

THE PLAN

To Burn Los Angeles

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■ WHILE THE Watts Rebellion and its aftermath have been covered extensively by weepy sentimentalists, emotional sociologists, and even a few misanthropic militants from the Constitutional underground, its meaning as a rehearsal for a nationwide revolution has never been recorded. Perhaps we shouldn't try to record it now. Perhaps we too should back away from this incredible story and pretend it isn't true. We cannot. We cannot because to do so with knowledge of what is happening would make a mockery of everything in which we believe.

I

ANY PROFESSIONALLY TRAINED police officer will tell you that riots—those which last for more than a few hours anyway—are about as spontaneous as the New Year's Day Rose Parade. What occurred in Watts was no exception. The board of revolutionary strategy which planned, engineered, and instigated the Watts Rebellion was com-

posed of some forty to fifty Negroes sent by the Communists into the Los Angeles area from all over the United States. Included in the group were Black Muslims,¹ Black Nationalists, representatives from the paramilitary Deacons for Defense, the Communist Revolutionary Action Movement (R.A.M.),² and professionals from other such militant and Marxist groups. These men are not hoodlums or criminals in the ordinary sense, but are drawn from among an intellectual elite of the Negro community. Included are physicians, attorneys, businessmen, professors, writers, and scholars.³ Yet, they represent the sort of racist and twisted intellects which stimulated the Nazi takeover of Germany. This small revolutionary group, which is referred to in Watts and by law enforcement personnel simply as "The Organization," has three common denominators among its members: high intelligence, hatred of "The Man" (Caucasians), and a disciplined commitment to the interests of the International Communist Conspiracy. It was this team of highly trained Communists — "The Organization" — which planned and directed what happened in Watts.⁴

As a play is given a trial run in the bushlands of Boston or New Haven before being presented in New York, or as a pugilist hones his attack by heavy sparring in the weeks before a championship bout, so also was Watts a trial run — a training exercise from which the revolutionaries sought to garner encyclopedic knowledge about colored and white reaction, law enforce-

ment, and critical media response. Los Angeles was chosen as the stage for the rehearsal because "The Organization" believed that if it could successfully trigger a full-scale rebellion in Watts the Communists could achieve the same results among Negroes in any major metropolitan area in the United States.⁵

"The Organization" well knew that Negroes are better off in Los Angeles than in any other large city in America. In a report released just one year previous to the Watts Rebellion, the Urban League rated American cities according to Negro housing, employment opportunities, education, and other criteria for measuring achievement. Los Angeles led the list in virtually every category.⁶ Unemployment, perpetually pointed to by the Left as responsible for the "frustrations" which triggered the Watts holocaust was, according to the McCone Commission Report, surprisingly low even among those who were actually arrested during the insurrection: Seventy-three percent of those *arrested* were employed — including many in skilled, technical, and even government work.⁷ In Los Angeles, Negroes have access to virtually any job for which they are qualified (indeed, Civil Service positions are held disproportionately by Negroes — including many Black Muslims). Negroes in Los Angeles can travel where they please, do whatever they have the talent and capacity to do, and take advantage of virtually unlimited free education. Ninety percent of the rest of the world would give a left ear to live in such misery. Is it any wonder that "The Organization" felt that if Watts could be exploded they could do it anywhere else in America?

Of course "The Organization" realized that before a riot of the magnitude which they planned for Watts could be unleashed the residents of that area must first be well conditioned.⁸ "For that process alone," one police officer told us, "The Organization" allotted five

full years. The idea was to condition the people of Watts to believe they are 'exploited' and the victims of 'unjust laws'—which they are morally free to break." "The Organization" began by inundating Watts with printed propaganda disgorged by the balesful from the printing presses of revolution in basements and backrooms all over Los Angeles County.⁹ Whether the press was run by the Students for a Democratic Society,¹⁰ the Communist DuBois Clubs,¹¹ the Muslims or other Black Nationalist groups, the theme was always the same: "Negroes are so brutalized and exploited that their problems can only be solved by violent revolution." These inflammatory ravings were distributed all over the Watts area on street corners, in bars, barbershops, and even from door to door. Over the scheduled five-year period the Communists' Black Nationalist handbills, newspapers, and other printed propaganda had a cumulative and terrible effect.

The most important part of "The Organization's" conditioning program was the construction of the myth of *police brutality*.^{*} Five years ago, had you ever heard the phrase "police brutality"? Probably not, unless you were a student of world revolution. For although the phrase has been used by the Communists for decades, it has become a part of the general lexicon only during the past few years, and only after a publicity campaign rivaling the Advertising Council's promotion of Smokey the Bear.¹² It took five years of steady repetition before the stereotype of the policeman as a brutal sadist who derives joy from harassing the innocent came to be widely accepted in Watts. But the theme did take hold.¹³ As a result, many became so sure they were going to be brutalized by the police that when

^{*} Until recent years misconduct by officers was known as "police malpractice," but you'll have to admit that phrase doesn't make much of a slogan.

arrested they would resist.¹⁴ Such resistance often gave the police no choice but to use force — and so the myth fed upon itself. A carefully created aura of hate and fear clutched at the people of Watts.

When the climate was right, when the “conditioning” had been completed, “The Organization” awaited only an “incident.”¹⁵ In South Los Angeles you can take your choice of dozens each day. Virtually everyone is now familiar with how “The Organization” finally used a simple arrest for drunkenness as a rationale for igniting in Watts the most disastrous civil insurrection to occur in America in the last hundred years.

The police consider it significant that the riot did not start at the time or on the spot of the arrest which is claimed to have provided the spark. In fact they note that all was quiet for a full three hours after that arrest, while “The Organization’s” agitators did their job of priming teenagers for the orgy of bottle throwing, vandalism, and automobile burning that was to scorch the city.¹⁶ The police have now learned that “The Organization” circulated outrageous rumors about the earlier arrest, charging “police brutality” and describing how a “white cop kicked a pregnant black woman.” It was the rumors which were most successful. The denizens of the area had been conditioned by the years of prior propaganda to accept such fairy tales without question. The riot could not have been touched off in front of those who actually witnessed the incident. They knew the rumors were not true.

Now came the test of a five-year investment in systematic conditioning. Would the people of South Los Angeles respond? Would they follow “The Organization’s” leadership? Could agitators trigger a riot in Watts — the city the Urban League’s studies revealed to have provided the greatest opportunity

for American Negroes? Of course, we all know the answer. A rebellion which the first night was confined to twelve square blocks mushroomed within three days to cover sixty square miles.¹⁷

“The Organization” considered it vital to keep from the police and the inhabitants of the area the fact that the riots had been planned by expert leadership. During the second day, there were numerous reports of revolutionaries directing the chaos who were wearing red armbands and using electric megaphones (bullhorns).¹⁸ Their orders were obeyed even though the rioters did not know their instructors. Most undoubtedly assumed they were being gifted by “spontaneous” grassroots leadership. But, when the armbands and bullhorns attracted comments in the Press, they disappeared.

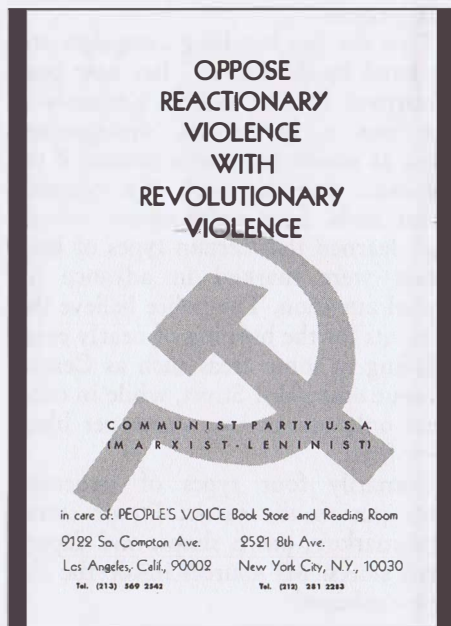
That the fire bombing campaign was “ordered by the leaders” has now been confirmed by the police. Certainly it was not a haphazard, disorganized affair as would have been natural if the holocaust were the work of a roaming, unled mob. Law enforcement officers have learned that certain types of businesses were marked in advance for special attention. The police believe this accounts for the burning of nearly every building in some areas such as Central Avenue and 103rd Street, while in other areas only one or two stores per block were fired.

Primarily four types of structures were put to the torch: liquor stores, supermarkets, pawn shops, and department stores. My sources inside the Far Left explained:

Liquor stores were looted and burned for the obvious purpose of keeping the mob intoxicated so it could be more easily led. Supermarkets were a target because the leadership wanted the residents of the area to suffer from lack of food — knowing that their wrath and an-

guish would not be vented on the rioters but on the police and "vested interests" and the "power structure." The third primary target was pawn shops—in order to acquire large supplies of firearms, one of the principal reasons for the riot. The last target was the area's department stores where "The Organization" could acquire guns, ammunition, merchandise, and money.

It is indicative of the careful planning that one of the first things the mob leaders went for upon entering a store was the files of accounts receivable. Police officers have confirmed that this was on direction from "The Organization." The looters even got into a Savings and Loan Association where they



A Communist handbill from Watts.

methodically set about burning loan records.¹⁹

"The Organization" structured its revolt to keep the fire department away from burning businesses with sniper fire so that any potential police evidence would be consumed in the flames, and

as a result the fire department finally refused to answer calls without National Guard protection. Yet, despite the thousands of rounds expended by snipers during the four-day mutiny, not one fireman or policeman was hit. Bad shooting? A Negro policeman assigned to Watts explained that the snipers "were under orders to shoot to miss. While the snipers served to keep police and firemen from the area during the looting, 'The Organization' knew that the killing of police officers would have led to complete martial law and also to a house-to-house search, which would have cost the revolutionaries their guns and loot."

"One of the primary objectives of the riot," he told me, "was loot. The leaders knew that a mob will loot during a disaster and they wanted law enforcement officials to assume the 'days of good stealing' in Watts were a natural reaction to the events taking place, and that it was random looters who got the merchandise. The snipers were covering the looters."²⁰ Los Angeles law enforcement officers believe that as much as ninety percent of the firearms and money stolen during the riot went to "The Organization," as did the bulk of the merchandise. It is true that ordinary looters took goods, but the great bulk of the pillaged furniture and appliances were simply stacked on the sidewalk until a panel or pick-up truck arrived to load the spoils. Nobody touched that merchandise while it sat there. It belonged to "The Organization" and the riot leaders made that very clear.

While Watts burned, other riots flared very briefly in other cities around the country. Americans generally assumed that these were sympathy demonstrations for the "Brothers" in South Los Angeles. Police now know that they were more than that. "The Organization" was testing to see if it was possible to start a chain reaction of riots — and as soon as they were satisfied

that they could, the infant rebellions in other cities were halted.

The Watts insurrection, police informants say, was designed (1) to test the ability of the revolutionaries to start and maintain a large-scale riot; and (2) to acquire guns, merchandise, and money for NEXT TIME. These aims were achieved. And, when the National Guard arrived on the scene, the sniping, burning, and looting were turned off like a water faucet lest martial law and a house-to-house search be effectively instituted.

Los Angeles police officers have determined that, during the months succeeding the riot, "The Organization" moved to sell its stolen merchandise, for from ten to fifteen percent of its market value, throughout the Western United States and even in Canada. Would you like a color TV for \$75, or a \$200 suit for \$30? See your local Black Muslim fence. Out of storage areas all over South Los Angeles poured washing machines, toasters, sewing machines, and literally a complete merchandise mart. Police are convinced that the cash from this bargain-basement distress sale, along with the money confiscated from supermarket and department store safes, was poured into the purchase of more weapons. Although authorities estimate the revolutionaries acquired more than twenty-thousand guns from the riot (one gun dealer alone lost 2,500 firearms), these consisted mostly of hand guns or small-bore rifles and shotguns. Police investigators in the Watts area believe that "The Organization" invested its stolen cash and the proceeds from its fenced loot in semi-automatic rifles, full-automatic rifles, .30 caliber machine-guns, .50 caliber machine-guns, hand grenades, 3.5 inch rocket launchers, and mortars.²¹ These weapons are available from government surplus stores in a condition of "deactivation"—which means only that an easily replaced firing pin has been re-

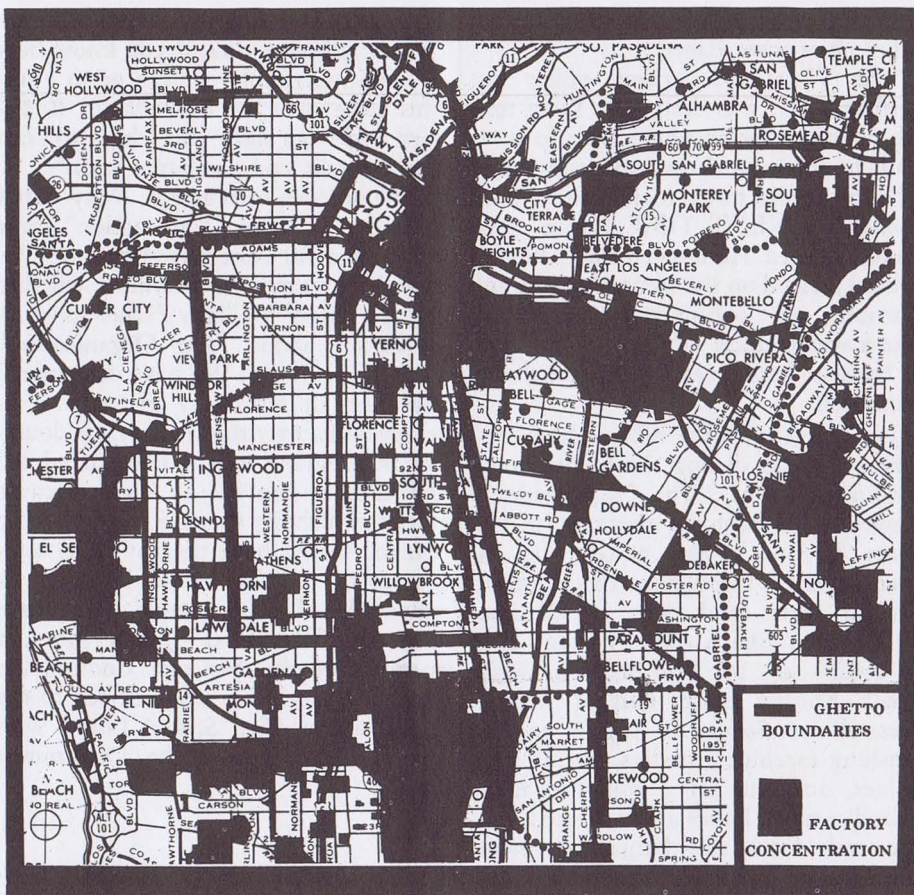
moved. In fact, one policeman told me: "You can buy a tank, if you know how to buy it. Certainly, we can go to a surplus store over on Lankershim Boulevard and I can show you where you can buy mortars and anti-tank guns."

The obvious question is: Why didn't the story of "The Organization" come out in the McCone Investigation? We have been unable to determine whether the late Chief William Parker gave information about "The Organization" to the Committee. We have determined that not all testimony given was released. Whatever the answer, it is doubtful that Parker would have dared tell the Commission all he knew because of the probability that his substantiating sources would have thereby been compromised to the revolutionaries. A potential leak, for example, could have been the "Reverend" James Jones, a member of the McCone Commission who had previously been elected to the Los Angeles City School Board with the full backing of the Communist Party.

II

BUT WHAT NOW? What is "The Organization" planning for the future? That is the story about which law enforcement personnel in Los Angeles are worried.

That "The Organization" is preparing for NEXT TIME is no secret. *Spark*, a widely circulated newspaper in Watts, has even gone so far as to publish a map marking industrial plants to be the special object of attack.²² The map is highly significant, as *Spark* is a publication of the Communist Progressive Labor Party.²³ So concerned about the matter was Los Angeles Mayor Sam Yorty that he took the Communists' map to the California Legislature, asking for special legislation to help protect Los Angeles when "The Organization" decides to move. That it plans to move is beyond doubt. Witness the words of



The Communists are circulating this map to mark Watts' industrial targets for the revolutionaries.

Communist Progressive Labor propagandist Bill McAdoo in *Spark* of May, 1966:

These factories are completely vulnerable and can be shut down with a minimum of preparation, personnel and effort. Once the weakest flank of the enemy is discovered, a million ways will be found to focus the full strength of resistance so that every blow drives straight to his heart. . . .

The black people of South Los Angeles possess a weapon more powerful than twenty-two thousand guns! And black people can choose their own time and places of battle.

The above appeared directly to the left of the Communists' target-marked map. There is no question about what it means. Nor is there any question about the fact that the Communist Progressive Labor Party is already organizing for NEXT TIME. The following is from a P.L.P. appeal of December, 1966:

War is being waged against Afro-Americans. A war that is unprecedented in its systematic viciousness. Black ghettos across the nation must be brought into a position of war-time readiness and vigilance. Criminal invaders who are sent in to murder and maim Black Americans

must be repelled and annihilated. We must annihilate the enemy who invades our homes and we must punish the imperialists who sent them. In short, we must be prepared to defend ourselves in the most systematic and organized fashion possible. . . . We must organize door by door, house by house, block by block, ghetto by ghetto.

Again, the revolutionary aim of the above is more than clear. As Communist Progressive Labor activist John Harris* declared late last year: "It is necessary to build a mass movement of the Black People . . . who are willing to fight for the revolution at home." Spark underlined the same theme in its issue for September: "This is a Negro revolution. We want the world to know. We want to set a fire right here on Broadway rather than go to Vietnam and fight. We would rather fight for the Negro here."

What does all this really mean? Is it merely the brittle rant of impotent frustration? If more proof of its seriousness is needed, perhaps the following from one of the Communist pamphlets being widely circulated on Watts street corners, and even door to door, will help to explain:

The Communist Party of the United States of America (Marxist-Leninist) urges the formation of people's defense groups, and points out that the only way to oppose reactionary violence is with reactionary violence. As was stated by M. I. Laski, spokesman for the Communist Party, U.S.A. (Marxist-Leninist): "Our aim is to lead the working class in revolution, we will develop and encourage people's defense groups for the defense of the working class against the terror of the ruling class."

* Harris is now under indictment for "criminal syndicalism."

The Party will assist all groups and individuals in the formation of people's defense groups.

You see, the revolutionary army for NEXT TIME is already being organized and recruited — openly, blatantly. So much so that the Communists have even announced in advance that their preparations are designed to meet the U.S. Army in open warfare. Witness the following, for example, from another Communist newspaper circulated in Watts:

When people have the will to resist, they can keep the entire Army at bay. Since the government will use every weapon of terror to crush resistance, the people must build and train their own self defense organization. . . .

Or, note this from a typical recruiting broadside for the Black Guerrilla Army of NEXT TIME:

We, the United Black Youth, will not be sold and join this "White Beast's" army who will turn you into Uncle Toms, that will by his control will kill and kill his Black Brothers here at home and abroad. If you must join an Army, join your own Black Guerrilla Army and fight these war-mongers and oppressors who rape, kill and plunder all Black People all over the world. . . . If we shall spill blood, then let us do it killing this "White Beast."

No wonder Los Angeles law enforcement officers are concerned. "The Organization" is already armed to the teeth; guerrilla recruitment is already underway; and, organization on a block by block basis has been openly proposed and is being activated. Police informants are even now detailing the Communists' preparations for the guerrilla warfare

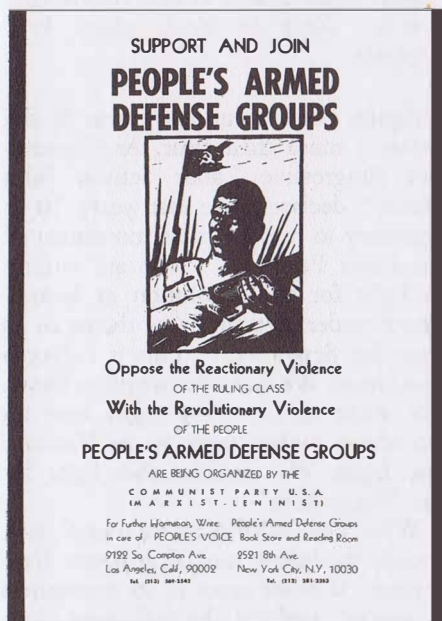
being planned. Yes, there is certainly considerable room for concern.

"The Organization's" specific plans are already known to government agencies. Yet because the identities of the key members of "The Organization" and the location of its armories are not yet known,²⁴ there is very little the police and other law enforcement organizations can do until the Communists actually move. They are thus awaiting *The* riot, *The* revolution. The exact date, if it has been set, is known only to the Communists and is a most highly guarded secret.

Law officers have been well advised that, when it happens, the revolutionaries intend to begin by placing from Watts 100 to 150 calls to the Los Angeles Police Department within a short period of time. This is not an exceptional number of calls for this sixty-square-mile area on a weekend night. The callers will report burglaries, family disputes—every sort of complaint imaginable, but nothing to put the police on alert so that they could send in all units at once.

Police informants say that this time, when law enforcement officers arrive, "The Organization's" revolutionaries plan to be waiting for them: Somewhere in Watts an officer will walk into a house and a shotgun will be emptied at his head — just that quick. The police have learned that unlike the strategy of the previous insurrection, this time "The Organization" has made plans to kill as many police officers as it can in the shortest possible time. The Communists realize that this first phase can last only five or ten minutes before one of the officers enticed into the area is able to escape his assassins and radio for help. The result will be that units from all over Los Angeles will be dispatched into Watts — whereupon the revolutionaries intend to seal off the troubled section trapping as many policemen as they can. The officers, with two policemen to

a patrol car, are armed with one shotgun with four rounds of ammunition and two pistols with eighteen bullets apiece. They will be facing high-powered automatic weapons. The revolutionaries hope to kill the encircled policemen — to the man. A grim fairy



A guerrilla recruitment poster from Watts.

tale? Los Angeles police officers says it is not. They say it is already planned. They say it may well happen.

"The Organization's" plans thus far known to the police require that, simultaneously as the trapped officers are being butchered in the sealed area, other insurgent units will destroy Central Division and Valley Services Division, the two sources of Los Angeles' police communications. Whether the plan is to do this with an open attack using rocket launchers or by sabotage is not yet known. All that would be required would be for infiltrators at these two stations to bring dynamite in their lunchboxes. If they can knock out operations at these two key divisions, and the police officers who provided this information say there

is no doubt that they can, communications between police cars will be eliminated, as these are the only two sources of transmission and the system is set up in such a way that one patrol car cannot directly radio another. Central Division, Hollywood Division, Wilshire, Hollenbeck, University, Newton, Seventy-seventh Division, Highland Park, Rampart, and the Harbor Station all get their communications from Central Division. Van Nuys, West Valley, Foothill, and North Hollywood get their radio messages from Valley Services Division. With both knocked out, all police cars in Los Angeles will be without communications of any kind.

The natural reaction for a policeman when he realizes his radio equipment is inoperative is to go to the nearest police call-box to telephone his headquarters to find out what has happened. The revolutionaries' plans call for booby trapping some of these boxes and covering others with snipers.²⁵

The police have known for some time that militant Black Nationalist organizations in Los Angeles have a roster of all police personnel in the City of Los Angeles. They also know that the revolutionaries have discussed sending assassins to the homes of individual policemen to kill officers who are off duty along with their families. Even if the officer is not at home, they expect he will be so stunned by the slaughter of his family that he will not report for duty.

With the police department decimated, the "Burn Los Angeles, Burn" campaign will begin.²⁶ Police know that "The Organization's" plans now call for starting fires in the oil fields near the harbor and brushfires in the foothills which ring Los Angeles like a half moon. "The Organization" realizes that a mere fifty people, each with five-gallon cans of gasoline, could start diversionary fires which would require thousands of fire fighters to extin-

guish.²⁷ The strategy is to get as many firemen as possible out of downtown Los Angeles before attempting to put the Civic Center to the torch.²⁸ Another primary target is the fashionable Wilshire area, only a Molotov cocktail's throw away from the "ghetto." Police informants report that "The Organization" hopes to herd its "ghetto" mobs into Beverly Hills, whose inhabitants own many of the businesses and rental properties in the "ghetto." While this is a notoriously "Liberal" area (Jimmy Roosevelt was their Congressman), it is to the Black Nationalists an object of intense hate.

As mobs circulate across the city "The Organization's" plans call for the shooting on sight of all white men and children.²⁹ The women are to be utilized as a reward for the insurrectionists.

You are probably asking yourself, "But what do these people think the National Guard will be doing during all of this?" Remember, it took the full strength of California's National Guard to subdue Watts in August of 1965. What will the Guard be able to do when there are concurrent revolts in San Diego, Long Beach, Compton, Pasadena, Bakersfield, Fresno, San Francisco, Oakland, Richmond, and Sacramento? There are simply not enough Guardsmen to put down a great insurrection once the Communists have got it going. This is what the revolutionaries plan—a revolution which will start in Watts and spread to every major urban area in the country and throughout the rural South.³⁰ Why will the revolution start in Watts, and not Harlem, or in some other major city? Because Watts has been made into a symbol for the Communists' revolutionary Black Nationalists. It packs the same emotional wallop for the forces of Black Power that Pearl Harbor did to Americans during World War II.

The police officers whose investigations support this story are convinced

that NEXT TIME, as the rebellion grows, the Communists plan to conduct a terrorist campaign within the Negro community itself — just as the F.L.N. did among the Moslems during the Communist takeover of Algeria. The revolutionaries know from experience that ten percent of the citizens of Watts, for one reason or another, will follow their leadership. The balance, as George Schuyler indicated in the March issue of *AMERICAN OPINION*, are fundamentally decent and have rejected violence as any kind of answer to their problems. The revolutionaries intend to give this majority segment of the Negro community no choice but to join them. A chief weapon will be the assassination of Watts' anti-revolutionary leadership and those who are considered to be "Black Bourgeois" and "Uncle Toms."

The Communists planning this horror have given extensive thought to the reaction of the white community to their Black Nationalist uprising. "The Organization" expects, the police have learned, that as the holocaust builds it will occur to Whitey that he doesn't have much chance alone if a mob shows up at his door; and that therefore whites will band together with their neighbors to keep invaders out of their neighborhood, and will then invade Negro neighborhoods in retaliation. That is exactly the reaction the Communists are hoping for. If they can infuriate and goad whites into invading Negro neighborhoods then the ninety percent of the Negroes who want no

part of the revolution will have no choice but to get involved. The decent Negro has to protect his home and his family just like anybody else. If the Caucasians can be driven to attack the Negro community, "The Organization" reasons its revolution can be made to grow into a full-fledged race war; the very thing the Communists want most.³¹

III

I GRANT YOU that the story I have just related is incredible. I grant you even that it goes so far as to border on the fantastic.³² But highly knowledgeable law enforcement officers in Watts believe it; and the Communists and their Black Nationalist avatars have been carefully organizing and recruiting for it since well before the rehearsal we now call the Watts Rebellion.³³

That the Communists are talking about this effort as a disruptive blow at the time of some nuclear ultimatum may be highly important. That they see it also as a means of forcing the President to bring our troops home from Europe and Vietnam to maintain civil order in the United States may also be important. But, wherever and however it is planned to happen, unless action is taken to stop it before "The Organization" can move, it is going to happen.³⁴

It is long past the time that Americans should have demanded our police be allowed to put a stop to the paramilitary build-up in the "ghettos." Federal aid won't do it. Enforcement of America's sedition laws might. ■ ■

Footnotes

■ THE FOLLOWING notes were prepared by Gary Allen to be appended to his article both to bring it up to date and to supply additional and corroborating information from the mass media and other sources.

1. For seven years Miss Lola Belle Holmes worked inside the Communist Party for

the F.B.I.—holding positions on both the Illinois State Committee and the Illinois State Executive Board of the Communist Party. She provided the author with this exclusive statement: "In 1958 or 1959 the Muslims directed and prepared 25,000 young 'Fruit of Islam' to wash the streets of America with blood. In 1961, Claude Lightfoot, the top Communist in the State

of Illinois and Assistant Director of the Negro Commission, stated that: 'It is time we [the Communist Party] started utilizing or influencing that 25,000 Fruits of Islam.' Also in 1961, Communist Claude Lightfoot was instrumental in arranging a merger of a Muslim group in New York. I was present at that meeting. In October, 1962, Lightfoot announced at a state meeting that the Communist Party had decided to infiltrate the Muslims in Chicago. It was when the trained revolutionaries of the Muslims united with the organizational talents of the Communists that America began to suffer these terrible riots that threaten to tear our country apart."

2. The *Los Angeles Herald-Examiner* of May 16, 1967 quotes F.B.I. Director J. Edgar Hoover as having stated that Stokeley Carmichael, who has made several appearances in Watts and has many followers there, "has been in frequent contact with Max Stanford, field chairman of the Revolutionary Action Movement, a highly secret all-Negro, Marxist-Leninist, Chinese-Communist-oriented organization which advocates guerrilla warfare to obtain its goals."

3. *Life* magazine in an article called "Plotting a War on 'Whitey'" in its issue for June 10, 1966 presents similar information: "What sort of men lead the extremists? A large percentage have attended college — some are still students — and many have advanced degrees. Among them are writers, actors, lawyers, engineers, teachers, ministers, musicians, architects, athletes and poets. . . . Some have been Marxists or members of the Mao-admiring Progressive Labor Movement."

4. A report in the *Los Angeles Herald-Examiner* of October 7, 1965 (headlined "Reds Claim Riot 'Credit'") reveals: "Communists today claimed credit for successfully inspiring the Watts riots as a 'class uprising, not a race riot.'

"Michael Laski, member of the Central Committee, Communist party of the United States (Marxist-Lenin), at a press conference said his group has spent the

last two years working in the Watts area 'toward agitation of the uprising.'"

On September 13, 1965, under the headline "Watts Riots Organized, Parker Charges," the *Long Beach Independent* noted: The Watts Insurrection "had been organized in its later stages, Police Chief William H. Parker told a Los Angeles City Council investigating committee today. Parker declined to state who provided the leadership, but hinted it might be the Black Muslim sect. . . . As proof of his contention that the riot became organized, the chief showed committee members what he called 'a very expertly made' Molotov cocktail used to start incendiary fires. Parker also cited instances where rioters used 'bullhorns' to direct the mob, particularly in the destruction along 103rd Street."

The *Los Angeles Times* of September 27, 1965 quotes Ben Peery, a Negro real estate man in South Los Angeles, as saying that while in the riot area he personally talked to a Negro and two white youths from Berkeley who are known to him as "revolutionary Communists." He declared: "There were certain evidences of white leadership in the riot."

Los Angeles City Councilman Gilbert Lindsay, a Negro, was quoted in the *Los Angeles Times* and later in *Human Events* of August 6, 1966 in a reply to a query about Watts and other riots: "I would say without fear of challenge that the tense situation in America is masterminded by foreign agents. I'm talking about Communists. They would like to reduce our way of life. They are telling us to see what they could do in case of a worldwide war."

The *Santa Ana Register* of October 4, 1966 reports that "Communist agitators and other extremists are working in Los Angeles to spark more violence like last year's Watts riots, Los Angeles Mayor Sam Yorty said Monday.

"Communists, including Peking-oriented individuals, and Black Nationalists are distributing extremely inflammatory material in Los Angeles, Yorty said.

" 'Communist leaders were at the scene of an attempt in recent days to start other riots,' he told newsmen.

"He asserted that the Watts violence

'was not a race riot. They were not fighting the whites.'

"While Communists and other agitators were not in Watts on the first day of the riot, he said, they quickly arrived on the scene. Also, he contended, Communists have carried on a long campaign charging police brutality that created the climate for an outbreak."

Los Angeles County Sheriff Peter Pitchess told a suburban service club in the San Gabriel Valley in October of 1965 that during the Watts Insurrection his officers had spotted at least twenty men known to them to be Communists. A handful of trained Communist agitators can manipulate mobs of tens of thousands.

5. Since the holocaust in Watts, the Communists have engineered other riots. *Chicago's American* of July 19, 1966, in an article headlined "Reveal Pro-Castro Ring Behind West Side Riots," relates: "The race riots which for 4 days turned the near west side into a glass-strewn, bullet-pocked shambles now appear to have been deliberately fanned and spread by the Revolutionary Action Movement [R.A.M.]. . . . During the riots, R.A.M. officials supplied gang members with weapons, ammunition, instructions on how to make Molotov cocktails, and—when spirits ran low—with wine and marijuana. . . . Police said the R.A.M. plan, developed for all cities, was used in New York City 2 years ago and in Chicago last summer."

After the Cleveland riots the Cleveland Grand Jury Report of August 9, 1966 reported: "This Jury finds that the outbreak of lawlessness was both organized, precipitated and exploited by a relatively small group of trained and disciplined professionals at this business. They were aided and abetted, wittingly or otherwise, by misguided people of all ages and colors, many of whom are avowed believers in violence and extremism, and some of whom are also members of or officers in the Communist Party. . . ."

Watts was not the first riot triggered by the Communists. The *Los Angeles Times* of July 22, 1964, in an exclusive from the *New York Daily News*, notes: "A five-month investigation by dozens of

top detectives, working in close co-operation with the Federal Bureau of Investigation, has disclosed widespread Communist infiltration—so much so that the Communists command 1,000 young fanatics dedicated to violence."

6. The article describing this in the *Los Angeles Herald-Examiner* was headlined: "Housing, Employment, Income — L.A. Negro Standards 'Tops.'"

7. A report in the *Los Angeles Times* for September 1, 1966, headlined "State Offers Profile of 'Average' L.A. Rioter," reports: "Employment: 73% employed when arrested. . . ."

8. The Communists have been working in Watts for many years. Their machinations have been reported by the government time after time. In 1963 a Report of the House Committee on Un-American Activities, entitled "United Front Techniques of the Southern California District of the Communist Party," revealed that there was extensive Communist activity in the Watts area of Los Angeles led by the Miranda Smith Section of the Communist Party and various other Communist Fronts.

9. A sample from a Communist Progressive Labor Party flier in the author's possession: "Murder by cops and death by unemployment are methods of systematic extermination. This extermination isn't going to be stopped by going to the court of the exterminator. . . . The concentration camp must develop its own court and its own method of trial. . . . Disarm the guards in the concentration camp."

10. The *Los Angeles Herald-Examiner* of May 16, 1967 quotes F.B.I. Director J. Edgar Hoover as stating that during the past year the Students for a Democratic Society "seized upon every opportunity to encourage agitation and foment discord among the youth of our nation."

11. The DuBois Clubs are described by Director Hoover as "a Communist-inspired

Marxist-oriented youth group." (*Ibid*) The current President of the DuBois Clubs is Franklin Alexander of Watts. The group is under order from the Justice Department to register as a Communist Front.

12. According to the *Los Angeles Herald-Examiner* of August 17, 1965, Mayor of Los Angeles Sam Yorty commented on the Watts riots as follows: "The cry of police brutality has been shouted in cities all over the world by the Communists, dupes and demagogues irrespective of the facts. Such a campaign has been vigorously pushed here in Los Angeles."

13. Los Angeles Mayor Sam Yorty was quoted in the *Santa Ana Register* of October 4, 1966 as having said that the Communists carried on a long campaign charging "police brutality" in Los Angeles that created the climate for an outbreak.

14. The Senate Internal Security Subcommittee's Report entitled "The Plot Against the Free World Police" reveals on Pages 31 and 32: "The Communist attack on the police of the free world is dangerous for two reasons: The first is that the attacks are fanatical, deceptive, and skilled in underground methods. The second element of Communist strategy and techniques is centralization. A campaign against the police of one free country is not planned and directed by the Communist Party of that country; it is planned and directed by the strategists of International Communism."

15. *Life* magazine of June 10, 1966 quotes a member of the Communist R.A.M. organization concerning the use of young people to provide incidents to spark rebellion: "Once everything blows up, kids are indispensable. But not in the *planning* stages. They'll probably provide the incident that sets it off and they'll sure as hell keep it going. There's never in history been an armed revolution without a lot of hot kids."

16. The issue of *Life* for June 10, 1966 quotes the Communist leader of R.A.M.: "The weapons of defense employed by

Afro-American freedom fighters must consist of a poor man's arsenal. Gasoline fire bombs, lye or acid bombs . . . can be used extensively. During the night hours such weapons, thrown from rooftops, will make the streets impossible for racist cops to patrol."

17. *Life* for June 10, 1966 quotes a revolutionary as stating: "Watts was a clear demonstration of how much hell a *little* organizing can raise. . . ."

18. *Long Beach Independent*, September 13, 1965: "Parker also cited instances where rioters used 'bullhorns' to direct the mob, particularly in the destruction along 103rd Street."

19. The *Los Angeles Times* of February 21, 1967, in reporting an International Security Conference held in Los Angeles, says that Chief of Police for Los Angeles Thomas Reddin warned security officials from business and industry of this tactic: "Noting that credit records are 'the first target of attack' on business establishments, Reddin said duplicate sets of records should be kept at a remote location."

20. In the November 1965 issue of a Berkeley publication called *Spider*, two Black Nationalists explained that since most Negroes have been in the Army, they know how to shoot when they want to hit something.

On Page 4 of the Progressive Labor Party's *The Revolt In Watts And The Coming Battle*, the Communists say of the coming insurrection: "Instead of aiming to miss, those who defend our black men, women and children against racist extermination campaigns—would aim to hit!"

21. In describing the revolutionary cadres in our large cities *Life* magazine of June 10, 1966 reports: "There are groups with weapons caches—sniper rifles, sidearms, shotguns, automatics, even bazookas. . . ."

Robert Williams, the founder of the Communist Revolutionary Action Movement (R.A.M.) who fled to Cuba to avoid arrest by the F.B.I., advises on Page 6 of *The Crusader* for May-June of 1965 that:

"Hand grenades, bazookas, light mortars, rocket launchers, machine guns and ammunition can be bought clandestinely from servicemen, anxious to make a fast dollar." *The Crusader* is published in Cuba and smuggled into the United States through Canada.

22. The *Los Angeles Times* of February 21, 1967 reports: "Police Chief Thomas Reddin said Monday that any future riots here probably would hit major industries and public utilities as well as the business establishments burned and looted in 1965's south Los Angeles rioting. . . . 'It is essential to plan protective measures to prevent damage to business and industries in the event of future disorders, [said Reddin]. Again outside his text, Reddin cited reported threats to the effect that 'Next time (we'll hit) major plants, knock out the public utilities.' "

23. The map and an accompanying article entitled *The Revolt In Watts And The Coming Battle* has been reprinted as a pamphlet and is available for five cents from the Communist Progressive Labor Party. *Human Events* of June 25, 1966 quotes a reference to this map by Los Angeles Mayor Sam Yorty: ". . . there has been a re-emergence of Communist activity on a much bolder scale, and so in Los Angeles now they are passing out highly inflammatory handbills. . . . One, called 'Spark,' was especially inflammatory because they published a map of the industrial heartland of the city . . . and in not too carefully disguised words recommended this be burned down. . . ."

24. One known leader is Max Stanford of the Communist Revolutionary Action Movement.

25. *Life* magazine of June 10, 1966 quotes Communist Robert Williams: "Explosive booby traps on police telephone boxes can be employed. High-powered sniper rifles are readily available."

26. Public utilities will also be a primary target (see Chief of Police Reddin's statement in the *Los Angeles Times*, February

21, 1967). *Life* magazine of June 10, 1966 reveals: "'You can just about bet,' said a special investigator from a large metropolitan police department, 'that these people have the circuit diagrams of the underground power-cable systems in many of the major cities.' Said a revolutionary, who has a degree in engineering, 'These things are quite simple, you know — an idiot could almost do it. You only have to know what cable to cut, or what manhole cover to lift—and where to place the explosives.' "

27. A similar plan for suburban San Bernardino was discovered by law enforcement officers and is recorded in a report, entitled "The Effect of Present Attitudes of Law Enforcement Personnel on Public Safety," prepared by former State Investigator Richard Callaghan for top government officials in California. On Page 25 of the report Callaghan quotes a state officer: "'We gathered a lot of information last Spring about some subversive activities going on here locally. We found that these people we were checking on had the intention of setting 15 fires in the San Gabriel and San Bernardino Mountain ranges. They wanted to draw all fire equipment possible away from the valley area and tie up the Sheriff's Office and the CHP [California Highway Patrol] on traffic control and evacuation of the mountain population. At sundown they planned to physically destroy all law enforcement and fire communication systems plus the Pacific Telephone microwave system. These people had the organization and the capability to carry this out. . . . They had planned a seek and kill system against police contacted while this was going on.' "

28. Police Chief Reddin is quoted by the *Los Angeles Times* of February 21, 1967 as having told the International Security Conference: "During a major disorder, the fire and police capabilities will be stretched to the complete breaking point and private security organizations generally will be ineffective. How best to protect property and to what extent to risk human safety . . . is in the lap of management."

Reddin called this the "age of the Molotov cocktail."

29. *Life* of June 10, 1966 quotes this dialogue between their reporter and a revolutionary Black Nationalist: "Q. Once a revolt starts, are all white men targets? A. Gotta be."

30. Information presented to the author since the first publication of this article indicates that an even more frightening situation now exists. Much of the transportation, automatic weapons, and radio equipment of the National Guard has been removed from local armories and sent to Vietnam. While it would be an exaggeration to say that in the event of another riot the National Guard would have to go to the battle ground in taxis, the ability of the Guard to make a strong and flexible response has been eliminated and our cities left largely defenseless except for our local police. During the Watts Rebellion it took the full strength of the National Guard from all over the state to restore order — the nearest ready troops were in Salt Lake City. Since the Guard has been severely weakened, what will happen if there is a chain reaction of riots in all major cities such as that which the Communists and Black Nationalists brag they are working to bring about?

31. We can't stress too strongly that if you react to the information contained in this article with racist anger you are fall-

ing into the Communists' trap. They thrive on hate. We must face facts, but let's put the blame where it belongs—on the Communists.

32. The tactics involved in this plan are not new. They have been used by the Communists all over the world for decades. A description of just such a holocaust as that now being planned is contained in former Communist Jan Baldin's book, *Out of the Night*, in which the author tells of his participation in a similar Communist uprising in Hamburg, Germany, on October 22 and 23, 1923.

33. It is virtually impossible to give the Communists or their Black Nationalist allies any new ideas on terror tactics. They have been studying the works of Mao Tse-tung and Che Guevara for many years and adding their own wrinkles. This one was described to reporter Russell Sackett by a New York Communist: "... what do you suppose all those big Madison Avenue men would do if that train was to be derailed at 125th Street, or just before it came out of the ground at 91st? ... wouldn't they make some hostages?"

34. *Life* of June 10, 1966 states: "The major concern of responsible Negro elements is the speed with which the revolutionaries' message is catching fire among the young in the teeming Negro compounds — the Harlems, Wattses, South Sides and levee districts of the land. ..."

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