crowe, a communist who told investigators after the assassination that he feared that he may have influenced Sirhan to kill Kennedy.

Obama associates Bill Ayers and Bernardine Dohrn, when they were in the Weather Underground, wrote a Prairie Fire Manifesto that includes a dedication in part to

Sirhan Sirhan, listing him as a political prisoner. This led the University of Illinois and trustees Chairman Christopher Kennedy, son of RFK, to deny Ayers professor emeritus status after he retired.

Kennedy said, "There is nothing more antithetical to the hopes for a university that is lively and yet civil, or to the hopes of our founding fathers for their great experiment of a self-governing people, than to permanently seal off debate with one's opponents by killing them. There can be no place in a democracy to celebrate political assassinations or to honor those who do so."

When I asked Ayers about this at a "Green Festival" in Washington, D.C., Ayers told me that I was delusional. Once again, the facts speak for themselves.

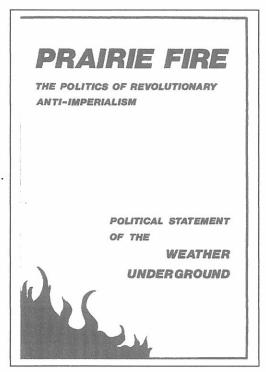
This dedication can be explained by the fact that the assassination of RFK was indeed perceived as political in nature. The pro-communist left believed—and still does—that Israel was an imperialist lackey of the United States. Ayers and Dohrn continue to support the Palestinian war against Israel. The wall outside Ayers' office at the University of Illinois featured a photograph of an "American-made missile" headed for a poor "Palestinian youth."

The book, *Eric-83: Patriot or Traitor? A Precursor to Modern Day Terrorism: Memoirs of a New York City Detective*, tells the story of how Kennedy's name was on a list of Americans targeted for assassination by communists and circulated to members of the Revolutionary Action Movement, a group founded by Robert F. Williams and supported by Communist Cuba.

In his book, *R.F.K. Must Die*, Robert Blair Kaiser confirms this, noting that the Revolutionary Action Movement "had Robert Kennedy marked for execution." The communists believed that Kennedy-style social change was too slow for the revolutionary process.

Months after he killed Kennedy, Sirhan said the blow had been struck for "his kind of people"—the "revolutionaries of the Third World," Kaiser wrote.

What this means, interestingly enough, is the most serious threat to Obama comes from the left – from his fellow Marxist revolutionaries disappointed with the pace of radical social change.



Sirhan Sirhan's notebook entries included "Long Live Communism," and repetition of the name of Gamal Abdel Nasser, second president of Egypt and proponent of Arab solidarity and Arab socialism.

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three of our comrades who gave their lives in the struggle

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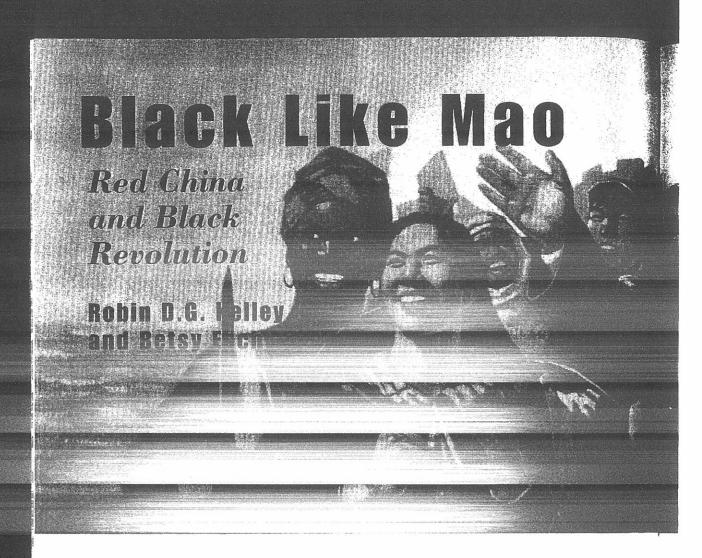
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The Statue of Liberty plot was the first indication of RAM's intention to carry out its aim of organized violence to achieve its goal of a world-wide black revolution and the creation of a "new world" free from the exploitation and oppression of man by man. The Black Liberation Front was a RAM front organization that originated in Cuba in 1964 and was headed by Richard Coggins. He had other student followers from the United States who had traveled to Cuba in violation of the U.S. State Department ban on travel to

Subsequent to this plot the New York RAM organization was not heard Cuba. from because it had gone underground. It was underground at the time I became a member. However, several suspected members were kept under surveillance and eventually another plot was exposed. The outcome of that plot was the one in which I was involved that culminated in the arrest of 21 persons who were charged with various conspiracies, including conspiracy to commit the murders of Whitney Young, leader of the Urban League, and Roy Wilkins, leader of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. Other persons including Robert Kennedy and James Farmer were on an assassination list. James Farmer's name was on the list but he had relocated to develop some type of housing community in North Carolina and members of RAM no longer considered him a threat to the Nationalist Movement. Since the arrests in 1967 there has been no tangible evidence of the continual functioning of RAM as an organization. However, many of those persons known to have been members continued to pursue their revolutionary endeavors. Harold became the Minister of Finance of an organization known as the Republic of New Africa, whose President-in-exile was Richard White. Richard Coggins was arrested later in 1969, along with several members of the Black Panther Party and charged with various conspiracies. OI . Val indicated that RAM had a definite structure



This is the era of Mao Tse-Tung, the era of world revolution and the Afro-American's struggle for liberation is a part of an invincible world-wide movement. Chairman Mao was the first world leader to elevate our people's struggle to the fold of the world revolution.

-Robert Williams, 1967

It seems as if Chairman Mao, at least in the symbolic realm, has been enjoying a resurgence in popularity among the youth. His image and ideas consistently turn up in a myriad of cultural and political contexts. The Coup, a popular San Francisco Bay Area hip-hop group, restored Mao Zedong to the pantheon of black radical heroes and in so doing placed

the black freedom struggle in an international context. In a song simply called "Dig It" (1993), the Coup refers to its members as "the wretched of the earth," tells listeners to read The Communist Manifesto, and conjures up revolutionary icons such as Mao Zedong, Ho Chi Minh, Kwame Nkrumah, H. Rap Brown, Kenya's Mau Mau movement, and Geronimo Ji Jaga Pratt. In classical Maoist fashion, the group seizes on Mao's most famous quote and makes it its own: "We realize that power [is] nickel plated."2 Even though members of the Coup were not even born during the heyday of Black Maoism, "Dig It" captures the spirit of Mao in relation to the larger colonial world-a world that included

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